

**VEGAS-TO-CALI - ALL THE REASONS VO**  
**2/2-3/2026**

**00 INTRO - OUTRO**

**00a Intro Stuff**

[No cold open]

**00b Outro Stuff**

[We could mention all the other stuff we didn't: Hollywood Blvd, the handprints, the stars in the sidewalk, Griffith Observatory, San Diego, etc etc]

**01 TRAVEL FOOTAGE**

**01a Vegas Takeoff**

Yikes, that's our plane - no time for a cold open today, we've got places to go and things to see, in California! [IMG\_9698]

Why, you ask, would someone who lives in one of the most exciting cities on the planet choose to leave it all behind and jet off to the state next door? Watch and learn, my friends, we are going to give you OUR top seven reasons why! ...But first, don't you just love when the takeoff path swings right over top of the Strip? [IMG\_9700]

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**01b Burbank Arrival**

A short 40 minutes or so after leaving Las Vegas, we are already descending into Burbank, where our flight ends. Yes, we could have driven - but that would have taken 4 hours, not 40 minutes!

[IMG\_9703, 9704]

We love this airport - the way you deplane directly onto the tarmac...and how the luggage carousels are outdoors! [IMG\_9705, 9708]

Because it's mere minutes from downtown Burbank, this airport is often used by Hollywood types. I remember being on a flight with Brad Garrett one time, and we both stood chatting while waiting for our suitcases.

[IMG\_9710]

## 02 PARKS-KNOTTS

### 02a Knotts I

#### [Caption: REASON #1 - THEME PARKS]

All right, let's get this out of the way first: THE top reason many folks travel here is for those world-famous theme parks! We'll start with the oldest of them, Knott's Berry Farm. We love how it re-invents itself for each season. [\[two A clips; pic of entry, and logo\]](#)

Starting as a modest Ghost Town attraction in the 1940s...Knott's has grown to a 57-acre amusement park with over 40 rides. [\[two B clips\]](#)

They run the gamut from a stagecoach...to an old steam train complete with train robbers...to modern coasters. [\[five C clips\]](#)

### 02b Knotts II

To be honest though, even if you don't ride the rides, Knott's has so much to experience. These clips are from the annual spring Boysenberry Festival. Not only is the place all themed for Walter Knott's famous berries...but the food itself is as well! [\[four D clips\]](#)

The merchandise for sale matches the theme - Boysenberry Festival...to holiday. [\[two E clips\]](#)

We also love that back-in-time aspect of the place, particularly Ghost Town. The old cemetery...the outhouse...the horses...the music. [\[four F clips\]](#)

### 02c Knotts III

Now, if history, particularly Western history, interests you, don't miss the Western Trails Museum, with its carefully curated collection of over 30,000 artifacts. [\[G clip, 4 photos\]](#)

And finally, make time to visit the Bird Cage Theater at those times of year when the live productions are going on. These are can't-miss themed shows and plays! [\[three H clips; photo w cast\]](#)

## 03 PARKS-DISNEYLAND

### 03a Entrance-Main St

Datewise, Disneyland was the second theme park in southern California, opening in 1955. This is the only Disney park designed and built with Walt himself supervising, and that makes it extra special for us.

[\[IMG\\_7460, 7476\]](#)

On Main Street you can find the original park bench where Walt first dreamed of a place where parents and children could have fun together.

[\[IMG\\_7465\]](#)

Disneyland has the largest cumulative attendance of any theme park in the world - nearly 800 million visitors. [\[IMG\\_7481\]](#)

### **03b Rides-Attractions**

There are nine themed lands throughout the park's 100 or so acres, and there's no better way to get the lay of the land than on the Disneyland Railroad. It circles the entire park.

[\[IMG\\_7546\]](#)

There's something for everyone, from classic originals like these...to thrilling coasters...a big dose of Americana...and the company's first animatronic human figure, Mr. Lincoln. He made his debut at the 1964 World's Fair in New York.

[\[in order: IMG\\_7505, 7520, 7574, 9098, 9139, Wiki promo poster \(optional\)\]](#)

### **03c California Adventure**

The California Adventure side of the park adds 72 more acres, celebrating all things California.

[\[IMG\\_7649, 7647\]](#)

Our favorite section on this side is Radiator Springs, where you can step into the classic movie from 20 years ago, "Cars". [\[IMG\\_7677, 7685\]](#)

### **03d Star Wars**

Back in the main park, the most celebrated recent addition to Disneyland is Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. Designed by Disney Imagineering together with the team at Lucasfilm, it depicts a village outpost on the remote planet Batuu, and the theming is incredible. [\[IMG\\_7592, 7596\]](#)

A replica of the Millennium Falcon can be found here, home to a motion simulator adventure ride. [\[IMG\\_7600 and/or 7601\]](#)

You'll encounter characters wandering about...and on the outskirts is what many consider the best theme park ride ever made, the Rise of the Resistance. [\[IMG\\_7610, 7619\]](#)

There's nothing quite like a Disney park to escape reality for a while!

[pic 9081]

## **04 PARKS-UNIVERSAL**

### **04a Park Arrival**

Last of the triple threat is Universal, a theme park that's an offshoot of one of Hollywood's oldest and most famous film studios. What started as a tour of the studio's back lot grew into a full-fledged theme park, the first of many for the brand. How recognizable are this globe...and this arch? [IMG\_5004, 5018, 5021; web pic of logo]

### **04b Rides-Attractions I**

The park celebrates Hollywood and moviemaking... [IMG\_5024, pic 5022]

...including the narrated studio tour that travels through sets and streets... and unexpected shark attacks. [IMG\_5108, 5131]

There are lots of themed areas that tie in with famous Universal movies.  
[IMG\_5045]

### **04c Rides-Attractions II**

The Wizarding World of Harry Potter is the largest themed area in Universal's upper lot, with great architecture and movie props.  
[IMG\_5052, 5079]

Jurassic World is based on the movie franchise, and features a raptor encounter out front of the ride. [pic 5151; clip IMG\_5213 or 5223]

The most recent immersive attraction is Super Nintendo World, opened in 2023 and celebrating all things Mario and Luigi. A day at Universal is a great day. [pic 5158, clip IMG\_5167]

## **05 THE BEACH**

### **05a Point Mugu**

#### **[Caption: REASON #2 - THE PACIFIC OCEAN]**

Reason number two: the Pacific Ocean, and the unparalleled access we have to it, all up and down the California coast. [IMG\_6654]

[\[IMG\\_6656 Paula talk\]](#)

Point Mugu is a state park that features 5 miles of ocean shoreline, with dramatic rocky bluffs. [\[IMG\\_6663\]](#)

### **05b Beach - Oxnard**

Overcast weather doesn't dim our enthusiasm - we love how the water changes color, becomes more green than blue. This is a wide sandy beach in Oxnard - a town that boasts 7 miles of pristine uncrowded beaches. When we're here we often find ourselves daydreaming about what coastal living would be like! [\[IMG\\_3359, 5077\]](#)

### **05c Beach - Ventura**

This beach, located in Ventura, is probably the one we have visited most often. It's called Harbor Cove Beach, known for those gorgeous white sand dunes. [\[IMG\\_0729\]](#)

Not only does it provide a sweeping view of the entire coastline, but the shoreline is so well protected here, it's been dubbed "Mother's Beach". [\[IMG\\_0732\]](#)

Watching the surfers battle the waves is one of our favorite pastimes at the coast. [\[IMG\\_4406\]](#)

## **06 MARINAS**

### **06a Ventura Harbor**

#### **[Caption: REASON #3 - HARBORS & MARINAS]**

Not only do we love a beach, we're also fascinated by marinas. We desert dwellers just gravitate towards water, I think! This one is at Ventura Harbor Village. [\[IMG\\_8202\]](#)

The focus here is on commercial fishing. This is one of the largest offloading harbors for squid, AKA calamari. [\[IMG\\_8118, 8229\]](#)

But...there's plenty of room here for pleasure boating as well...whether you're lucky enough to own a boat... or lots of options for water recreation rentals. [\[IMG\\_8159, first part of 8133\]](#)

The marina just happens to span along a seaside promenade that itself is a fun place to spend the afternoon, with 35 boutiques and restaurants. [\[any of IMG\\_8212, 2746, 8139\]](#)

And who knows what might just land on your shoulder? [\[IMG\\_8148 or pic 8151\]](#)

## 06b Channel Islands Harbor

Not that far down the coast is another harbor and marina where we've enjoyed a getaway. It's called the Channel Islands Harbor.

[IMG\_5075, web pic of logo]

It was built back in the 1960s and 70s as a recreational harbor, and offers more than 2000 boat slips, along with marina facilities. It encompasses 310 acres of land and water, and is owned and operated by Ventura County. Here too you'll find commercial fishing.

[any of IMG\_3371, 3372, 3373, pic 3343]

## 07 SEAFOOD JOINTS

### 07a Neptunes Net

**[Caption: REASON #4 - SEAFOOD JOINTS]**

Speaking of seafood, how true-blue California are the beach shacks, serving up the best fresh fish? This is Neptune's Net, in Malibu.

[IMG\_6673; sign pic, logo]

The original restaurant was built on this spot in 1956, and it's still here, churning out food, beer, good times, and movie settings for decades.

[IMG\_6678 and/or 6690]

The Net is open every day of the year, offering ocean views from their patio...and the food is fantastic. [IMG\_6675, 6682, 6685 (snippets)]

### 07b Andrias Seafood

Not quite as old, but every bit as popular, is Andria's Seafood over in Ventura. [web pic of exterior, logo; clip IMG\_8162]

Since 1982, this family-owned restaurant has earned accolades for its hand-battered fish and chips.... [IMG\_8174, pic 8177]

...but I can't resist the shrimp basket! [IMG\_8185]

Around the side, Andria's is also a fish market, selling fresh local fish for you to prepare at home. [pic 8187, clip IMG\_8189]

## 08 FARMS-MARKETS

### 08a Feeding America

#### [Caption: REASON #5 - THE PRODUCE]

On the topic of food, we cannot fail to mention California agriculture, and how vital it is to feeding us. California produces more than half of all US-grown produce, and is the world's 5th largest supplier of food. We love to drive through farm country. [IMG\_2677, 2678, 2680]

### 08b Underwood Farms

Family farms, like Underwood in Moorpark, not only grow produce, they sell at farm markets, and offer pick-your-own opportunities....

[IMG\_8652 or 3134; web pic of sign, logo]

...They're also a great place for fun family activities and seasonal festivals.

[IMG\_8655, 8668, 8644, 8646]

### 08c Channel Islands Farm Market

Let's take a spin through a farmer's market, this one at Channel Islands Harbor. It's held every Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM, and features more than 30 local farmers. [IMG\_3331, web banner]

The market here is a unique coastal shopping experience where you can buy the freshest produce...eggs...flowers...handmade products and more.

[clip IMG\_5065;

Produce 3332, 3333, 3334

Eggs 3340

Flowers 3339

Handmade 3335, 3338, 3336]

## 09 MUSEUMS-MARITIME

### 09a Video-Photos-Maritime I

#### [Caption: REASON #6 - UNIQUE MUSEUMS]

You know us, we are history buffs - and where better to experience history than a museum? It's for sure we won't find a Maritime Museum in Las Vegas, so we have to check this out.

[IMG\_3322, pic 3368, web logo in 09b]

The Channel Islands Maritime Museum was launched in 1991, and is dedicated to preserving and interpreting maritime arts and culture. The museum houses a world-class maritime art collection...and the ship models on display trace more than 3000 years of seafaring history. [\[IMG\\_3308\]](#)

## **09b Video-Photos-Maritime II**

The entire life's work of Edward Marple, one of America's foremost ship model builders, is here in the museum. [\[IMG\\_5053\]](#)

Its mission is to share the wonders of our maritime heritage, and humanity's relationship with the ocean. We particularly liked these vignettes of life at sea in the early days of ocean travel. [\[IMG\\_5060; pics 3314-3318 in 09b\]](#)

There is an exceptional gift shop on your way out, beautifully stocked with sea-themed items you'll have a hard time resisting. [\[IMG\\_5061; pics 3324-3327 in 09b\]](#)

We thoroughly enjoyed this visit - the museum was exceptional. [\[pics 5039, 5040 in 09b\]](#)

## **10 MUSEUMS-COWBOYS**

### **10ab Video-Photos-Entrance**

We now find ourselves up the road a piece, in Simi Valley. There is an exhibit at the Reagan Presidential Library that is right up our alley. [\[IMG\\_7070\]](#)

It's called "Cowboys: History & Hollywood", a temporary exhibit that is only here until April 19th. [\[IMG\\_7073\]](#)

We toured the Presidential Library itself in an earlier vlog - we'll link that in the description box. [\[IMG\\_7082\]](#)

### **10cd Video-Main Room/Gear**

#### **[\[10c folder\]](#)**

This exhibition combines two things. As the museum promo puts it, it "explores the real-life grit and the silver-screen glamor of the American Cowboy" - in other words, blending true history with Hollywood myth making. [\[IMG\\_7107, 7108, 7109\]](#)



There are displays on firearms, used to guard the herds from thieves and predators, not to mention for hunting game. The gun belts are works of art. [\[IMG\\_7121, 7124, 7125\]](#)

There's a chuck wagon...and the interesting contents of a cowboy's saddlebag. [\[IMG\\_7111, 7139\]](#)

### **[\[10d folder\]](#)**

Along this wall, a collection of saddles... [\[IMG\\_7145 or 7146\]](#)

...and the clothing items that we identify with the classic cowboy look...the hat...chaps...Levis jeans...and a buffalo coat if you herd cattle in Montana! [\[IMG\\_7160, 7153, 7162, 7165\]](#)

### **10e Video-Lower Level**

The lower level of the exhibit is all about the tools of the cowboy, past and present, and the importance of the beef industry.

[\[either IMG\\_7187 or 7197\]](#)

Barbed wire was introduced in the 1870s, putting boundaries on the prairies, but it had its advantages as well. [\[IMG\\_7201\]](#)

Branding came to America from the Spanish, a practice that identifies ownership of both horses and cattle. [\[IMG\\_7210\]](#)

Modern methods of ranching, and handling the business of beef, now include not only the horse, but also helicopters like this Robinson R22 two-seater. This tool is great for inhospitable landscapes, and has revolutionized ranching. [\[IMG\\_7204, 7223\]](#)

### **10fg Video-Rodeo/Wild West**

#### **[\[10f folder\]](#)**

There is a section devoted to rodeo, and the celebration of the skills necessary for cowboying and handling cattle. [\[IMG\\_7234 and/or 7228\]](#)

We loved these early rodeo patches and buckles. [\[IMG\\_7217\]](#)

And check this out, rodeo footage from way back in 1894! [\[IMG\\_7256\]](#)

#### **[\[10g folder\]](#)**

At this point, the exhibit switches gears to the show business of cowboys - with a specially made video by Wyatt Earp himself, Kurt Russell. [\[IMG\\_7241\]](#)

These artifacts were used by an early western show couple, Frank and Bernice Dean.

[\[IMG\\_7236, 7252\]](#)

And you cannot talk about Wild West shows without mentioning the biggest name in that genre: Buffalo Bill Cody.

[\[no video of this - 2 pics in \*\*10x Photos\*\* folder, IMG\\_7251, 7253\]](#)

### **10h Video-Movies**

We've now arrived at the area celebrating the movie western, and the camera that won the west. [\[IMG\\_7132 and/or 7129\]](#)

There's a short hallway here devoted to movies and movie posters, all through the 20th century...ending with these mementos from the Lone Ranger. [\[IMG\\_7274\]](#)

For fans young and old, this is the best section in the whole exhibit! In this corner, a tribute to Roy Rogers and Dale Evans...and their equally famous co-stars. These are the actual animals: Trigger, the smartest horse in the movies, Bullet the German Shepherd, and Dale's horse Buttermilk.

[\[IMG\\_7305, 7315\]](#)

### **10i Props-Costumes**

Costumes from the Lone Ranger...to John Wayne...to Robin Williams as Teddy Roosevelt.

[\[IMG\\_7273, 7281, 7285\]](#)

Marty McFly's outfit from Back to the Future Part III...and apparel from the closets at Yellowstone Dutton Ranch. [\[IMG\\_7302, 7296\]](#)

Plus, Gene Autry's guitar...Debbie Reynolds saddle...and Marshal Matt Dillon's chair!

[\[IMG\\_7173, 7279, 7294\]](#)

For anyone interested in the cowboy - either real or on screen or both, this is an excellent exhibit. [\[IMG\\_7319\]](#)

### **10x All Photos**

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## **11 SUNSETS**

## **11ab Video-Photos-Sunset**

### **[Caption: REASON #7 - THE SUNSETS]**

Perhaps we've saved the best for last. Is there any better place to capture the sunset than on a sandy beach at the Pacific Ocean? Sit back and enjoy, I'll put on some appropriate sunset music for you...

[\[IMG\\_0758, 0772, 0780\]](#)

And let me just say, experiencing a vivid sunset behind a marina isn't a bad way to end the day either. [\[IMG\\_3384 and/or 5095\]](#)

## **12 RETURN TO VEGAS**

### **12a Leaving Burbank**

We realized, putting this one together, that we could go on and on. There are so many things we never touched on - like Hollywood! But...it is time to catch an eastbound plane and head for home. [\[DJI\\_0725\]](#)

We board the same way we deplaned - from the tarmac. [\[IMG\\_9800\]](#)

As we taxi down the runway, we get a perfect view of the new terminal under construction. The existing terminal at Burbank has been there for 94 years - time for an upgrade! This new-and-improved version is due to open in October of this year, with 14 gates and lots more space. [\[IMG\\_9802, 9803; 3 renders of new terminal\]](#)

### **12b Arriving Las Vegas**

Barely 35 minutes later, we're making our descent over the east side of the Las Vegas valley. We loved having you along on this trip - thanks for tagging along! Next time you visit Las Vegas from faraway places, consider adding a stop in SoCal to your itinerary. [\[IMG\\_9805, 9806\]](#)