Tonopah's eclectic history and colorful culture run deep.

This is a town whose founder discovered the area’s rich silver deposits when trying to chase down his runaway burro. A unique Old West mining town, its fortunes have had more twists and turns than the soaring experimental planes flying out of nearby Tonopah Test Range. To say it is one of a kind is an understatement—you won’t find anywhere quite like Tonopah!

Visitors don’t merely “visit.” They become part of a legendary experience.
Looking for something different? Something off the beaten path? In Tonopah we embrace the weird! We are the home of the infamous Clown Motel—voted the Scariest Motel in America with the incredible (and purportedly haunted) Old Tonopah Cemetery next door. Looking for more eternal residents? Visit the Lady in Red at the beautifully restored Mizpah Hotel, voted the #1 Haunted Hotel in America by USA Today readers. Share a drink with George and Hattie, local ghosts who like to hang out at the Tonopah Liquor Company (also home of over 100 whiskies), and Bina at the Tonopah Historic Mining Park’s Visitor Center. Tonopah—never ordinary!

Things to do
There is always something to do in Tonopah! Enjoy our walkable, historic downtown. Visit the Central Nevada Museum—home of a fantastic research library, displays, and an outside exhibit set up to look like a street scene right out of 1905. Have a flight of locally brewed beer at the Tonopah Brewing Company. Check out the antiques at the Mizpah Hotel, voted the #1 Haunted Hotel in America by USA Today readers. Share a drink with George and Hattie, local ghosts who like to hang out at the Tonopah Liquor Company (also home of over 100 whiskies), and Bina at the Tonopah Historic Mining Park’s Visitor Center. Tonopah—never ordinary!

Tonopah Historic Mining Park:
Six-time “Best of Nevada” winner
Explore 113 acres of mining history—buildings, artifacts, mine shafts, cave-ins, and even a tunnel with a steel viewing cage suspended over an original stop. It truly is like stepping back in time! Don’t miss the Mizpah Mine Shaft. Stand on it and look down if you dare—the only thing separating you from a 600-foot (183-meter) vertical drop is a metal grate! Check in at the Visitor Center—it has a bookstore, gift shop, displays, mineral collections, and a film on the history of Tonopah. Then head out on your adventure! Take the walking tour or call 775-482-9274 to schedule a guided Polaris tour.

Stargazing/Tonopah Stargazing Park
Have you ever seen the Milky Way along with thousands of stars? You can in Tonopah—no equipment required! In most cities you can see between 25-50 stars, but in Tonopah you can see up to 7000! Visit the Tonopah Stargazing Park, located at the end of Ray Tennant Drive (turn by the Tonopah High School and follow the pavement until it turns to dirt road and follow the signs). Set up a telescope on one of our cement pads or just sit at the picnic tables and look up at our incredible night skies. Find our annual Star Party schedule on tonopahnvada.com.