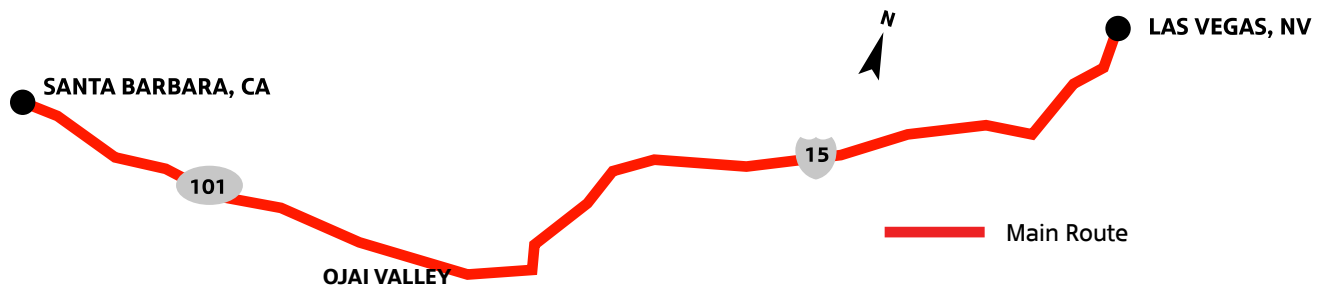


# MINI TAKES THE STATES DAY 2 - AUGUST 22 - SANTA BARBARA, CA to LAS VEGAS, NV



**Total Daily Drive Time:** 6.5 hours or 375 miles (not including stops)

**Departure Time:** 8:00am – 10:00am

**Departure Location:** Chase Palm Park parking lot – corner of Cabrillo Blvd. and Garden St.

**Estimated Arrival into Las Vegas:** 2:30pm – 4:30pm (not including stops)

**Main Route Directions:** CA 101 to CA 33 to CA 150 to CA 126 to Interstate 5 to CA 14 to CA 138 to CA 18 to Interstate 15. NOTE: CA 138 is closed at the forked intersection of CA 28 and CA 138 so please proceed directly on CA 18 to Victorville and Interstate 15. Always proceed with caution through any detour areas you encounter and watch for road signs directing you to your final destination. Driving through the cities of: Santa Barbara, Ojai, Santa Clarita, Palmdale, Victorville, Barstow, Primm and Las Vegas.

**Main Route Synopsis:** Stop by the morning departure desk Chase Palm Park parking lot (Santa Barbara Waterfront near Stearns Wharf at the corner of Cabrillo Blvd. and Garden St.) between the hours of 7am and 10am to receive information and details on the day's drive and the upcoming stop.

Motorists on day 2 will experience the arid and organic region of California's Ojai Valley. Before turning onto Interstate 15 heading directly to Las Vegas motorists will skirt the edge of Los Angeles and its suburbs eventually leading through the Barstow high desert area. The highway is long and straight with Sin City just a few short hours away. Just remember, the California Highway Patrol will happily take your gambling money during this drive day. Save it for Las Vegas instead.

**Arrival Desk:** For your convenience, the arrival desk in Las Vegas will be located at The House of Blues lobby at Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino (3950 Las Vegas Blvd). The arrival desk will be open from 8pm – 10pm.

**Special Events:** MINI rocks the house... The House of Blues that is! MINI USA will take over The House of Blues at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas for night of dancing, live music and much more, courtesy of **Real Networks**. "The Mob Law" is on the loose when doors open at 8:00PM, followed by a rockin' good time with "The Blues Brothers Tribute Band". Snacks and a cash bar will round out the evening. **Real Networks** will provide admission to this very popular music venue for more than 1,000 registered MINI Takes the States participants. Valet and free parking are available at The Mandalay Bay Hotel.

**Desparado Roller Coaster** Just as you cross the CA/NA border you arrive in Primm, Nevada. MINI USA will host all MINI Takes the States motorists for a complimentary ride (one per person) on Desparado, considered one of the tallest and fastest steel roller coasters in the Western United States. The Desparado is located at Buffalo Bill's Casino in Primm, right at the border.

MINI Financial Services will be present at this location for those who might be interested in learning more about the new MINI Visa card.

Join the Southern California MINI Maniac car club for a 'pit stop' at In-N-Out Burger at the Outlet Mall in Barstow. MINI Maniacs will provide cold water and fun activities for all MINI Takes the States motorists.

**SIRIUS**, MINI's official satellite radio partner, will be providing the daily tip sheet at every 'check point' to all participants informing them of the daily route, traffic alerts and activities – so no one will miss a beat. **SIRIUS** will also provide the best in 100% commercial-free music at each stop.

**WIRED MAGAZINE** has officially joined the road rally! MINI USA and **WIRED** have hooked up to provide MINI Takes the States motorists with wireless Internet access throughout the entire journey. The MINI Takes the States **WIRED** branded tour bus will serve as the daily 'check point' for participants, where event updates and information can be obtained in addition to accessing the internet.

## Lodging:

### Headquarters:

- Westin Casuarina Hotel \$\$ ([www.starwoodhotels.com/westin](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin)) - 160 E Flamingo Dr, Las Vegas – (702)836-5900

### Others:

- Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel \$\$ ([www.renaissancelasvegas.com](http://www.renaissancelasvegas.com)) - 3400 Paradise Rd, Las Vegas – (800)750-0980 or (702)733-6533
- Harrah's Hotel and Casino Las Vegas \$\$ ([www.harrahs.com/our\\_casinos/las](http://www.harrahs.com/our_casinos/las)) - 3475 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas – (800)522-4700 or (702)369-5000
- The Palms \$ ([www.palms.com](http://www.palms.com)) – 3801 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas – (888)826-8768 or (702)739-2222

### Campgrounds:

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- [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com)
- [www.reserveusa.com](http://www.reserveusa.com)

### **Dining:**

- In-N-Out Burgers (Car Club Pit Stop) Factory Merchants Outlet Mall- 2552 Mercantile Way, Barstow, CA 92311 Bottled Water- 11:00am - 2:30pm
- Mr. Lucky's 24/7 ([www.hardrockhotel.com](http://www.hardrockhotel.com)) Hard Rock Hotel - 4455 Paradise Rd, Las Vegas - (702) 693-5592 - Open 24 hours (Parties of 8 or more must be booked with the restaurant manager)
- Aureole ([www.aureolelv.com](http://www.aureolelv.com)) Mandalay Bay - 3950 Las Vegas Blvd S, Las Vegas - (702) 632-7401 - 6-10:30pm (Reservations recommended if there is a large convention in town)
- Shibuya ([www.mgmgrand.com](http://www.mgmgrand.com)) MGM Grand - 3799 Las Vegas Blvd S, Las Vegas - (702) 891-3001 - 5:30-10pm
- Find More at Road Food - ([www.roadfood.com/Restaurants](http://www.roadfood.com/Restaurants))

### **Points of Interest:**

- Ojai Valley
- Fremont Street Experience ([www.vegasexperience.com](http://www.vegasexperience.com))
- Guinness Book of Records Museum

### **Fun Facts:**

- 37 million people visit Las Vegas each year.
- Vegas Vic, the enormous neon cowboy that towers over Fremont Street, is the world's largest mechanical neon sign.
- Bugsy Siegel named his casino The Flamingo after the long legs of his showgirl girlfriend.

**Notes:** High prevalence of CA Highway Patrol on Interstate 15, obey the posted speed limits.

**City Convention and Visitors Bureaus:** Las Vegas, NV - [www.lasvegastourism.com](http://www.lasvegastourism.com)