



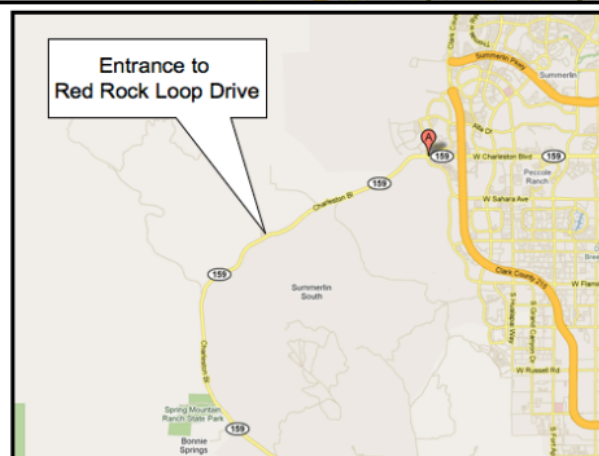
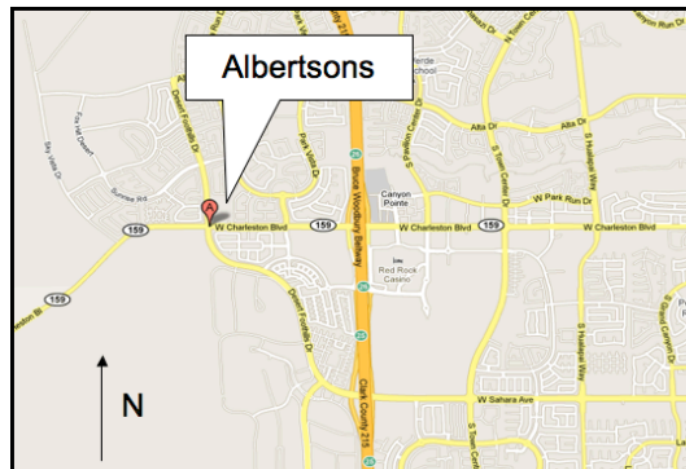
## TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR RED ROCK CANYON ROCK CLIMBING

### TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

Please begin working on travel arrangements at this time. AAI's Travel Coordinator, Lisa Greif, is available to assist you with flights and travel itineraries. There is no charge for basic travel advice, but if you would like Lisa to research and make your travel arrangements, there is a nominal fee of **\$50**. Lisa is reachable by phone Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9am - 2pm (PST). Please contact Lisa at [lisa@alpineinstitute.com](mailto:lisa@alpineinstitute.com) or 509-972-4028.

### RENDEZVOUS

Rendezvous for all rock climbing courses in Red Rock is at **8 am**. You will meet your guide at the [Vista Commons Shopping Center \(11710 W Charleston Blvd. Las Vegas, NV\)](#). Your guide will meet you next to the Dunkin' Donuts. There is a grocery store where you can buy snacks and food. There is also ample cell phone coverage here.





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## LAS VEGAS LODGING/CAMPING

Las Vegas is a world-class tourist destination with well over 100,000 hotel rooms. It may seem odd that there are some weekends when it is hard to find a place to stay, so please make sure to book lodging early. The following is a list of options that provides an easy access to Red Rock Canyon:

### Camping:

- [The Red Rock Canyon Campground](#) (approximately two miles east of the Red Rock Scenic Loop on West Charleston Boulevard)

### Hotels:

- [Old Nevada, Bonnie Springs](#): approximately 10 min drive from the Red Rock Scenic Loop; small, rural motel on SR 159
- [Red Rock Casino](#): approximately 10 min drive from the Red Rock Scenic Loop; has numerous restaurants, spas, and stores)
- [The Element, Summerlin, LV](#): approximately 15 min drive from Red Rock Canyon
- The [Suncoast Hotel and Casino](#) and the [JW Marriott](#): these two hotels are right next to each other and are approximately 20 min drive from Red Rock Canyon
- [Holiday Inn Express](#): A great hotel with a little less glitz, but still in the city. This hotel is approximately a 20 min drive from Red Rock Canyon.
- [The Strip](#): If you wish to stay on the Strip, the hotels on the southern end provide the easiest access to Highway 215 (the highway used to access Red Rock Canyon). Hotels on the south end of the Strip include [Excalibur](#), [Luxor](#), [Mandalay Bay](#), and [Tropicana](#). These hotels are approximately 35 min drive from Red Rock Canyon. Always check traffic ahead of time before heading out to Red Rock Canyon.

## TRANSPORTATION

As a reminder, **you will be responsible for providing transportation for yourself and your guide** throughout the course. If you can't provide transportation for your guide, please reach out to your program coordinator as soon as possible. You will also be responsible for your own lodging and meals.

If you would like help arranging a rental vehicle or making travel reservations, please feel free to contact our Travel Coordinator, Lisa Greif, at 509-972-4028, M,T, & Th from 9:00am to 2:00pm PST or [Lisa@alpineinstitute.com](mailto:Lisa@alpineinstitute.com)



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## TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that you purchase **comprehensive** travel insurance that includes trip cancellation coverage. Because this is a climbing trip, an illness or even a minor injury can keep you from joining your program. While you can still go on a beach vacation or a driving tour with a sprained ankle or a lingering remnant of the flu, it won't work on an expedition. We therefore feel it is essential that you protect yourself from financial loss by purchasing trip cancellation insurance.

Our provider, **Ripcord**, covers trip cancellation, trip interruption, medical and dental expenses, sporting goods, baggage loss, etc. You can purchase Ripcord by following the link below.

<http://www.ripcordrescuetravelinsurance.com/>

Please note that the following is only a general summary of possible coverage, and it is intended as a basic introduction to travel insurance. *Please do not rely on this brief summary as a description of coverage and exclusions.* For complete policy details, please research your options (we recommend [Ripcord Rescue Travel Insurance](#)) and consult Lisa, AAI's Travel Coordinator.

- **Trip Cancellation:** Trip cancellation insurance provides reimbursement of non-refundable program expenses in the event that an illness or injury prevents you or your traveling companion from going on your journey. It also protects you if a family member or business partner of you or your traveling companion has an illness or injury that prevents you from going on the trip. Coverage also is effective for many other listed causes.
- **Trip Interruption:** You will also be covered for trip interruption (the value of the unused portion of your trip), if you or your traveling companion has to cut it short because of illness or injury so long as you purchase a policy that includes trip interruption.
- **Travel Baggage Coverage:** There are some things to consider in relation to baggage that are not found in all travel insurance policies. Baggage coverage will insure your luggage and belongings during your entire trip, whereas coverage you get from an airline will only ensure compensation for baggage lost during your air travel. It's a good idea to check with your airline ahead of time to see whether their policy of compensation suits you (every airline has different rules).

If you already have homeowner's insurance you should check to see if your belongings would be covered for loss during travel. If they will cover loss during travel there are still two possible advantages to consider when deciding to purchasing a one-time policy: 1) if you do need to file a claim there is no risk to your regular policy rate being raised; 2) if there is a deductible on your homeowner's insurance travel insurance may cover more because they tend to have no or a significantly lower deductible.



- **Travel Insurance Through Your Credit Card:** Depending on your credit card you may already have some travel insurance. Please consult the fine print and benefits of your credit card contract.

### **Why does AAI so highly recommend travel insurance?**

Over the years, we have seen a number of clients choose not to buy travel insurance and then need to cancel their trip at the last minute due to illness, injury, family emergency, or other unforeseen circumstances. We were unable to issue a refund in these cases because they were last minute cancellations. As a result, these clients were out of the cost of a plane ticket and the cost of the expedition as well.

We urge you to view this expedition that you have booked with us as an investment, and we highly suggest that you protect your investment. The cost of insurance is minimal in comparison to the magnitude of financial loss in the event that you need to cancel your trip.

### **Is it important to save documentation for potential claims?**

Keep in mind that before, during, and after your travels, insurance companies will need documentation for any claim you make. If you get sick during your travels, see a doctor within 12 hours of the onset of your illness (or as soon as possible) and get a letter from them. If you can't get to the airport due to an accident or adverse weather conditions, record the date, time, and conditions to refer to later on. Always keep documentation and receipts.

### **Avoid Common Travel Insurance Mistakes**

Read your travel insurance policy carefully before you leave on your trip. The comments here are intended as helpful notes and they do not purport to represent all the coverages or limitations of your specific insurance policy. Filling out the application form may look straightforward but people frequently miscount the total number of trip days and/or put down the wrong dates.