



# Northern Nevada REAL ESTATE

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## Enjoy a storybook holiday from Amsterdam to Paris

With the ghost of 2025 Christmas past truly in the past, it's now time to plan ahead for Christmas future. Time seems to be flying by thus it is a good time to write about a very special trip for your Christmas future as you plan travel adventures for the remainder of this year.



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Our travel mantra for 2026 and beyond is "travel while you are able." One never knows what the future may bring as we grow older. This simple philosophy reminds you to explore the world now instead of waiting for the "perfect" timing, as health, youth and opportunities are not guaranteed. Take advantage of your physical mobility and embrace adventure before life drags you down.

The thought of traveling lifts you up and gives you a purpose to plan ahead and get excited as you count-down to Departure Day.

While our country does have some wonderful holiday traditions, keep in mind many of those traditions originated in Europe celebrated for centuries in what could today be considered storybook or Disneyesque settings.

Christmas in Europe is magical — the food, drink, holiday markets, lights and people. Collette Vacations has put together a new very special holiday trip through the Netherlands, Belgium and France promising "Dutch windmills, cozy streets, bubbling champagne, and two magical nights in the City of Light. You'll connect with the deeply rooted culture during the heart of the

season and experience the essence of three European countries." And no all-day travel is motorcoaches!

Departing Reno on Dec. 6, you arrive in Amsterdam the next day where you will check into The Manor

Amsterdam, a 4.5-star historic hotel where you will bed for three nights. Your relaxed days in Amsterdam will include guided tours on the second day to familiarize you with the city and a free

day to explore on your own to enjoy the Christmas markets, museums, or other attractions. Say goodbye to your jetlag.

Next, it's on to the beautiful and magical storybook town of Bruges, Belgium, only a three-hour drive from Amsterdam. As on all Collette Tours, you'll stop somewhere along the scenic route to stretch your legs and pick up a snack. Your stop on this leg will be to tour a working windmill in Kinderdijk, a UNESCO site.

Referred to as the "Venice of the North," Bruges is a frozen-in-time UNESCO city of medieval architecture and picturesque canals, lace, and yummy chocolate. Your two nights will be spent in the old city center one block from the Market Square. No Ubers needed. As you leisurely stroll the medieval streets, you will feel you are characters in a fairy tale.

No doubt you will be sad to leave lovely Bruges. But the road ahead promises some mighty interesting sites and tastes as you visit the Flanders region in Northern France and travel three hours to the French Champagne region where you will



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The magical storybook city of Bruges, Belgium, also referred to as the 'Venice of the North,' is featured on the Collette Vacations 2026 holiday tour.

rest in the famous city of Reims for two nights.

As is the Collette way, there will be a stop to tour photogenic Arras best known for its tunnels used by soldiers in World War I and stunning architecture.

While in historic Reims, the city where numerous French kings were crowned, you will delight in a Champagne winery tasting and tour to toast the season. Here you will visit 800-year-old Notre Dame de Reims and the site of the third largest Christmas markets in France. There will be time to tour Reims on your own and enjoy Champagne tasting and gastronomic delights for which the city is famous.

You will spend your last two nights enjoying the City of Light just two hours from Reims. Paris is especially beautiful at Christmas. Your time in Paris includes an overview tour of the famous sites including a gourmet lunch aboard a river cruise along the Seine River. Your hotel is about two miles from the liveliest and

biggest winter fair at the Tuileries Garden Christmas Market, La Magie de Noël. While your hotel is not in the center of Paris, there is a metro adjacent to the hotel to take you anywhere. The system is easy to learn.

You will end your time in Paris by enjoying a lovely dinner inside the Eiffel Tower as you overlook all of Paris.

No better Christmas gift to each other than that! If you are not yet ready to bid au revoir to Paris on Dec. 15, consider staying an extra night or two. Yes, you can extend your trip by arriving earlier in Amsterdam or staying longer in Paris. Cost is a bit more, but it's worth it!

Included in the per person price of \$5,999 is 10 nights hotel, 16 meals, all touring with a personal guide, air r/t transportation from Reno, airport transfers from Carson City Chamber to Reno, Amsterdam and Paris. Free parking at the Chamber. If you book early, you may be able to upgrade to Premium Economy for an additional \$1,590 pending availability.

Can there be a better gift to yourself than to give yourself the gift of travel? Be sure to book early.

Rather not venture out of the county or travel that far. Ask us about our 4-day Mayflower New Year's Package to the Tournament of Rose Parade. That's quite a special trip as well featuring a behind the scenes tour of how floats are built, special reserved seating for the parade, tours of famous Hollywood site and area museums including the Reagan Library, a gala private New Year's Eve dinner and party and tailgate party at your hotel to cheer on your favorite Rose Bowl team. Check out the Chamber's Travel Club site at [https://carsoncitychamber.com/spotlight/details/chamber\\_travel\\_club](https://carsoncitychamber.com/spotlight/details/chamber_travel_club) to view this and all other tour offerings for 2026. Stop by the Chamber at 1900 S. Carson St., Monday through Friday before 4 p.m. to pick up a free brochure.

Make 2026 your time to venture forth to enjoy new adventures before Father Time comes a calling!

### Rentals



#### 1626 10th Street, Minden, NV 89423

This home has 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2-car garage, with approximately 1370 sq. ft. There is extensive use of stone & travertine. Main bedroom has oversized large walk-in closet & main bathroom has shower with steamer. Appliances include a refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, even a wine refrigerator. There are washer & dryer hook-ups. There is a fireplace to keep you warm & A/C to keep you cool. Fully landscaped/fenced backyard. This home is located within walking distance to Minden Park & restaurants. Owner pays the water/sewer, Tenant pays other utilities. No pets allowed, No smoking is permitted in the home or garage, a 1-year lease is required & the property does not take section 8.

Rent: \$2,050/month

Available: February 17th



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#### 916 Summer Court, Carson City

This 1345 sq. ft. rental is a newer build, 2-story single family home. It includes 2 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, a 2-car garage, and numerous upgrades. The floor plan is open with high ceilings and an abundance of natural light, as well as a small enclosed patio included outside. The home comes with AC, a refrigerator, dishwasher, & washer+dryer. Tenants responsible for all utilities, no smoking is permitted in the home or garage, a small pet may be considered with a strong rental app+\$50/month in pet rent, a one-year lease is required, and the property does not take section 8.

Rent: \$2,300/month

Available: March 27th