

VACATIONS IN LAKE HAVASU CITY THIS MARCH ARE A FAMILY AFFAIR

LAKE HAVASU CITY, Ariz. (March 8, 2024) – You'd be hard-pressed to think of a better destination for vacationing families than Lake Havasu City in March. Indeed, in River City, right here, families can bond while enjoying swimming, boating, fishing, hiking and camping amid the scenic beauty of Lake Havasu and the surrounding desert landscape.

Speaking of the lake, an almost three-mile-wide Colorado River reservoir that maintains a constant depth year-round, there's water-based fun such as water skiing, jet skiing, paddleboarding, kayaking and boat rentals with or without a captain.

And there's history, too. London Bridge has a lot to offer for fans of ghost hunting and paranormal activity. In 2020, Travel Channel's *Ghost Adventures* investigated the energy engulfing the massive structure and the legend of Jack the Ripper prowling its interior when the bridge initially spanned the River Thames in London.

And for more of the macabre, severed heads seldom disappoint. In the 16th Century, Sir Thomas More campaigned against Protestantism and opposed King Henry VIII's separation from the Catholic Church. When More infuriated the tyrant king, the English ruler had More beheaded in 1535.

At the southern gateway of the "old" London Bridge, a stone bridge which stood from 1209–1831, it was customary to display the severed heads of traitors. At Our Lady of The Lake Catholic Church (1975 Daytona Ave), a hefty chunk of dark wood piling that once held the lamppost on which More's head hung is displayed.

Arts & Crafts and a Dive-In Movie at London Bridge Resort

London Bridge Resort is as family-friendly as they come this March – and all year round. Along with pools and a 94-foot water slide, the resort hosts various family-oriented activities such as bracelet making, hair tinsel, glitter tattoos and tie-dye t-shirt making (a new activity). Guests of all ages can experience an assortment of crafts at various difficulty levels, including wine glass etching, wood burning and canvas bag painting.

Another family favorite is the Dive-In Movie. Guests can lounge in and around the pool and enjoy popcorn, snacks and drinks while they watch a Hollywood blockbuster.

To enjoy some alone time at Martini Bay, parents can take advantage of a Pajama & Pizza Party with available babysitting, then head to Kokomo for drinks with the best lake views.

Every week, there's a Magic Show on Monday night, a bus Tour to Oatman on Tuesdays, and a Pajama Pizza Party on Fridays.

For details on deals, packages and promotions at London Bridge Resort, visit: https://www.londonbridgeresort.com/specials

Families Enjoy a Beachfront Vacation at The Nautical

As Lake Havasu's only beachfront resort, the blue-green water of the lake is just steps away during a Nautical Beachfront Resort family vacation. It's an authentic, laid-back experience for the entire family with the lively vibe of the Caribbean. The Nautical features 139 lakefront rooms with pet-friendly accommodations, a heated infinity-style pool, a restaurant, two bars and a Coffee Cove featuring Phoenix's own Cartel Coffee. Get away through March 2024 and save 25 percent off the Nautical's Best Flexible Rate, available.

Another money-saving option is the Spring Break Stay N Play – With a three-night minimum stay, enjoy 25 percent off the Best Available Rate, plus a one-day poolside Cabana rental or a two-hour Tiki Boat tour of Lake Havasu.

(https://nauticalbeachfrontresort.com/accommodations/specials/)

Family Activities in March

Families vacationing in March can also enjoy a series of concerts and events tailored to their interests. Here's a sample of what they'll find when they take a break by the lake:

• Tribute concerts – Tribute bands offer a chance to experience the thrill of a live concert featuring music families know and love. It's the next best thing to listening to the music of the world's most talented celebrities. In March alone, tribute bands come to town featuring the music of *George Michael* (March 12), *Tim McGraw* (March 22), *The Who* (March 23), *Chicago* (March 24), *The Starlets – Iconic Girl Groups* (March 25), *The Rolling Stones* (March 29), and *The Highwaymen* (March 30).

For more details: https://www.golakehavasu.com/events/

• GraceArts LIVE Performing Arts Theatre, Jesus Christ Superstar, March 8-24, 2024 – This rock opera with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice is based loosely on the Gospels' accounts of the Passion. Jesus Christ Superstar is the story of Jesus in the final days leading up to his crucifixion. It focuses on the personal conflicts between Jesus, his disciples, the people of Israel and the leadership of Rome. Starting as a concept album in 1970, it became a hit Broadway show the following year, closing in 1973 after 711 performances. Versions continue to tour the world, including at the GraceArts LIVE Performing Arts Theatre in town.

(https://www.golakehavasu.com/Grace_Arts_Live_event_Jesus_Christ_Super_Star_Mar_2024/03 -08-24)

• Lake Havasu Stampede Rodeo, SARA Park Rodeo Grounds, March 15-17, 2024 – The top cowboys and cowgirls in the sport of pro rodeo make their way to Lake Havasu City to compete in all seven major events of this Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) pro rodeo at the SARA Park Rodeo Grounds. Competitions include bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing, bull riding and mutton busting. Charge up your smartphone: youth between ages 4 and 7 and weighing less than 80 pounds can sign up to ride a sheep.

(https://www.golakehavasu.com/Havasu stampede 2024/03-16-24)

- Havasu 95 Speedway Races, Havasu 95 Speedway, SARA Park, March 2-April 27, 2024 Havasu 95 Speedway is an ASA-sanctioned, family-run paved oval track that hosts stock car races. Classes include late models, modifieds, trucks, street stocks, legends, Bandoleros and factory stocks. The track is one of three paved ovals in Arizona and the only one in western Arizona. General admission: \$12; Youth ages 6 to 16: \$6; under age five is free; Family Pack (two adults, two kids): \$25 (any combination of two adults and two kids constitutes a Family Pack, including aunts and uncles). Don't forget noise-blocking headphones for the little ones. (https://www.golakehavasu.com/havasu-95-speedway-race-season_2023-2024/03-16-24)
- Troop Box Convoy 6th Annual Car and Bike Show, London Bridge Plaza parking lot, March 23, 2024 Now, here's a great cause every family member can embrace. American Legion Auxiliary #81 hosts an annual car and bike show to help supply troop boxes to deployed men and women in uniform. The day will feature live entertainment, food, raffle prizes, 50/50, and a shaded beverage garden. Bring donations for the troop boxes and receive a free raffle ticket. (https://www.golakehavasu.com/troop-box-convoy-car-bike-show-2024/03-23-24)
- Children's Book Launch, *Pancake: A Very Curious Burro In Lake Havasu*,

 Lake Havasu City Visitor Information Center, March 30, 2024 The story follows *Pancake*,
 a burro who lives in Lake Havasu City and his discovery of how the city came to be. *Pancake* and

his friends will appear in costume and interact with the audience at a book launch party from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., March 30, 2024, at the Lake Havasu City Visitor Information Center, 422 English Village. Children and adults of all ages will learn about the history of Lake Havasu and Lake Havasu City as *Pancake* reads the engaging and informative book, written by Deborah Porter and illustrated by Zander Cabinaw.

Activities will include Pin the Tail on Pancake, a scavenger hunt with prizes, face painting, and a western wear clothing contest with prizes awarded by age groups. Books with stuffed burros will be available for purchase. The author and illustrator will be on hand to sign books. Cookies, milk, coffee, and water will be served. The event will be set to music to encourage dance and movement. Admission is free.

"This charming story provides an entertaining introduction to Lake Havasu City," said Susan Smith, CEO of Go Lake Havasu. "Pancake's curiosity about the place he calls home mirrors that of our youngest visitors and residents. We hope this tale inspires them to explore the city's unique history and attractions." (GoLakeHavasu.com/events)

For more family-friendly vacation activities, including a trampoline park, indoor water park, skateboard park, cinemas and bowling centers, view: https://www.golakehavasu.com/family-friendly

About Lake Havasu City

Lake Havasu City is situated on the eastern shore of Lake Havasu on the Colorado River border of California and Arizona. The city was established in 1963 by Robert P. McCulloch, Sr. as a self-sufficient, planned community. Lake Havasu City is located on what is known as "Arizona's West Coast." Driving time is three hours west of Phoenix, 2-1/2 hours south of Las Vegas and four to five east of the Los Angeles region. As part of the northern and western limits of the Sonoran Desert, Lake Havasu City and the surrounding area feature outstanding biodiversity.

The area attracts 835,000 visitors annually with its historic London Bridge, pristine lake, friendly community, abundant sunshine and annual events, ideal weather and wide range of restaurants and lodging. More than 400 miles of stunning coastline offer exceptional watersports, including fishing, skiing, kayaking and house boating. Visitors can also explore the lake from the beautiful beaches, campsites and hiking trails.

Rated one of the top 100 best bass fishing lakes in America, Lake Havasu is ideal for catching large and small-mouth bass and striper fishing. The region is also host to extensive off-road trails and undeveloped stretches of river. For more information: GoLakeHavasu.com

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