

USA – Coast to coast 22. September – 12. October



On the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, we drove southward from Helena to Idaho Falls, which was the next stop.



The weather was better this day.

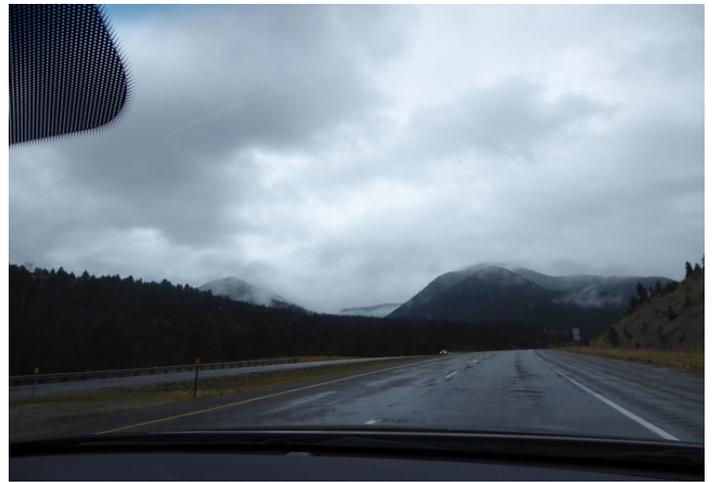


Here we drove past a small place called [Basin](#).



These are remnants after [Glass Brothers Smelter](#).

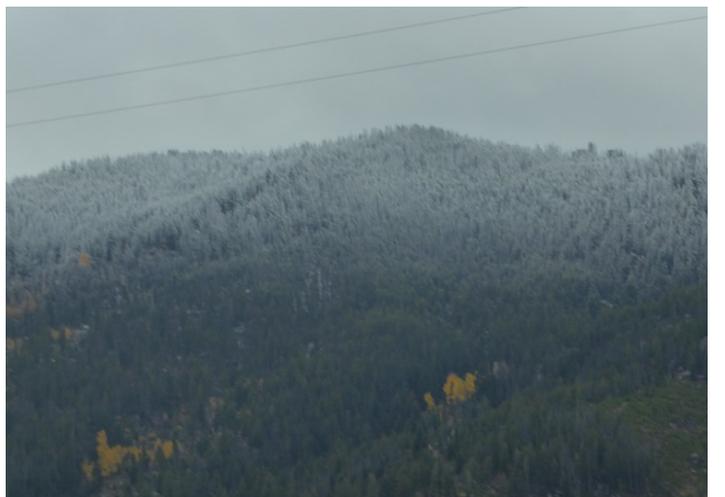


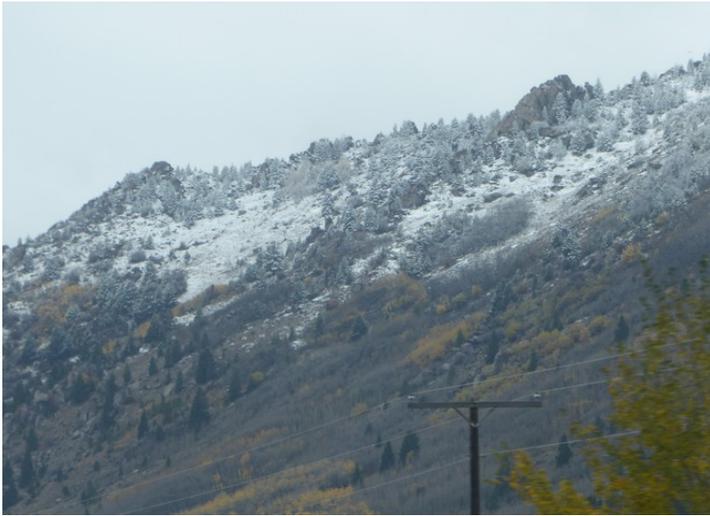
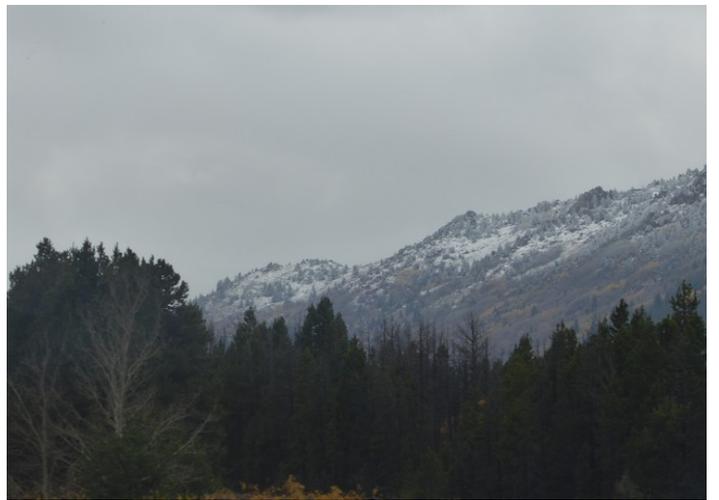


Through Bison Canyon.



Then through [Elk Park](#), which is a long flat valley.





Over [Elk Pass](#).

Autumn colours.



This is a stop overlooking Butte.



Board wit information about [Butte](#), who had rich silver, gold and copper deposits. There are 34 000 inhabitants now. At its peak, in 1920, it was 100,000.



Meaderville was a district in Butte. Where it was, there is today the remains of a large open pit where it was mined copper. The open pit is now filled with water. It's called [Berkeley Pit](#).



This board tells about [Our Lady of the Rockies](#), which is a 27 m high statue that stands on top of [The Continental Divide](#). It is the third tallest statue in the United States.



After Butte, we came into a heavy rain squall.



Then we passed over [Deer Lodge Pass](#).





This is [Clark Canyon Dam](#). It is a dam in [Beaverhead River](#). The water used for irrigation and flood control.





The we drive through [Monida Pass](#).



This [board](#) tells about the [Nez Perce War](#).



This board tells about [Lost Gold Trails Loop](#) and [Fort Henry Historic Byway](#).



Next stop was in [Idaho Falls](#), where we spent the night at this hotel, [Best Western Driftwood Inn](#).

# Idaho

**Hovedstad:** Boise  
**Største by:** Boise  
**Area:** 216 445,51 km<sup>2</sup>, nr 14  
**Befolkning:** 1 567 582  
**Tetthet:** 7,24 innb./km<sup>2</sup>  
**Kallenavn:** The Gem State  
**Tidssone:** UTC -8/-7  
**Innlemmet:** 1890, nr 43  
**Kjent for:** Rocky Mountains, Soshone falls  
**Forkortelse:** ID



En av verdens vakreste fossefall finnes i Idaho; Soshone Falls. Staten var opprinnelig en gruvestat, men har i de senere årene blitt mer enn bonde- og turiststat. De senere årene har også høyteknologibedrifter startet opp i staten. Ski, fiske, rafting og naturopplevelser er det som drar turister til staten. Viktigste produkt er poteter (Idaho er den største produsent i USA, og er også kjent som «potetstaten»). Det dyrkes også hvete, sukkerbeter, alfalfa, havre, bygg, epler m.m.



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We were in [Idaho](#).



The first thing we noticed, was this was building. It is Mormon church [Idaho Falls Temple](#).



The [Angel Moroni](#) is standing on top of the steeple.



There is created a dam in [Snake River](#). It provides vertical height for the power plant located at the end of the dam.



The dam is pretty long.



The river below the dam.

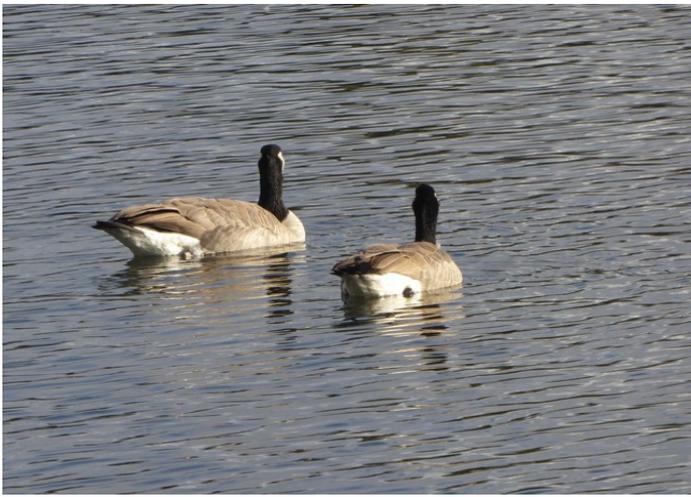


Here we see yet another Mormon Church.



There are many birds here.





This is a model of the first bridge that went across the river here. It was built by [James Madison Taylor](#).



[Information about the power plant. History.](#)



A dinosaur bench in the park.



This is the hotel we stayed at.



Then a picture of this board at the hotel.



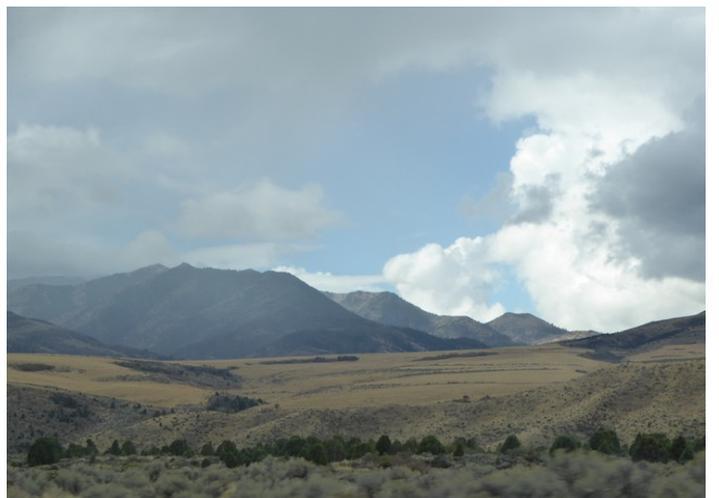
In the evening we went over here to eat.



On October the 5<sup>th</sup>, we drove on toward Salt Lake City, which is the capital of Utah.



Then some nature pictures along the way.







In [Salt Lake City](#) we drove straight to the [airport](#) to return the rented car. We took a taxi from the airport to the hotel, which we were going to stay at.



We stayed at [Crystal Inn](#). We arrived earlier than the rest of the group who arrived by bus.



In the evening we were at [Applebees](#) and had a meal together with the Hamdo family.



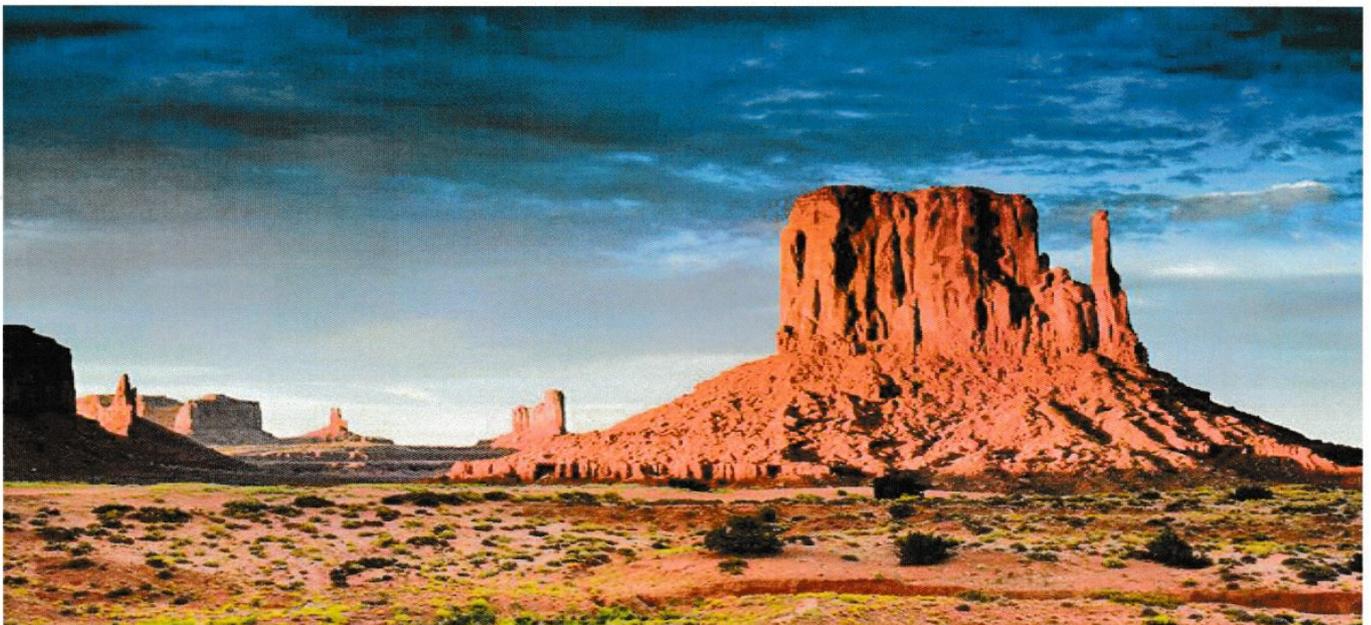
On October the 6<sup>th</sup>, we drove again along with the rest of the group on the bus. Here we glimpse the [Great Salt Lake](#).



Mountains across the lake.

# Utah

**Hovedstad:** Salt Lake City  
**Største by:** Salt Lake City  
**Areal:** 219 886, 96 km<sup>2</sup>, nr 13  
**Befolkning:** 2 763 885  
**Tetthet:** 12,57 innb./km<sup>2</sup>  
**Kallenavn:** The Beehive State  
**Tidssone:** UTC -7/-6  
**Innlemmet:** 1896, nr 45  
**Kjent for:** Monument valley, Arches National Park  
**Forkortelse:** UT



Utah har et tørt, kontinentalt klima. Salt Lake City har 21 °C middeltemperatur i juli, -2 °C i januar og 400 mm nedbør årlig. Viktigste kirkesamfunn er mormonerne, som omfatter 62 % av befolkningen. Utah har store mineralressurser, og er verdens ledende produsent av beryllium. Utvinning av gull, sølv, kobber, bly og molybden er også betydelig.



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Then some information about [Utah](#).



There is extracted salt from the sea. This is a salt pile. The salt is not used for food, but lick blocks for animals and to road salt.



There is water on both sides of the road.



We made a stop at [Bonneville Salt Flats](#). There was an unusual amount of water on the field and people were wading in the water.





Here it is possible to flush the salt off the legs.



[Bonneville Speedway](#) is located just beyond where we stopped. It's set numerous speed records there.



We saw a lot these yellow flowers along the roads here.

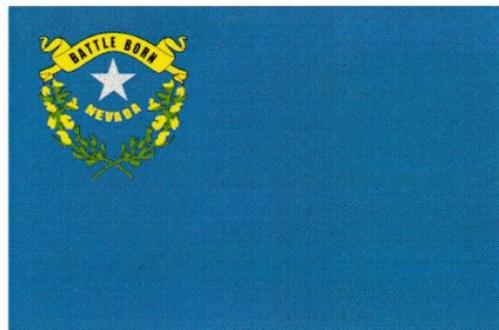


We had lunch in [Elko](#), at [Red Lion Hotel & Casino](#).



# Nevada

**Hovedstad:** Carson City  
**Største by:** Las Vegas  
**Areal:** 286 350,92 km<sup>2</sup>, nr 7  
**Befolkning:** 2 700 551  
**Tetthet:** 9,43 innb./km<sup>2</sup>  
**Kallenavn:** Silver State  
**Tidssone:** UTC -8/-6  
**Innlemmet:** 1864, nr 36  
**Kjent for:** Las Vegas og Area 51  
**Forkortelse:** NV



Nevada er blant annet kjent for Las Vegas og Area 51. Den har fått kallenavnet «Silver State» etter de rike mineralforekomstene, først og fremst av sølv, som ble oppdaget på 1800-tallet. Nevada ligger øst for fjellkjeden Sierra Nevada som staten også har fått sitt navn etter. Landskapet består til store deler av ørken og fjell og er tynt befolket.



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Then we were in the state of [Nevada](#).





When arriving in [Reno](#), we were going to stay two nights at [Hotel Circus Circus](#).



An aerial view of the area where Reno is located.