

## **NEVADA'S WILD WEST TOUR**

RENO, VIRGINIA CITY, ELY, ELKO, COWBOY COUNTRY

Beautiful country, historic sights, the cowboy life lives on.

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- Day 1: Arrive in Reno where you will be escorted to your hotel or bed & breakfast in Virginia City. The evening will begin with a quick get acquainted tour of this historic town right out of the pages of Nevada's history books as well as the burning pages of Bonanza. You will have dinner at the Cobb Mansion Bed & Breakfast and after, you might enjoy a brandy, chocolate and maybe a cigar where Mark Twain wrote for the Territorial Enterprise.
- Day 2: Rise and shine, the chow bell is calling. Don your duds, and mosey on down to breakfast. Today you will experience a little of what life was like 150 years ago here in the untamed west as you tour the many historic places in Virginia City, including a ride on the famous Virginia & Truckee Railroad. You might want to take an authentic stagecoach ride, tour a mine, and visit the famous Piper's Opera House. Dinner will be at Nevada's oldest operating hotel, the Gold Hill. Guy Rocha, Nevada's State Historian, will give a lecture on debunking the myths of Nevada.
- Day 3: Yep, the bell is ringing, chow is on. Pack your duds and get ready to head out along the Pony Express Trail. We will be traveling across US Highway 50 "The Loneliest Road in America" also known as "The Lincoln Highway" (the first transcontinental highway in North America). Our first stop for the day will be Austin, a "Rip Van Winkle" community nestled in the Toiyabe Mountains in central Nevada, often called the Alp's of Nevada. You'll take a guided tour of Austin's beautiful churches which date back to the 1800's. After lunch at the Toiyabe Café, it's on to Eureka for a tour of the Eureka Sentinel Museum and the fully restored 1880 Eureka Opera House. Next head to Ely where you will take a driving tour of the Ely Renaissance Society's outdoor art exhibit "Where the World Met and Became One." White Pine County's history has been drawn to life on the sides of local buildings by world renowned artists. Take a moment to check in to your hotel and freshen up. Next, stop at the Ely Renaissance Village where you'll see beautiful antiques in these restored ethnic homes. Each home depicts a different piece of Ely's history. Enjoy dinner at the Jail House Cell Block, yes jail cells, and nestle in for a well deserved nights rest. Busy day tomorrow!
- Day 4: We will start off with an early breakfast then step back in time to an era where the iron horse ruled the rails. At 9 a.m. the Nevada Northern Railway museum will transport you to a time and place long since forgotten. The ultimate experience, of course, will be the train ride with antique passenger cars pulled by an historic engine through the canyon. Board the van for Great Basin National Park. After lunch at the park café, take a 60 minute tour of Lehman Caves and then experience a breath taking drive up to the trailhead to the Bristlecone Pine Forest.







Upon your return to Ely take a moment to freshen up before enjoying a dinner at one of the fine restaurants.

Day 5: Yes folks, we are on our way to Elko, truly western cowboy life and culture as you have never experienced, but first a stop at the McGill Drugstore Museum, a trip into the past as you visit the kind of drugstore that many of us have forgotten about or really didn't experience when we were younger. The bus ride will take you through the pristine Ruby Mountains over Secret Pass and into beautiful Elko. After check in, prepare yourself for a wine walk and shopping tour in historic downtown Elko. Your tour will start at the Western Folklife Center, producer to the internationally famous annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering. See authentic cowboy gear, art, and memorabilia. Across the street is J.M.Capriola's home to Garcia bit and spur. While there, venture upstairs and watch a master saddle maker at work. We will end the evening with dinner at one of the great Basque restaurants and enjoy entertainment and culture.

Day 7: After breakfast, we will depart for a tour of the Northeastern Nevada Museum. Next we will head for Lamoille Canyon Scenic Byway and drive leisurely up the breathtaking twelve-mile canyon road viewing spectacular vistas, wildlife, flowers, and rushing streams, through the glacially carved canyons of the Ruby Mountains. After the beautiful drive down the canyon we will tour the quaint town of Lamoille where we will retire for lunch. We will head back to Elko where you will have some free time to enjoy our Nevada style entertainment before we depart for the New California Trail Interpretive Center, where you'll enjoy entertainment and a Dutch oven dinner as we will bring to close your Nevada Wild West Experience before leaving back to Reno in the morning.

**Day 8:** Early morning breakfast. While traveling through Nevada's Cowboy Country back to Reno for your flight, we will make stops along the way. Our last stop, a tour of the World Famous Mustang Ranch.

