

Suggested Tour Itinerary

THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

CALIFORNIA TRAIL JOURNEY

- Experience the new 20 million dollar California Trail Center 8 miles west of Elko-Hunter Exit 292 View life size dioramas, outdoor exhibits, See the Elephant and much more. 775-738-1849 www.californiatrailcenter.org
- After touring the trail center venture off heading west on I-80 to the small town of Carlin where you will view interpretive signs and walk around the nature trails and see wildlife at the Chinese Gardens.
- Visit scenic Carlin Canyon which is part of the Emigrant Trail, where you can view more interpretive signs.
- Next it's back to Elko and enjoy lunch at one of our many restaurants
- After lunch head East on highway I-80 to the town of Well's where you will visit the Trail of the 49ers Interpretive Center 436 6th Street 775-752-3540 www.trailofthe49ers.org
- While in Well's take the Highway 231 up to beautiful Angel Lake scenic byway for spectacular views, hiking trails, wildflowers, fishing and wildlife.
- After this fun filled day on the history of the California Trail it time to head back to Elko and dine at one of our Basque restaurants.



WESTERN ADVENTURE TOUR

- Tour the Western Folklife Center, producer of the internationally famous annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering. See authentic cowboy gear, art and memorabilia. www.westernfolklife.org
- Across the street is J.M. Capriola, home of the Garcia bit and spur. Watch a master saddlemaker complete intricate stamping and learn to rope a steer.
- "Basque" in Elko history at the Northeastern Nevada Museum; view mastodon elephant fossils, an original Pony Express cabin, the largest gun collection in Nevada, Basque history and much more.
- At dinnertime, it's off to a Basque restaurant for the dining experience of a lifetime.
- Nighttime is set aside for some real cowboy action at one of Elko's 24-hour gaming casinos.



SCENIC WONDERLAND/HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

- Head for the quaint town of Lamoille. Follow State Route 227 (Lamoille Highway) south through Spring Creek for about 20 miles and drive leisurely up the breathtaking 12-mile canyon road, the Lamoille Scenic Byway, which provides spectacular vistas through the glacially carved canyons of the Ruby Mountain Wilderness.
- Enjoy a hike up to one of the many alpine lakes.
- Visit the Little Church of the Crossroads and tour the Gallery that features antiques and sheep wagons.
- While in Lamoille have a tasty lunch at O'Carrols or if you come later in the afternoon stay for dinner at the Pine Lodge.
- When you arrive back in Elko it's time to enjoy a stroll through classic, upbeat shops in historic downtown. Be sure to check out the White King in the Commercial Casino as well as the brands from area ranches.
- Experience Elko's night life featuring clubs, martini bars, pubs, and coffee bars.



FESTIVALS, FUN & FROLIC

- Plan to visit Elko during any one of our special events; National Cowboy Poetry Gathering, National Basque Festival, Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival, Lamoille County and Elko County Fairs or the Silver State Stampede to name a few. www.exploreelko.com
- Combine any of these sample itineraries around a special event for an action packed adventure unlike any other in the world.



GOLD MINING TOUR

- Meet at the Northeastern Nevada Museum and tour the new mining exhibit. This is only offered for the Elko tour. For other tour call the contact for each location.
- Elko County is the nation's largest gold producer. Free tours of the area gold mines attract major attention.
- Newmont Mining Corporation offers mining operation tours from April through October at the following locations.
 - o Elko (tours Carlin Trend) 2nd Thursday of every month from 9am to noon. Contact Info: (775) 397-8873
 - o Battle Mountain (tours Phoenix) 3rd Thursday of every month from 9am to noon. Contact Info: (775) 635-3806
 - o Winnemucca (tours Twin Creeks) 4th Thursday of every month from 9am to noon. Contact Info: (775) 385-2448

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