



HIGHLIGHTS

- California Trail Center
- Chinese Gardens Nature Study Area
- Trail of the 49ers Interpretive Center
- Angel Lake Scenic Drive
- Northeastern Nevada Museum
- Lamoille Scenic Byway
- Western Folklife Center

OTHER ITINERARIES

- Nevada's Wild West Tour
- Trains Through Northern Nevada
- Scenic Wonderland Western Adventure
- California Trail Gold Rush

WESTERN ADVENTURE STARTS IN ELKO, NEVADA



DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Check in at your Elko accommodations and enjoy a manager's reception. Dinner tonight is on the property or at one of Elko's group-friendly restaurants.

DAY 2 Wake up to breakfast and the beauty of this Northeastern Nevada community, framed by the splendor of the Ruby Mountains. Our adventure begins at the **California Trail Center**. This new, \$20-million facility depicts the life-and-death experiences of pioneers who made the grueling 2,000-mile journey to the West.

Return to Elko for lunch on your own at any of the 50 area restaurants with cuisine to please any palate. Spend the afternoon shopping in the downtown historic district. Tonight enjoy a dinner experience at one of Elko's many restaurant options. From Japanese and Mexican to Italian and American, there is an abundance of group-friendly restaurants.

DAY 3 This morning's journey takes us west to Carlin and the **Chinese Gardens Nature Study Area**. Carlin's history is all about the Gold Rush and railroad construction. Chinese immigrants played a major role in the latter. Nature trails with interpretive signs share the story. Next it's on to **Carlin Canyon Historical Wayside**. This was a travel route for Native Americans, mountain men, pioneers and eventually the Central Pacific Railroad. Interpretive signs share the history of the 3,000-year-old geographical formations. Return to Elko for a leisurely lunch on your own.

Our first stop this afternoon is a visit to Wells and the **Trail of the 49ers Interpretive Center**. An intriguing collection of artifacts reinforces the hardships early travelers experienced on the California Trail. Right outside Wells we'll begin our 11-mile **Angel Lake**

Scenic Drive. This spectacular tour presents a panoramic view of the Humboldt Mountains and Lake Angel. Back in Elko we'll have lunch on our own and finish a busy day with a tour of the **Northeastern Nevada Museum** and the new mining exhibit. Tonight we'll enjoy dinner at one of Elko's casino restaurants followed by an evening of gaming action.

DAY 4 This morning our travels take us to the quaint town of Lamoille and the breathtaking beauty of the **Lamoille**

Scenic Byway. Filled with unusual rock formations, this spectacular drive takes us through the glacially carved Ruby Mountain Wilderness. Next stop is the historic **Little Church of the Crossroads**, which has hosted more than 600 weddings. A tasty lunch at **O'Carrols** is an absolute must when visiting Lamoille.

Returning to Elko, let's get serious about getting our "cowboy on" with a tour of the **Western Folklife Center's** Wiegand Gallery and 20-seat Black Box Theater. If time allows, cross the street to **J.M. Capriola** and watch a master saddle maker display his skills. Enjoy dinner at one of Elko's famous Basque restaurants. Elko-area Basques take pride in the culture of their homeland, Southern Spain/Northern France. Bring your appetite because we're going family-style and nobody leaves hungry.

DAY 5 Enjoy breakfast and set out your luggage. We'll be saying good-bye to Elko with a promise to return.

Day 5 option: Northeastern Nevada is the nation's largest gold producer. Newmont Mining Corporation provides mining operation tours April-October in Elko/2nd Thursday, Battle Mountain/3rd Thursday and Winnemucca/4th Thursday.

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