



Truckee Valley Exploration AUGUST 25 - 29, 2024 \$1350.00 per person, double \$1295.00 per person, triple \$1625.00 single

<u>SUNDAY, AUGUST 25</u> - There is more to the Reno area then gambling. Our first stop will be at **Red's Old**395 Grill for a hosted lunch. This afternoon we will stop at the Chocolate Nugget Candy Factory where you will have time to shop. Our accommodations for the next four nights will be at the **Nugget Hotel**Casino, in Sparks. You will receive a \$5.00 Slot Play coupon with your stay.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26 - Today we will travel to Carson City to visit the Stewart Indian School Trail which is a self-guided walking tour of the campus with 20 points of interest and audio stories. Using personal cell phones, you can access recorded messages from alumni and employees about their personal experiences at the school. The goal of the "Talking" Trail is to preserve the history and memorabilia of the school, which provided education and vocational skills to American Indian youth from Nevada, California, Arizona and New Mexico, representing more than 200 tribes. We will have a hosted Basque style lunch before we visit the historic town of Virginia City. We will have a guided tour of the Mackay Mansion Museum. Built in 1859 by George Hearst, the Mackay Mansion allows you to step back in time into an authentic Victorian era mansion. It is one of the few buildings with original furniture, carpet, wall paper, chandeliers, and much more. Afterwards you will have time to browse in the shops in town.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 - Today is all about animals as we visit Animal Ark. The mission of Animal Ark is to inspire environmental stewardship through wildlife education. Animal Ark's philosophy is that each animal taken in is provided a home for life. Animal Ark does not engage in captive breeding for the purposes of selling or trading of animals. It is our belief that wild animals belong in the wild and for those animals that are not capable of surviving in the wild on their own, they have the power to represent their wild cousins and educate people about the importance of environmental stewardship. While we are there you will have the chance to see them feed the bears. We will have a hosted lunch at Cantina Los Tres Hombres. This afternoon we will learn about and see some of the wild mustangs on our guided tour of the National Wild Horse and Burro Center. The National Wild Horse and Burro Center at Palomino Valley is the BLM's largest horse preparation facility. The BLM gathers wild horses from July to February and first brings them to Palomino Valley Center. At the facility, the animals receive veterinary care, an individual freeze mark and inoculations.











WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 -Today is free to enjoy The Best in the West Rib Cookoff! Often referred to as the Super Bowl of rib competitions on the national BBQ competition circuit, the annual Labor Day Weekend event spans more than 6 city blocks in the heart of downtown Sparks, Nevada. Two dozen of the country's best BBQ teams compete for nearly \$20,000 in prize money plus prestigious bragging rights! It is estimated that 350,000-400,000 BBQ enthusiasts take part of the festivities each year consuming more than 250,000 pounds of mouthwatering ribs during the 6-day festival. In addition to the best BBQ around, a wide variety of activities are offered including a huge arts and crafts vendor show and Beer Garden. We will have reserved seating in the VIP Rib Village where you will be able to enjoy all you can eat ribs with the fixin's, all you can responsibly drink wine and beer. Plus you can enjoy top named entertainment performing while you enjoy your food and drink.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 - Our first stop will be at the Donner Memorial State Park, in Truckee, where we will have a self guided tour of the Emigrant Trail Museum. This park preserves the site of the Donner Camp, where members of the ill-fated Donner Party were trapped by weather during the winter of 1846-1847. This afternoon we will have a hosted lunch and time to shop at the Crackerbarrel. Approximate arrival time back to the Bay Area will be 5 p.m.

PRICE INCLUDES: 4 NIGHTS DELUXE LODGING, 5 MEALS, CASINO PACKAGE, GUIDED TOUR OF MACKAY MANSION, TOUR OF NATIONAL WILD HORSE AND BURRO CENTER, SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF INDIAN SCHOOL, GUIDED TOUR OF ANIMAL ARK, ENTRANCE TO THE VIP RIB VILLAGE, ENTRANCE TO DONNER MEMORIAL PARK, LUGGAGE HANDLING, MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION AND ALL TAXES AND

GRATUITIES ON ALL HOSTED MEALS.

DEPOSIT: \$250.00 PER PERSON BALANCE DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 25

You may cancel up to June 25 with a \$50.00 penalty. Penalty will be waived if deposit is transferred to another trip. After June 25 there is no refund. Please remember there are no refunds after June 25 or on any unused items included in the tour such as meals, attractions and transportation once the tour has commenced. Reserved seating is assigned at time of deposit. There is no smoking on the bus, however, frequent rest stops will be made enroute. There will be a \$25.00 surcharge for sign-ups after June 25. If we have to cancel this trip due to COVID-19 then you will receive a credit in the amount paid towards future travel.

<u>Travel Insurance</u>: For your convenience, we offer travel protection through Travelex Insurance Services (CA Agency License #0D10209). For more information and to enroll call **800-228-9792**, mention AST & code **05-1782**. Plans underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276. 55Y

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