

**2009 NTA Annual Convention
Post-Fam Tours**

Post-Fam #1: Jet Planes, Trains, and Rocketmobiles

Dates: Thursday, November 19—Sunday, November 22

This tour will begin on Thursday, November 19, with a pick up at your Convention hotel. Exact departure time will be communicated at a later date. The tour will conclude Sunday, November 22.

Note: Departure for this tour on November 22 will be Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Registration
Deadline:** October 14, 2009

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Questions: Questions regarding this tour should be directed to Connie Mancillas, Nevada Commission on Tourism, at +1.702.486.2426 or cmancillas@travelnevada.com.

Itinerary

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and will be confirmed prior to departure.)*

Day One: The rich treasures of northern Nevada's past await you on this tour that leaves Reno and heads for Fallon. You will travel in a Le Bus motorcoach along the historic route of the famous Pony Express and cruise down U.S. Highway 50, aptly named the "Loneliest Road in America."

The first stop will be Fallon—the Oasis of Nevada. In Fallon, you will see the lush agricultural area with a stop at the Lattin Farms — a 5th generation operated produce farm in the Lahontan Valley. Continue on to the Oats Park Art Center — a historic school that has been renovated from a crumbling relic into a state-of-the-art facility with three art galleries, a 350-seat theater, and an Old-West-meets-urban-café-style bar. Next stop will be the Carson Lake Observation Tower where you will have the chance to experience a very popular wetland, bird watching, and hunting area.

From the Carson Lake area, you will proceed to the Fallon Naval Air Station for a tour of America's Top Gun school for fighter pilots. Keep your eyes open during lunch...you just might see Tom Cruise while you are there! Next stop is Grimes Point and Hidden Cave — one of the largest and most accessible petroglyph (rock art) sites in the United States.

No siesta time on the coach after leaving Grimes Point or you'll miss some rather bizarre sightings along Hwy. 50, including a 183-meter-high mountain formed naturally from sand and an infamous tree covered with thousands of shoes! Travel through Austin, a charming mountainside town and evidence of "the way it was" during the early silver rush days. You will overnight in Eureka where you will stay at the Best Western

Eureka Inn. You will have the opportunity to visit the magnificent Eureka Opera House...the last thing you would expect to see in this area! Before and after dinner at a local diner, you will have a chance to stroll and visit the other historic attractions of this rural Nevada community.

Day Two: Enjoy a continental breakfast at the hotel, before boarding the coach and continuing your journey on this historic strip of black asphalt known as Hwy. 50. At Nevada's eastern most section of this highway, you will get out at Great Basin National Park for your first extended stop of the day. You will tour Lehman Caves (a single limestone cave despite its name) and see Mt. Wheeler and the Great Basin Bristlecone Pine, one of the world's oldest living organisms. You will have lunch at the Border Inn in Baker.

You'll travel back to the high-desert town of Ely which overlooks a majestic mountain range. You will take a narrated, driving tour of the renaissance murals that depict the city's colorful history on downtown buildings before checking into your hotel. You will be staying at the Ramada Inn-Copper Queen Casino while in Ely.

After you have a chance to freshen up, it's on to the Nevada Northern Railway Museum for a short ride on one of the historic trains. Before calling it a night, you will have dinner at the Postal Palace, named because for many years it was the community's original Post Office.

Day Three: The hotel will offer a continental breakfast for you. After checking out of the hotel, you will start the day's travels with a stop in McGill. You'll walk through the doors of the local drugstore and feel like it's been frozen in time. Continue on to West Wendover, where a 50-foot neon cowboy will greet you. A lunch stop will feature information on the many attractions of Wendover, which include gaming, outdoor adventure, and the historic WWII airfield. After waving good-bye to Wendover Will, you will visit the site where world land speed records are mad — the Bonneville Salt Flats.

The coach will slip from the Silver State of Nevada into the Beehive State of Utah, as you make your way to Salt Lake City and the final destination of your trip. You will check into your hotel for the night, the Shilo Inn. After having a chance to freshen up, you will be the guests of a welcome reception before departing for the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. You will enjoy dinner atop the historic Joseph Smith Memorial Building at The Roof. The Roof features a gourmet dinner buffet that is only eclipsed by the breathtaking views of the Salt Lake Valley and Temple Square. After dinner, return to the hotel and prepare for your flight departure the next day.

Day Four: The Shilo Inn will provide a continental breakfast, as well as complimentary shuttle to the Salt Lake City International Airport. Make arrangements for your airport shuttle with the front desk of the hotel. If you are planning to extend your stay in Salt Lake City, or if you have a later departure, you may want to participate in an optional tour for a visit to Temple Square for the weekly broadcast of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. If this is your choice, please notify the tour coordinator listed above.

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Post-Fam #2: Mining! Wining! Dining! Oh, My!

Dates: Thursday, November 19—Sunday, November 22

This tour will begin at on Thursday, November 19, with a pick up at your Convention hotel. The specific early morning convention hotel pick up time is still to be determined. The tour will conclude Sunday, November 22, with air departures from McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas.

Note: Departure for this tour on November 22 is Las Vegas, Nevada. Do not schedule a flight departure before 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 22.

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Day One: You will come alive on U.S. Highway 95, as you travel America's Silver State from Reno to Primm. After an early morning pick up from your Convention hotel by Celebrity Coaches, you and your tour escorts will head south for your adventure of the historic to the modern.

You'll be surprised when a huge lake appears on the desert horizon as the coach approaches the historic community of Hawthorne. Agai Pah (Walker Lake) is the home to the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout and to more than 200 different species of birds throughout the year. Hawthorne, the "Most Patriotic City in America", will be first stop of the day. Hawthorne is home to the Mineral County Museum, the Hawthorne Ordnance Museum, and the day's lunch stop.

The motorcoach will continue on to the boomtown of Tonopah where you'll hear how Jim Butler and his burro accidentally discovered rich silver in 1900. You'll tour the Central Nevada Museum and learn about the early mining days. But silver isn't the only "ore" in "them thar hills." You will visit Otteson's where you'll hear whispers of the hidden blue treasure of the hills...turquoise.

You will have time to check into the Best Western Hi-Desert Inn and freshen up. Get ready to step onto Butler's original mining claim which is now the 100-acre Tonopah Historic Mining Park. After touring the park, you will have dinner. Tonopah, also, has the unique distinction of being the "Star Gazing Capital of the World". After dinner, you will have the opportunity to participate in a star-gazing party.

Day Two: Enjoy a continental breakfast at the hotel before checking out and boarding the coach.

You will travel 30 miles south to Goldfield, once the largest and busiest towns in Nevada. It was once the state capital of Nevada...now a ghost town. Ruins of past glories still stand on some streets including the half a million dollar, 100-room Goldfield Hotel that was built in 1908.

Scotty's Castle at the northern tip of Death Valley National Park will be the next stop. Was there really a "Scotty", what is this "fantasy house" doing out in the middle of the desert...find out as you take a living history tour and step back into the Roaring 20's and Depression 30's. The coach will then proceed to the Furnace Creek Inn for a deluxe lunch buffet. After lunch, you will have a chance to see the stables, golf course, date grove, Visitor's Center, and other amenities of the Furnace Creek Ranch area.

Then you'll be on your way to experience the most photogenic ghost town in the West-Rhyolite. After a brief stop in Rhyolite and its unique open air art museum, you will arrive at the Stagecoach Hotel in Beatty for check in. Beatty, a gateway to Death Valley, is also a good home base for true desert adventure! You will be hosted for dinner and evening entertainment at the Red Barn Art Center.

Day Three: After a continental breakfast at the hotel, you continue your historical journey south to visit the Amargosa Valley Opera House. The opera house has been bringing live theater to this southern Nevada rural area for more than 40 years. You'll stand in awe of the theater's walls and ceiling murals.

Next, journey on to the high desert community of Pahrump, where you will stop at the local museum with its special "Lincoln" exhibit. You will "wet your whistle" with a tour of the Pahrump Valley Winery - Nevada's first winery.

The coach will then head south to the modern freeway to travel to Primm. In Primm you will stay in a luxury resort casino. You will receive a warm welcome at a hosted reception and dinner. While in Primm, you'll have the opportunity to experience gaming, shopping at the many stores of the Fashion Outlet of Las Vegas, and night-life entertainment. Make sure you leave time to ride the Desperado-one of the tallest roller coasters in North America!

Day Four: After a continental breakfast at the hotel, you will depart early in the morning for McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas. If arranged prior to the tour departure, individuals wishing to stay over in Las Vegas can be taken to their respective hotel after the airport drop offs. Later shuttles from Primm to Las Vegas are also an option for those individuals with later Las Vegas flight departures. Please notify the tour coordinator listed above.

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