

TOUR: Discover Truckee, the Donner Party, Lake Tahoe & Genoa
DATE: Monday, October 30, 2017
DURATION: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

Price: \$80.00 per person based on a guaranteed minimum of 18-guests
\$147.00 for cruise, lunch on board and transportation

Guests will be transported from the Silver Legacy in Reno (Reno's earlier name was Truckee Meadows) and head up Interstate 80 towards Truckee. It should be noted that this tour is an all day tour, while lunch is provided, you may want to bring some water, soda, or snacks along.

Truckee - featured in America's history of westward expansion, many early pioneers followed the Emigrant Trail through Truckee. Later, as the California gold rush hit a fever pitch, fortune seekers poured into the area. By 1868, the Central Pacific Railroad had reached Truckee, which had grown into a bustling, bawdy town known for its major ice harvest and lumber industries. Today, Truckee retains much of its Old West flavor and historic charm. Nostalgic Commercial Row, lined with quaint shops, offers the visitor a glimpse into history.



Then it's on to **discover the Famous Donner Party!**

Donner Summit is a great way to learn more of the infamous Donner Party. They were one of the early wagon trains coming across the country attempting to reach California. They ran into severe weather conditions and spent a desperate winter on the shores of Donner Lake.

It's on to **explore Lake Tahoe!** We will travel along the North shore of Lake Tahoe. There will be short stops along the North shore of Lake Tahoe going up Highway 28 to enjoy taking pictures and looking at the scenery. Lake Tahoe is a large freshwater lake in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It is

located along the border between California and Nevada, west of Carson City. Lake Tahoe is the largest alpine lake in the United States. Its depth is 514 m making it America's second-deepest. The lake is known for the clarity of its water and the panorama of surrounding mountains on all sides. It has a maximum depth of 1,640 feet, trailing only to Oregon's Crater Lake.

Then it's on to Sand Harbor (A Nevada State Park – Admission is included in the tour price) for a break and walk along the shores. Excellent scenery for pictures!!

We will then head to Zephyr Cove where we will drop the guests who will partake in the Lake Tahoe Sightseeing Luncheon Cruise.





OPTIONAL TOUR: Lake Tahoe Sightseeing LUNCHEON Cruise

Guests will arrive at Zephyr Cove where they will board the M.S. Dixie II. The M.S. Dixie II is Tahoe's newest and largest paddle wheeler. It was constructed on the headwaters of the Mississippi, then transported over 2,000 miles on transport rigs nearly a football field in length to Zephyr Cove. The paddle wheeler features two climate controlled enclosed decks, an open promenade deck for panoramic viewing, and an expanded glass bottom viewing area. Your cruise will be a two-hour sightseeing cruise. Lunch will be a sandwich style bar / buffet. Cruise, \$64.00, Lunch voucher, \$25.00;

Experience a delightful day enjoying panoramic views of Emerald Bay in the sparkling afternoon sunlight. The narrated tour complements the natural beauty of Lake Tahoe as you take in dazzling vistas of the Sierras, the dramatic splendor of Emerald Bay, Fannette Island and the unique Vikingsholm Castle.



**CRUISE/LUNCH COST: \$89.00 TOUR TRANSPORTATION COST: \$58.00
TOTAL COST: \$147.00**

After dropping the Cruise guests, we will head south. We will be transported to the South Shore Lake Tahoe for a group luncheon. Lunch is included with the tour and current plan is to visit Bear Beach Café. <http://www.bearbeachcafe.com/>

After lunch, a stop will be made at Stateline, where the majority of the casinos are located, to enjoy the sights, some shopping and the lake.

The bus will return to Zephyr Cove to pick up the Cruise guests and return to Stateline. These guests will have a bit of time (about 1 hour) to explore and see some of the sights.



Then off to discover Genoa! Douglas County and Carson Valley history is very young, an important chapter in the romantic "Old West". Explorers and trappers made their way through this area but it wasn't until June of 1851 when John Reese and his party built a trading post that the area began to attract settlers and became a permanent settlement. Reese and his men took up land claims extending from the Walley's Hot Springs marsh area south of Genoa into Jack's Valley on the north. Since most of the men in Reese's party were Mormon, the location became known as Mormon Station.

The Overland Emigrant Trail passed down what is now Genoa's Main Street. Reese's operation did very well and when the Mormons were called back to Salt Lake City in 1857, Reese decided to stay to protect his business and extensive land claims. A great deal of buying, trading and selling of land went on during these early years. Reese did return to Salt Lake City in 1859 after business reversals. A stop at Nevada's Oldest Bar is a must!

A Convention Activities guide will narrate and point out interesting sights along the way throughout the entire tour. Guests will enjoy learning about the rich history of Northern Nevada and California, Lake Tahoe, and Genoa and hear some fun stories along the way.

INCLUSIONS:

- Round trip transportation
- Professional driver and driver's gratuity
- Convention Activities professional guide
- Narrated tour
- Sand Harbor admission
- Lunch at a local Lake Tahoe Restaurant
- All taxes, gratuities and service fees
- All pre-and on-site coordination

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