

**TOUR:** Historical Virginia City Tour – Lunch on your own  
**DATE:** Sunday, October 29, 2017  
**DURATION:** 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (6-hours)

Guests will be transported from the Silver Legacy in Reno to beautiful Virginia City. A Convention Activities guide will narrate and point out interesting sights along the way.

Established in 1859, Virginia City became the richest mining town in the world. San Francisco was built from the mines of the Comstock and the Civil War was partially financed from the gold and silvers discovered beneath the city. Today's Virginia City is remarkably the same as it was during its heyday with wooden sidewalks, restored mansions, "Old West" saloons, the Piper Opera House and mine tours. Mark Twain began his illustrious writing career at Virginia City's own "Territorial Enterprise." AMSAT guests can visit his, as well as numerous other museums, shops, mansions and churches in this richly historic town during their free time.



A Trolley Ride ticket will be given to each guest to use during their free time. There will be plenty of time for your guests to have a quick lunch at any of the local Virginia City restaurants, or they may want to grab quick snacks at Grandma's Fudge, the Famous Mustang Ranch (the Restaurant, not the Brothel) or Old Red's. Guests will be dropped at the Delta Parking Lot to enjoy free time for shopping, sightseeing or just people-watching before re-boarding the bus for the return trip to Reno.

If you would like there is a SPECIAL train ride on Sunday, A Day Out With Thomas. Guests would be on their own for tickets, but bus transportation can be supplied down to the train station if you would like to take a peek at the great trains! This fall, fans big and small of the popular "Thomas & Friends" television show can experience a [Day Out With Thomas™](#) at the Virginia & Truckee Railroad in historic Virginia City, Nevada. A Day Out With Thomas™ gives children and their families a chance to take a 25-minute train ride with Thomas the Tank Engine™ and to meet Sir Topham Hatt™. Explore the Imagination Station Caboose, create colorful memories in the Coloring Caboose, dine at the P. B. & J. Pullman car and have fun with plenty of other Thomas-themed activities including motor car rides and putt putt golf at Sudor Island. Children can collect a Thomas tattoo, an engineer license and have their passport stamped. There is time to listen to expert storytelling and watch the latest Thomas videos in the V & T's 1870 waiting room.

#### **INCLUSIONS:**

- Round trip transportation
- Professional driver and driver's gratuity
- Convention Activities guide
- Narrated tour throughout
- Trolley Ride Ticket
- All pre and on-site coordination

**Price:** \$46.00 per person based on a guaranteed minimum of 18-guests

✓ *Handicapped accessibility to all establishment is limited*



## Places to visit in Virginia City

**Chollar Mine Tours** – In 1859, this Mine was one of the leading producers on the Comstock. Over the next 80 years, miners blasted and carted out some \$17 million in gold and silver. Tour lasts a half hour and is a 400 ft., level walk. See square-set timbering, silver ore, rock drills, and displays of old equipment. Hours: 1 pm to 3:30 pm, daily, except Friday, May - October, 615 S. F Street. Admission est. \$10

**Comstock Gold Mill** -- Virginia City's mining history comes alive with an operating 1860s Joshua Hendy two stamp Gold Mill. See how gold was processed from ore to recovery & mining equipment. 11 am-3pm Thurs.-Monday, May-October; F Street, by Virginia City Arena & Fairgrounds. Admission est. \$10-\$12

**Comstock History Center** -- The history center & museum displays one of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad's original steam locomotives, #18 Dayton. 11 am-4 pm Thurs.-Sunday; on the corner of E & Union Streets. Free

**Courthouse Slammer & County Museum** -- The newest addition to the historic offerings on the Comstock, the Courthouse Slammer and County Museum. A work in progress, the museum will showcase the history of the county through the people that made it happen. Located at the Court House. Donation

**DanCin Crystals Mining Company** -- The DanCin Crystals Mining Company is a unique shop where customers can dry pan for crystals, minerals, fossils, shark teeth & more. May-October, 7 days a week, Call for winter hours; 65 N. C Street

**Historic Fourth Ward School & Archives** -- The Fourth Ward School is the last one of its kind, the 1876 Second Empire; four-storied state-of-the-art wooden school preserves the real story of life in the Old West mining town. Accommodated more than 1,000 students, the sixteen classrooms retain original patina, desks, maps and books. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; May-October; 537 S. C Street; Admission est. \$6.00;

**LEC #1 Comstock Firemen's Museum/NV State Firemen's Museum** -- Founded in 1979 by Virginia City's volunteer Fire Department, this museum displays 19th-century firefighting equipment. See artifacts on the history of fire fighting on the Comstock. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, May – October; 117 S. C Street; Donation

**The Mackay Mansion** -- Built in 1860 by George Hearst, for the Gould & Curry Mining Company Office, later purchased by John Mackay, one of the “Silver Kings.” See mining artifacts, original furnishings, Tiffany silver and great historical anecdotes. Daily 10 am to 4:30 pm; 291 South D Street; Admission est. \$6.00 at door.

*Visit the Visitor's Center to get discounted admission, 86 S. C Street  
Hours and admission costs are subject to change and Summer/Winter hours.*



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**Mark Twain Museum at the Territorial Enterprise** -- Mark Twain's desk, chair, books and most of the original furnishings and equipment of his pressroom are on display. Mr. Twain spent most of his VC days writing for the Territorial Enterprise newspaper. 10 am - 5 pm; 53 South C Street. Admission

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**Marshall Mint Museum** -- The Marshall Mint Museum is located in the Marshall Mint. Museum is housed within the historic Assay Office built in 1861. See coins minted and jewelry produced in the press and assembly rooms. 10 am - 5 pm daily; 96 North C Street. Free

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**Pipers Opera House** -- Built in the 1880s, Piper's Opera House attracted famous stars from Europe and the US. This stage once welcomed President Grant, Buffalo Bill, Al Jolson and Mark Twain. Hours: 11 am – 4 pm daily; Tours: 11 am, 1 and 3 p.m., May – October; B and Union Streets. Admission est. \$4.00

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**Ponderosa Mine Tour** -- The Best and Belcher Mine is a 25-minute guided tour with over 300 pieces of antique mining equipment on display. See complete underground mine workings - tunnels, crosscuts, drifts, stopes, raises, winzes and shafts. Hours/Summer: 11 am - 5 pm; Winter: 12 pm - 5 pm, 106 South C Street. Admission est. \$10

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**Saint Mary's in the Mountains Catholic Church** -- Virginia City is home to a number of beautiful churches reflective of the late 19th century culture. Having been preserved during and since the Great Fire of 1875, this is the "Mother of all Catholic churches in Nevada." 10 am-4pm, daily, Taylor and E Streets. Donation

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**Silver Dollar Lady** – Visit the Silver Dollar Lady in the Silver Queen Hotel.

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**Virginia City Mining Company** --Bring the family and pan for gold and gems on the Comstock. May-September, Friday-Monday 11am to 5pm, 171 S. C Street, Mine for gems \$8, Mine for gold \$12

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**The Way It Was Museum** -- This museum displays the most complete collection of Comstock mining artifacts in the world as well as rare photos, lithographs and maps of the "Bonanza" period. 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., daily; 113 N. C Street. Admission est. \$3.00 at door

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**The Washoe Club Haunted Museum** -- The Washoe Club has been called one of the most haunted locations in the west. Hours may vary. 112 South C Street. Admission.

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