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## History Comes Alive Once Again in Virginia City, Nevada *How the town's tours and attractions are preparing for a safe return*

**VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. (May 19, 2020)** – The historic mining town of Virginia City, Nevada, is awakening from its COVID-19 slumber as restrictions throughout the state are lifted. While the sleepy mountain town is eager to welcome visitors to once again stroll the town's wooden board sidewalks, take in the living history of the once booming town and experience the museums, attractions and tours available, the community is doing so cautiously and under the guidelines outlined by the state of Nevada.



Visitors pose for photos before boarding the Virginia & Truckee Railroad in Virginia City, Nevada, last summer.  
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It's no surprise that the town's economy relies heavily on tourism, which is supported by the more than 15 museums, tours and attractions relating to its mining history.

The following are attractions that are either open or will be opening over the next several weeks and into summer:

**Piper's Opera House** – open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends. Tours are limited and guests are asked to not to touch any display cases or artifacts. Call 775-847-0433 or visit [online here](#) for the latest information and schedule.

**Mackay Mansion Museum** – open Friday through Sundays. Tours are restricted to 10 people. For questions, call 775-847-0156.

**Virginia & Truckee Railroad** – opens train operations in mid-June with a limited number of passengers on each railroad car. Using open-air cars will limit close proximity. This will be the only available train excursion in the area. Rides run from Virginia City to Gold Hill and back daily. For the current schedule visit online at [VirginiaTruckee.com](http://VirginiaTruckee.com) or by calling 775-847-0380.

**St. Mary's Art & Retreat Center** – plans to reopen in late June after completing renovations. Will observe social distancing practices. For details call 775-847-7774 or visit [StMarysArtCenter.org](http://StMarysArtCenter.org).

**Chollar Mine** – plans to reopen in late June. Guests are limited to 10 per tour. Call 775-847-0155 or visit online at [ChollarMineTours.com](http://ChollarMineTours.com) for more information.

**Shaof's Ghost Town** – open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Taking safety precautions such as wearing masks, sanitizing and limiting the number of people in the shop. Call 775-847-0106 for details.

**Comstock Firemen's Museum** – plans to reopen in June once restrictions are lifted. Staff will wear masks and guests will be limited inside the museum. For details call 775-847-0717 or visit [ComstockFiremuseum.com](http://ComstockFiremuseum.com).

**Marshall Mint & Museum** – plans to open in June and limiting number of guests in the store. The Museum has undergone a major renovation and will be reopening later in the summer. For details call 775-847-0777 or go to [MarshallMint.com](http://MarshallMint.com).

These businesses, along with the merchants and restaurants, are putting in measures to ensure the safety protocols for social distancing, cleanliness are at the highest standards and employees wearing face masks. Here's how the town is working to keeping visitors safe:

#### ***Extra Handwashing and Sanitizing Stations***

Throughout town, visitors can expect to find handwashing and sanitizing stations available for additional cleanliness. Not only will these stations help keep visitors and residents' hands clean from the virus, they are useful for that ice cream cone from Grandma's Fudge Factory that starts dripping down little hands and faces.

#### ***Social Distancing***

The tourism commission is reminding groups to practice social distancing while walking the boardwalks and throughout town. The visitors center is allowing six people in the Visitors Center at one time and all staff will be wearing masks. Other retail businesses and restaurants are operating at 50 percent capacity.

Many of Virginia City's merchant shops and hotels are already open or plan to be operating soon. For a current list of open businesses, view our business resource page [online here](#). This

information is rapidly changing. For the most current information, call the Visitors Center at 775-847-7500.

For the latest information visit [visitvirginiacitynv.com](http://visitvirginiacitynv.com) or call Visit Virginia City at 775-847-7500.

*A short 30-minute drive from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport takes visitors to one of the largest historic districts in the United States - [Virginia City, Nevada](#). Come experience this mining "boomtown" as it was in the 1800's. Step back in time while visiting the numerous historic buildings, saloons, churches and museums or take a mine tour or even ride a real steam train. The Comstock Adventure Passes offer the best value with discounted attraction packages. For lodging, event calendar or Comstock Adventure Passes, [visit online](#) or call 775-847-7500. The Visitor Information Center is located at 86 South C Street, Virginia City.*

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