

Discover New Mexico

-- the Land of Enchantment

with

Tour Dates:



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DAY 1 ARRIVE ALBUQUERQUE - SANDIA PEAK

Today, our exciting tour of the Southwest begins in Albuquerque, the largest city in New Mexico. Upon arrival at the airport, our guide will meet us and take us to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. This fascinating museum features exhibits on New Mexico's 19 Indian Pueblos and is a great place to buy Native American craftwork. Time permitting, take a stroll in Old Town, the city's historic district. Many of the adobe structures today house galleries and shops that sell everything from souvenirs to handcrafted turquoise and silver jewelry. Later, we will check-in to our hotel and freshen up for an exciting evening. First, we will enjoy a ride on the world's longest aerial tramway to the 10,378 ft. summit of Sandia Peak. See an unbelievable view of the Rio Grande Valley before descending to the base for a wonderful welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2 TURQUOISE TRAIL - SANTA FE

This morning depart for the State's Capital, Santa Fe, via the scenic and historic Turquoise Trail. Step back in time as we pass the old "ghost" mining towns of Golden, Madrid and Cerrillos, which are now alive with art, crafts, theater, music, museums and restaurants. Arrive in Santa Fe and enjoy a tour of one of the world's most unusual cities. As the famous author D.H. Lawrence proclaimed, "The moment I saw ... Santa Fe ... something stood still in my soul." Afterwards, we'll have the rest of the day at leisure to explore the endless stream of art galleries and shops. We may want to visit the wide array of cultural museums or examine the popular "Santa Fe style" of architecture. And the options for dinner are endless, as there are more than 200 restaurants in Santa Fe, ranging from inexpensive corner cafes to four-star establishments. There's something for everyone and every pocketbook!

DAY 3 BANDELIER NAT'L MONUMENT - LOS ALAMOS

Our travels today consist of a visit to Bandelier National Monument, where we will find the remnants of an Anasazi farming community established 7 or 8 centuries ago. See the cave rooms hewn out of rock, houses built on the slopes and a circular village. Next, arrive in Los Alamos, the site of where "Little Boy" and "Fat Man" (the atomic bombs that ended World War II) were built. Tour the museum with its high-tech, interactive exhibits on the Manhattan Project. Later, return to our hotel to freshen up for an unforgettable evening at the Santa Fe Music Hall. Here, we will enjoy an original Broadway-style musical revue in addition to a four-course gourmet dinner featuring regional specialties. This mouthwatering feast will be served up by the performers (our personal waiters) who will also dazzle, delight and surprise us when the curtain goes up and the lights beam on. (D)

DAY 4 TAOS & THE TAOS PUEBLO

We will board our motorcoach this morning bound for a memorable day in Taos, New Mexico, via the High Road. Our first stop will be The Santuario de Chimayo, considered to be a place of miracles in the 19th century. Next, it's on to Ortega's where weavers have been weaving beautiful blankets and rugs for decades.

Continue up the High Road through small Spanish Colonial Villages that haven't changed much in 100 years. Arrive at the Taos Plaza and have lunch on your own with some free time to explore the many shops and galleries. Afterwards, we will cross the spectacular Rio Grande Gorge Bridge, the second highest arch bridge in the United States. Then, we'll pay a visit to Taos Pueblo, a village that has been inhabited for over 800 years by 2,600 Taos Indians. The fascinating adobe structures have changed little since the first Spanish explorers saw them in 1540. Also included is a visit to the San Francisco de Asis Mission, an 18th-century mission with a much-admired simplicity of form that looks amazingly contemporary. Before returning to Santa Fe this evening, we will indulge in a fabulous farewell dinner with our new-found friends. (D)

DAY 5 DEPART FOR HOME

Wave a warm good-bye to the Southwest as we depart for the Albuquerque Airport and the conclusion of our *Land of Enchantment* tour. Return home feeling refreshed by the mountain breezes and the aroma of Pinon pine. (L)

TOUR INCLUDES:

- * 5 Days Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- * 4 Nights Hotel Accommodations
- * Welcome Dinner (D)
- * Dinner and Performance at Santa Fe Music Hall (D)
- * Farewell Dinner (D)
- * Walking Tour of Old Town in Albuquerque (including the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center)
- * Tour of Santa Fe (including admission to the Loretto Chapel)
- * Bandelier National Monument
- * Los Alamos
- * Taos Tour (including admission to Taos Pueblo)
- * Sandia Peak Aerial Tram Ride
- * Local Tour Escort (excluding gratuities**)
- * Baggage Handling (one piece per person)
- * All Hotel and Meal Taxes and Gratuities
- * Roundtrip Airport Transfers

*** Group Incentive: Receive One Free "Double" (land only) with 20 or more Paying Passengers**

** Recommended tipping: \$3 for tour escort / \$2 for driver (per person per day)

LAND PRICE PER PAYING PASSENGER:

	40+	39-35	34-30	29-25	24-20
DOUBLE:					
TRIPLE:					
SINGLE:					

ROUNDTRIP AIR FROM **TO ALBUQUERQUE: \$**

(Airfare based on current rates; subject to change.)