

# NEW MEXICO

## *The Land of Enchantment*

September 23 – 30, 2017  
(7 nights/8 days)



### Highlights

- Stay in Southwest inspired hotels near the historic Old Town Plazas of Albuquerque, Taos, and Santa Fe
- Explore the many art galleries, museums, shops, and historic sites in each town within walking distance to your hotel
- Spend an optional day at a luxurious spa in Taos for the ultimate stress relieving and relaxation experience
- Experience scenic drives with stops at historic towns and views of sweeping vistas with a private driver in a luxury vehicle
- Take a Trolley Tour of Albuquerque and a guided tour of the ancient Taos Pueblo
- Choose to either hike the rim of the Rio Grande Gorge along La Vista Verde Trail **or** follow the back road to the historic La Hacienda de los Martinez, an important trade center for the northern boundary of the Spanish Empire

### Day 1 (D)

Arrive in Albuquerque, New Mexico's largest city perched in the high desert. Check into the Hotel Albuquerque set amid lush gardens and located within walking distance to Old Town and Museums. In the afternoon, take a leisurely walk to Old Town Plaza with your group for a self-guided walking tour and a "Welcome to New Mexico" dinner at *Church Street Café*, located in a house built around 1706, making it one of the oldest structures in the state.

**Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town** (2 nights) ~ [www.hotelabq.com](http://www.hotelabq.com)

### Day 2

In the morning, enjoy a Trolley Tour of Albuquerque. In the afternoon, immerse yourself in the history and culture of New Mexico by visiting the Albuquerque Museum of Art and History and/or any one of the excellent museums located near the hotel. The choice is yours. Visit the many shops and galleries surrounding Old Town Plaza and enjoy a leisurely dinner at one of the New Mexico specialty restaurants surrounding the Plaza.

### Day 3

In the morning, meet your private driver for the scenic drive along the Turquoise Trail (sometimes known as the Ghost Town Trail) to Taos. Along the way, stop in charming Madrid, a revived ghost town that was once a mining town and is now home to artisans and artists who display their art and crafts in the town's quaint, once abandoned buildings. In the afternoon, check into the luxurious spa and resort. The evening is at your leisure to relax and dine at the resort or the village of Taos within walking distance to the hotel.

**El Monte Sagrado** (3 nights) ~ [www.elmontesagrado.com](http://www.elmontesagrado.com)

#### Day 4

Today choose your activity: hiking in Rio Grande Del Norte Monument along La Vista Verde Trail; or a cultural tour visiting the historic La Hacienda de los Martinez, an important trade center for the northern boundary of the Spanish Empire. Both activities also include lunch and a guided tour of Taos Pueblo, a World Heritage UNESCO site whose iconic, multi-storied adobe buildings have been continuously inhabited for 1,000 years. The afternoon and evening are at your leisure.

#### Day 5

Experience the magic of Taos, with its setting at the base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and spectacular views and light, has long been a gathering place for creative people. Taos has more fine art galleries per capita than any city in the United States. Today the choice is yours to do as you please – spend time at the spa, visit art galleries, browse high quality craft shops, take a scenic walk, rest and relax in this beautiful sanctuary. (If you choose to spend time at the spa, you will need to consult the spa menu before departure to make a reservation for your preferred treatment and time.)

#### Day 6

Depart the hotel in the morning with your private driver to drive along the scenic High Road to Santa Fe. This road travels through awe-inspiring scenery and remote mountain villages that cling to their Spanish colonial roots. Make stops along the way to photograph the scenery and explore the charming villages. In the afternoon, check into another luxurious resort and spa, La Posada de Santa Fe, a short walk to the historic Plaza.

**La Posada de Santa Fe** (2 nights) ~ [www.laposadadesantafe.com](http://www.laposadadesantafe.com)

#### Day 7 (D)

Santa Fe, New Mexico's historic capital, is surrounded by remnants of a 2,000 year old Pueblo civilization and filled with reminders of almost four centuries of Spanish and Mexican rule. Begin your day with a visit to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and then take a self-guided tour of Santa Fe Plaza, the New Mexico Museum of Art, Palace of the Governors, St. Francis Cathedral, and Loretto Chapel. Browse the numerous art galleries or venture further out of town walking along the Santa Fe Trail, where wagon trains from Missouri rolled into town in the 1800's . The choice is yours. In the evening, join your group for dinner at *La Casa Sena*, a restored 17<sup>th</sup> century Spanish colonial home, and enjoy a Southwestern inspired menu and live music.

#### Day 8

Depart Santa Fe by private shuttle to the Albuquerque airport (about 1 hour drive).

**\$2,150 per person (double) ~ \$500 single supplement**

Includes: All accommodations, Private drivers between cities,

Guided tour of Taos Pueblo + Hiking or Cultural Tour,

Trolley Tour of Albuquerque

2 Dinners, 1 Lunch

Gratuities for private drivers and guides

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