

experience new mexico

Santa Fe, Taos and Abiquiú



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Featuring stunning New Mexico landscapes, vibrant art galleries, world famous opera and powerful theatre performances, this is the ultimate New Mexico experience.

about this trip

- Over 5 days and 4 nights, guests will experience New Mexico including Santa Fe, Taos, Abiquiú and more.
- Guests will visit 5 top museums, take in 3 musical/theatre performances and explore many more hidden gems.
- Transportation will be in luxury vans with ample room and individual seating.
- Guests will receive premier seats at all performances, private guided tours at all museums and exclusive talks with special guests at many venues.

Call now to reserve your trip: 1.833.641.0855

2019 trip date

- August 18-22, 2019

what's included

- Three expert trip leaders
- Accommodations
- Luxury van transportation
- Comprehensive travel planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours through museums and other venues
- Tickets and exclusive access to performances
- All dinners and breakfasts at top restaurants
- Snacks and beverages between meals
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Baggage transfer and portage

weather

- Average annual temperatures High 83/Low 58

pricing

- \$3,298 per person for double occupancy room
- \$4,198 per person for single occupancy room

new mexico trip itinerary 2019

Please note that trip leaders will provide a list of recommendations and offer transportation during any free time during the day. Also note, that all events are subject to change pending availability, pricing and new show announcements.

day 1: sunday, august 18

3:00pm: Arrival at La Fonda on the Plaza

Arrive, get situated and meet trip leaders and other guests! If you arrive early enjoy the 98th Santa Fe Summer Indian Market located within walking distance of the hotel, which highlights hundreds of local artists and local craftsmen. La Fonda on the Plaza is located right in the heart of Santa Fe and provides a blend of vibrant décor and authentic New Mexican architecture. Each guestroom boasts original artwork and handcrafted furniture.

4:00pm: Welcome Reception

Our leaders will welcome you, give you a rundown of what to expect for the week and introduce all of the other guests. A private reception will be held with snacks and refreshments.

5:30pm: Performance of the Santa Fe Symphony

To kick off the trip, we'll visit the Santa Fe Symphony at the Lensic Performing Arts Theatre. Founded in 1984, the Santa Fe Symphony now includes 65 professional musicians and 75 choristers. This intimate performance will be a great way to experience the wonderful performing arts and music community in New Mexico.

8:00pm: Dinner at Restaurant Martin

A perfect blend of refined and comfortable, Chef Martin Rios serves New American dishes in a contemporary space with a garden-lined patio. As with all restaurants on Blank Canvas Tours, the chef will design a three-course menu specifically for our group.

Accommodations for the night at La Fonda on the Plaza



day 2: monday, august 19

7:00am: Breakfast at La Fonda on the Plaza

Served in the main dining room, you can dine at your leisure.

8:15am: Visit to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum

We will take a private guided tour at the museum, which offers insight not only into the artist's paintings, but also her creative process and the light and landscape that inspired her. O'Keeffe's images—instantly recognizable as her own —include abstractions, large-scale depictions of flowers, leaves, rocks, shells, bones and other natural forms, New York cityscapes and paintings of the unusual shapes and colors of architectural and landscape forms of northern New Mexico. The Museum's collections of over 3,000 works comprises 140 O'Keeffe oil paintings, nearly 700 drawings, and hundreds of additional works dating from 1901 to 1984, the year failing eyesight forced O'Keeffe into retirement.

Following the guided tour, there will be time to explore the walkable neighborhood surrounding the museum.

11:00am: Modern Art, Shopping or Relaxation

Each day, you will have time to explore great destinations on your own. You can choose to select one of the options we provide, or make your own adventure.

Option A: Meow Wolf's House of Eternal Return

One of the most interesting and unique art installations in the world, Meow Wolf's House of Eternal Return is an explorable, immersive art installation filled with technology, and fantastic environments. Set in an unassuming building in the city's industrial district, "the House" is a 20,000 square foot art exhibit featuring dozens of rooms, secret passages and interactive light and music objects. It's truly one of a kind!

Option B: Historic Chapels Tour

Walk through downtown Santa Fe with a Blank Canvas leader to explore unique and historic chapels of Santa Fe. This includes the Loretto Chapel, a church turned museum that is known for its unique helix-shaped spiral staircase, and the San Miguel Chapel, the oldest church in the USA.

1:00pm: Lunch and Exploration

After visiting the museum, you'll have time to explore the many art galleries in Santa Fe. There are hundreds of unique art galleries and shops located within walking distance of the hotel. Our team will recommend several lunch options during this time as well.



6:00pm: Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival

We'll take in a wonderful evening of music amidst the mountainous landscape. Since it was founded in 1972, the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival has become one of the world's preeminent music festivals, guided by a visionary spirit and dedicated to artistic excellence and innovation. Contributing to its magic is the Festival's unique Santa Fe setting, nestled amid the timeless splendors of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

8:00pm: Dine at The Compound Restaurant

The Compound offers new American fine dining with southwestern influences all set within a cozy adobe home. This is New Mexico dining at its finest!

Accommodations for the night at La Fonda on the Plaza

day 3: tuesday, august 20

7:00am: Breakfast at La Fonda on the Plaza

Served in the dining room, you can dine at your leisure.

10:00am: New Mexico Museum of Art

We'll take a private guided tour of the New Mexico Museum of Art, the oldest art museum in the state of New Mexico. The building itself is an example of Pueblo Revival Style architecture and one of Santa Fe's best-known representations of the synthesis of Native American and Spanish Colonial design styles. The museum's art collection includes over 20,000 paintings, photographs, sculptures, prints, drawings, and mixed-media works. Notable artists in the collection include Ansel Adams, Gustave Baumann, Georgia O'Keeffe, Fritz Scholder, T.C. Cannon, Bruce Nauman, Luis Jimenez, Maria Martinez, members of the Ashcan School, Los Cinco Pintores Transcendental Painting Group, and the Taos Society of Artists. There will be time to explore the grounds on your own following the tour.

11:30am: Museum Hill

Four world-class museums in one space! Choose between the Museum of Spanish Colonial Art, the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture, the Museum of International Folk Art and the Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian. Or visit all four! Our group will have time to explore the many museums of Museum Hill and dine at the café for lunch.

1:30pm: Botanical Gardens or SITE Santa Fe

Option A: Santa Fe Botanical Gardens

Located just off of Museum Hill, The Santa Fe Botanical Garden celebrates the relationships among Santa Fe's unique cultures and landscapes. The Botanical Garden is a new learning landscape of traditional and native plants, sustainable land and water-use practices as well. Take a tour of the gardens and explore!

Option B: SITE Santa Fe

A dynamic museum platform for the production and presentation of artistic innovation, SITE Santa Fe will feature an exhibit on contemporary artists exploring opera. This exhibit will tie in uniquely to the musical performances attended by our group!

4:30pm: Backstage Tour at the Santa Fe Opera

A special backstage tour for our group, will provide a unique look at the famed Santa Fe Opera! The Santa Fe Opera presents operas each summer festival since July 1957, and is internationally known for introducing new operas as well as for its production of the standard operatic repertoire. This will be a highlight of the week!

5:30pm: Buffet Dinner at the Santa Fe Opera

Seated in the scenic outdoor patio at the opera, this preview dinner will include wonderful food and views, as well as a special guest talk during dessert! A guest speaker from the Santa Fe Opera will provide a detailed preview of the upcoming performance of *La Bohème*.

8:00pm: La Bohème at the Santa Fe Opera

The main event! Young and poor and consumed with love, six Bohemians lead "charming and terrible lives" in 19th-century Paris. Living in Latin Quarter garrets, furnished mostly with hope for the future. Strolling medieval streets crowded with toy vendors, fruit sellers, street urchins and military bands. They fraternize with famous writers and artists at the Café Momus and find their places in a rapidly changing society. They taste the freedom and perils of a freelance economy, and brave



epidemics of passion and jealousy, sorrow, and loss. Conductor Jader Bignamini and director Mary Birmbaum bring Puccini's boisterous, poignant, heartbreaking score to life onstage.

Accommodations for the night at La Fonda on the Plaza

day 4: wednesday, august 21

7:00am: Breakfast at La Fonda on the Plaza

Served in the dining room, you can dine at your leisure.

10:00am: IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts (MoCNA)

We'll take a private guided tour of the IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts (MoCNA), which houses more than 7,500 works of art. The museum is dedicated to increasing public understanding and appreciation of contemporary Native art, history and culture through presentation, collection and acquisition, preservation, and interpretation.

12:30pm: Georgia O'Keeffe Home & Studio

We'll take a guided tour of the property and enjoy lunch on the patio of the nearby Café Abiquiú. Designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1998, the Georgia O'Keeffe Home & Studio, located in the town of Abiquiú outside of Santa Fe, is one of the most important artistic sites in the southwestern United States. The Abiquiú house, garden, and surrounding views were a great source of inspiration to Georgia O'Keeffe. It is a property that she put much time and love into, making it "a house of her own." The Abiquiú Home and Studio offers a special look into the life of one of America's greatest artists. It offers viewers a chance to see the home, which was her vision. Throughout the property one can see and feel the time and love O'Keeffe dedicated to this special property in a very special town, Abiquiú.

5:00pm: The Old Taos Guesthouse Inn

Your luggage will be waiting in your room, where you can relax and get settled. Nestled amid a grove of stately old Taos cottonwoods and spruce, the Old Taos Guesthouse Inn began as an adobe home built over 200 years ago. Situated on 7.5 acres on a rise overlooking Taos, the small home grew into a beautiful bed and breakfast hacienda with a rich and colorful history. Throughout the century it evolved from a farmer's home to an artist's estate and then to a guesthouse in the 1940s. Almost 50 years later it was rescued from deterioration and lovingly restored in the Southwestern tradition. Relax with a book in the cool shade under the large veranda or in the evening, experiencing a fiery Taos sunset from their gardens. Quiet spots and enchanting views are easy to find on the spacious grounds, a birder's paradise

7:00pm: The Love Apple

The Love Apple is a Northern New Mexican restaurant emphasizing local, organic home cooking that is housed in what was once known as the Placitas Chapel. This little catholic church was built around the 1800's and was in operation for 100 years. The Love Apple believes in working in conjunction with local growers and artisan producers to create menus which feature the regional bounty and exclusively highlight local food. Following dinner, a fireplace with blankets will be set up behind the Old Taos Guesthouse to take in the stars and the New Mexico night sky!

Accommodations for the night at The Old Taos Guesthouse Inn



day 5: thursday, august 22

8:00am: Breakfast at the Old Taos Guesthouse Inn

Enjoy breakfast at your leisure.

10:00am: Taos Pueblo

We'll take a private guided tour of the very secretive and unique Taos Pueblo. The Taos Pueblo is an ancient pueblo belonging to a Taos-speaking (Tiwa) Native American tribe of Puebloan people. The pueblos are considered to be one of the oldest continuously inhabited communities in the United States and has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Taos Pueblo is a member of the Eight Northern Pueblos, whose people speak two variants of the Tanoan language. The Taos community is known for being one of the most private, secretive, and conservative pueblos. A reservation of 95,000 acres is attached to the pueblo, and about 4,500 people live in this area, while 35 people inhabit the original pueblo structures. This unique tour will take you back in time!

12:30pm: Lunch at Antonio's

Our group will conclude the week with a goodbye luncheon at Antonio's, located just off the Taos Plaza and featuring authentic, regional cuisine. Following the lunch, we'll provide transportation back to Santa Fe as well as shuttle to local airports.

