

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Culture, Cooking, Casinos and More

March 24 – March 29, 2023
(Motorcoach tour – 6 days/5 nights)



When winter chills give way to friendlier weather, Springtime is a beautiful time to visit Santa Fe. We'll be transported by private motorcoach to the oldest capital city in the country and the oldest European settlement west of the Mississippi. Established way back in 1607, 13 years before the Plymouth Colony was settled by the Mayflower Pilgrims, Santa Fe first became a capital

three years later. A significant part of Santa Fe's culture is connected to New Mexico's 23 Native American Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos. Each tribe comprises its own sovereign nation, so the rules, language, and culture differ. In 2005, Santa Fe made US history by becoming a UNESCO Creative City. The "City Different" as it's called, is home to an extensive array of museums and immersive art experiences and a whopping 250+ galleries. *Game of Thrones* writer George R.R. Martin currently resides in Santa Fe, and other famous residents (past and present) include Julia Roberts, Gene Hackman, Val Kilmer, Ted Danson, Oprah Winfrey, Jennifer Aniston, along with notable artist Georgia O'Keeffe, and writers D.H. Lawrence and Willa Cather. Join us in exploring this unique city with a variety of activities. Bring your golf clubs for a round of golf at the Towa Golf Course. We're happy to personalize this tour to help create your best memories!



Included Activities

- Buffalo Thunder Casino/Cities of Gold Casino
- Georgia O'Keeffe Museum
- Guided Tour of Santa Fe & Taos
- Institute of American Indian Arts
- Lorreto Chapel
- Meow Wolf – House of Eternal Return
- Museum of Western Film & Culture
- Palace of Governors
- Performance of the Santa Fe Symphony
- Railyard Art District – Art Walk
- Rio Grande Gorge
- Santa Fe School of Cooking – Cooking Class
- Santuario de Chimayó
- The Cathedral of Basilica of St. Francis
- The Chocolate Trail
- And more!



Accommodations/Meals:

- 5 nights at the Drury Plaza Hotel
- 5 dinners
- 5 breakfasts
- 2 lunches

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Additional Inclusions:

Private motorcoach transportation roundtrip from Denver to Santa Fe, NM
Luggage tags and luggage handling at the hotel
Escorted by a professional Tour Manager
Professional liability insurance of \$3,000,000,000

PRICE: Double Occupancy - \$2,395 per person Single Supplement - \$575

DEPOSIT: \$500 is due within 10 days of registration

FINAL PAYMENT: Payment in full is due 75 days prior to departure

REGISTRATION: Register online at www.americaninternationaltravel.net. After registering you will receive a "Welcome to the Tour" letter with additional information.

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Initial Non-Refundable Amount	\$ 250.00 per person penalty
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*Please note this tour is limited to 20 travelers.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SANTA FE TOUR

Railyard Arts District - Stroll through 7 leading contemporary Art Galleries, which include Blue Rain Gallery, Charlotte Jackson Fine Art and Evoke Contemporary, form & concept, LewAllen Galleries, Tai Modern, and Zane Bennett Contemporary Art, along with contemporary art museum SITE Santa Fe.

A Guided Tour of Santa Fe - Our guide will join us to spend the morning exploring Santa Fe. We will take-in the Pueblo style architecture on Canyon Road which encompasses the **Santa Fe Trail**, termed by many historians as the first commercial highway in the US. **The Santa Fe Historic District** highlights a visit to the **Palace of Governors**, which dates back to 1610. It is the oldest public building in continuous use constructed by European settlers in the continental United States. **Loretto Chapel**, built in 1873 for the Sisters of Loretto to house their girls' school shares the breathtaking beauty and uniqueness of the Gothic exterior. Step inside to see the famous "miraculous staircase." When the original architect of the building died prior to completing the project, leaving the choir loft in accessible, the Sisters prayed to St. Joseph, the Patron Saint of Carpenters, and either he himself or a skilled individual sent by him, built the spiral staircase with neither glue, nails, nor any visible means of support and two 360-degree turns. When finished, he disappeared without pay or thanks. A true miracle! **St. Francis Cathedral** was built when New Mexico became a US Territory and inside is a wooden statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary that was brought to New Mexico from Spain in 1625.

Santa Fe Cooking School - Tour and "Hands On" Cooking Class. The internationally acclaimed, recreational culinary school is delighted to showcase Thermadore equipment in their demonstration style classroom and we'll chat with the chef as we venture into "Southwestern cooking". A local **"Chocolate Tour"** allows us to try out their local delicacies, to include "chili infused chocolates.

Santa Fe Symphony!! Guillermo Figuerosa, Principal Conductor will conduct Bartók meets Beethoven. While the title of Concerto for Orchestra, one of Béla Bartók's most well-known works, seems to be an oxymoron, Bartók said that he called the piece a concerto rather than a symphony because of the way each instrument section is treated in a "soloistic and virtuosic way." Beethoven conducted his Symphony No. 7 at its premiere in Vienna, in December 1813, at a charity concert for soldiers wounded in the Battle of Hanau. The audience was so enamored with the second movement that they demanded an encore. The *Allegretto* is still frequently performed separately at concerts. Beethoven called the Symphony No. 7 his "most excellent symphony," and one music critic of the time reported, "this symphony is the richest melodically and the most pleasing and comprehensible of all Beethoven symphonies." On the dissenting side, Carl Maria von Weber (1786–1826) heard the piece as evidence that its composer had lost his mind, and Friedrich Wieck (1785–1873), a renowned piano teacher and Clara Schumann's father, maintained that the music could only have been written by someone who was seriously intoxicated.

The Georgia O'Keefe Museum – Georgia O'Keefe is one of the most significant artists of the 20th century, renowned for her contribution to modern art. The Museum celebrates the art, life and independent spirit of Georgia O'Keefe.

Meow Wolf's *House of Eternal Return*. 70+ rooms of immersive art at This is the OG of the now multi-city franchise, which at its core is the mysterious story of a fictional family's disappearance. With your adventurous spirit, explore and interact with everything you see. This is NOT a 'Do Not Touch' museum.

Dinner at Sassella - Acclaimed Italian Sassella is housed in a historic building that harbored Union officers during the Civil War, the restaurant is named after a small town in Italy, known in part for its wine made with the Nebbiolo grape. The key ingredient is chile—either red or green—and the heat varies a lot from restaurant to restaurant. If you're not sure which one to order, you can always say "Christmas!" and try both. (*Tip: Try both.*)

Museum of Western Film & Costuming located in the Nambe Trading Post and displays costumes and props from iconic westerns, to include "Dances with Wolves".

Chimayó - visit **El Santuario de Chimayó**, a National Historic Landmark and included in the National Register of Historic Places. This "most visited church in New Mexico," completed in 1816, is a simple shrine built of adobe (mud bricks) and has a quiet spirituality. Behind the altar and the storied and miraculous crucifix that led to the construction of the church, is a small room that features El Pocito, a hole filled with a never-ending supply of "healing dirt." Chimayó is also known for its weavings. At **Ortega's Weaving Shop or Trujillo's Weaving Shop** we'll learn more about this timeless art which has been practiced here for generations.

Taos Pueblo (designated both a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a National Historic Landmark. Continuously inhabited by the Tewa-speaking Native Americans for more than 1000 years, it is also the largest multi-story Pueblo dwelling in the US. Taos Pueblo has some very distinct and highly burnished pottery and incredible silver jewelry, as well as moccasins, boots, and drums. **Rio Grande Gorge** has a spectacular view from the bridge 650 feet above the river. We'll be sure to check out the **Taos Earthships**, a 600-plus-acre community of self-sufficient homes built with natural and recycled materials and designed to operate off the grid, using solar and wind power, water catchment systems, and other sustainable means. Beyond clever, these homes are built to challenge what's possible.

Join us on this adventure to the Sangre de Cristo foothills. Founded as a Spanish colony in 1610, this capital of New Mexico will delight us with its renowned Pueblo-style architecture and creative arts community. Santa Fe, New Mexico is a city like no other!

