



SANTA ANA COLLEGE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

PRESENTS....

NEW MEXICO ENCHANTMENT

FEATURING ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA, SANTA FE, TAOS, EL SANTUARIO DE CHIMAYO

OCTOBER 7-13, 2012 ~ 7 DAY TOUR



TOUR PACE Leisurely On the Go ACTIVITY LEVEL Low High

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Attend the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta and see the mass ascension of over 900 balloons and the Balloon Glow
- ◆ Albuquerque sightseeing including a city tour with a local guide, visits to the Turquoise Museum, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, the International Balloon Museum, the Acoma "Sky City" Pueblo and a ride on the Sandia Peak – the world's longest tramway
- ◆ In Taos, see the Rio Grande Gorge, visit the Millicent Rogers Museum and Taos Pueblo
- ◆ Visit Santuario de Chimayo, the famous chapel believed to possess healing powers in its soil
- ◆ In Santa Fe, a guided tour highlighting the St. Francis Cathedral, the Loretto Chapel, the historic Plaza area and time at leisure to visit the variety of museums including the Georgia O' Keefe Museum

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ◆ Nights 1-3 **Drury Inn & Suites** Albuquerque, NM
- ◆ Nights 4-6 **The Lodge at Santa Fe** Santa Fe, NM

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 6 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 12 meals – 3 dinners, 3 lunches, 6 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- ◆ Admissions per itinerary
- ◆ Roundtrip airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ◆ Transportation on a luxury motorcoach
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour
- ◆ Applicable taxes, fees and most gratuities

PER PERSON LAND PRICES

Double \$1,449 / Single \$1,779 • Deposit \$250
 Roundtrip group airfare available from \$325
 Optional LAX airport transfers – see reverse
 Travel Protection Plan – see reverse

~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~

Embark on a spectacular journey following the colorful trails of the Southwest. Inside New Mexico's borders you'll find ancient cultures, world-famous Southwestern cuisine, diverse landscapes, renowned museums, and a hot air balloon festival like no other on Earth. From Albuquerque to Santa Fe and Taos, this journey will leave you knowing why its called the "Land of Enchantment."



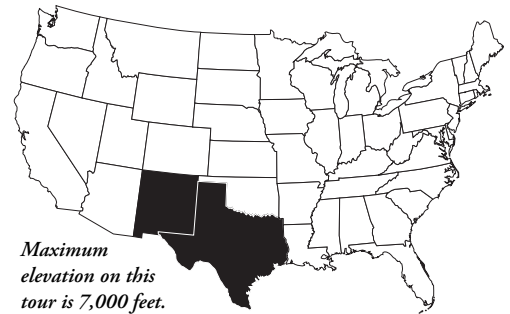
Taos Pueblo

◆DAY 1 ~ ARRIVE ALBUQUERQUE◆

Optional transfers from home or our departure points this morning will have us at Los Angeles International Airport for our flight arriving in Albuquerque, New Mexico this afternoon. Upon our arrival, a deluxe motorcoach will be waiting to transport us to historic **Old Town Albuquerque** with time for lunch and browsing at leisure. Since it was founded in 1706 by Spanish Settlers, the Old Town area has remained the center for Southwest culture, architecture, shopping, art and cuisine. Later we check-in to our Albuquerque hotel for a leisurely three-night stay with a complimentary food and drink reception nightly. This evening, get ready for a real treat at the **Balloon Glow** at Albuquerque Fiesta Park (weather permitting). Just before dusk, the burners of nearly 500 balloons are ignited and the evening sky fills with a kaleidoscope of brilliant, luminous color. Delicious foods are available as are a wide range of vendors selling souvenirs. We top off the evening with a vivid **fireworks show**.

◆DAY 2 ~ ALBUQUERQUE◆

Following an included breakfast this morning we set out to discover the gems around Albuquerque with a local guide aboard. On a guided tour of Albuquerque we'll see the **San Felipe de Neri Church, Rio Grande Park, the Ernie Pyle Home** and the **University of New Mexico** before touring and time at leisure in Old Town Albuquerque. This afternoon, we travel to the **Acoma Pueblo**,



Maximum elevation on this tour is 7,000 feet.

often called "Sky City", it is situated 350 feet above an outstretched valley atop a massive sandstone mesa at 7,000 feet above sea level. It is the oldest continuously inhabited settlement in the United States and a Pueblo member will take you on a guided tour of the Pueblo village, explaining the culture and history here. An included lunch in Acoma. This evening, after time to freshen up, an included dinner at a local favorite. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



Balloon Fiesta

◆DAY 3 ~ ALBUQUERQUE◆

This morning following an included breakfast we visit the **Turquoise Museum** to see the largest collection of turquoise in the world. Uncover the mystery of turquoise, delve into its' rich history, learn about the different mines, specimens, and stories of colorful characters. Later we visit the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center** which tells the story of New Mexico's Pueblo Indian culture through authentic native arts, craft, and dance demonstrations. Then, we board the **Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway** (the world's longest free-span cable tramway) and ride to the top of **Sandia Peak** for a thrilling panoramic view of Albuquerque and the Rio Grande Valley from this mountain perch at 10,375 feet above sea level. Enjoy an included lunch at the top. This afternoon we tour the **International Balloon Museum** which showcases the development of ballooning through historic,

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

◆Deposit due at time of booking to the address above (*Good Times Travel* will contact you for the travel protection and air option)

◆*Good Times Travel* will invoice you for the balance payment 6-8 weeks prior

TRAVEL PROTECTION / CANCELLATION

Travel protection/cancellation insurance is highly recommended for all multi-day tours. If travel protection has not been purchased, only recoverable funds less a cancellation charge of \$50 will be reimbursed once payment has been made. Amount of reimbursement depends on the date of cancellation.

If travel protection has been purchased and you must cancel prior to departure or leave the tour enroute for a reason approved by the insurance company, you will receive a full refund (or partial if enroute), minus the cost of the premium. Other benefits of travel protection include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, and lost/stolen/damaged luggage. Pre-existing medical conditions are only covered if protection is purchased at the time of deposit. See travel protection plan for full details and exclusions.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Roundtrip airport transfers are available as follows:

From one of our departure points: \$69 p.p.

Fountain Valley - Good Times Travel office
Long Beach - City College - Lot "O"

From home: \$159 and higher (contact us for quote)

Exact departure times are provided 2 weeks prior

SINGLE SHARE PROGRAM

Should a single traveler wish to take advantage of the double price, tell us when making your reservation that you wish to have a roommate. We will provide the contact information to others requesting a roommate and the two parties can determine if they would be a good fit and the price will be adjusted.

FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS

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scientific and artistic objects including postage stamps, post cards, coins, jewelry, photographs, early pins, World War I era collectible porcelains and much more. Dinner at leisure this evening with a variety of restaurants available. (Breakfast, Lunch)

◆DAY 4 ~ FIESTA, TURQUOISE TRAIL◆

It's an early rise this morning as we depart for Albuquerque Fiesta Park and the world-renowned **International Balloon Fiesta**. The Fiesta began in 1972 with 13 balloons and has grown to over 900 participants to become the world's largest hot air ballooning event. Walk right up to the balloons and watch as hundreds of crews prepare for the "Mass Ascension" of hundreds of uniquely shaped balloons at sunrise (weather permitting). Spend the morning at your leisure enjoying this arts and crafts along the Midway and watch as the sky becomes painted with hundreds of bright and beautiful balloons of all different shapes. *An optional excursion to ride in a hot air balloon along with hundreds of other balloons also in flight will be available for an additional charge.* Later in the day we set our sights on Santa Fe as we travel along the famed **Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway** and pass old ghost towns and beautiful scenery to **Santa Fe**, nestled at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Founded in 1610, Santa Fe is the oldest seat of government in the United States and this capital city reflects its Spanish, Pueblo, and Mexican history. We check-in to our Santa Fe hotel for a relaxing three-night stay. An included dinner this evening in Santa Fe at a local favorite. (Breakfast, Dinner)

◆DAY 5 ~ SANTA FE◆

Following an included breakfast this morning we are joined by a local guide for a panoramic tour of Santa Fe showcasing the **Palace of the**

Governors and the **Mission of San Miguel**, both dating from around 1610. A **walking tour** and included lunch in Santa Fe's renowned **Town Plaza**, which marks the end of the Santa Fe Trail. Then visits to both **St. Francis Cathedral** and New Mexico's circular **State Capitol building**. A docent-guided tour of the famed **Loretto Chapel**, a marvel of architectural ingenuity to see its **miraculous spiral staircase**. The narrow streets of Santa Fe are lined with buildings of distinctive design, adobe houses and eclectic shops. Enjoy the remainder of your day at your leisure to take in this spectacular city and it's vibrant Town Plaza featuring a variety of shops and museums including the **Georgia O'Keefe Museum**, the **Museum of International Folk Art** and others. Dinner at leisure this evening in Santa Fe, a food lover's paradise. (Breakfast, Lunch)

◆DAY 6 ~ TAOS◆

Today we have an early morning departure for Taos on the Camino Alto, or "High Road", the same route taken by the Spanish colonists through the scenic grandeur of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains past villages that date from the Spanish Colonial era. We arrive in the adobe town of Taos seated on a the high desert mesa within the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. We will stop at the **Rio Grande Gorge** for a photo opportunity, followed by a visit to the **Millicent Rogers Museum** featuring outstanding historical collections of Native American art and jewelry, paintings, weavings, and pottery in a superb setting. Time at leisure for lunch and browsing in the charming **Taos Plaza**. We continue to **Taos Pueblo** at the northern edge of town, one of the most picturesque of the Southwest adobes. Designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, this Pueblo dates from the fourteenth century and is one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements in North America. Learn about the traditional lifestyle and beliefs of the Pueblo Indians and visit the striking adobe **chapel of San Geronimo**. On our return to Santa Fe a stop in the village of **Chimayo**, known for its beautiful tapestry weaving and a tour of the **Santuario de Chimayo**, the famous chapel believed to possess healing powers in its soil. An included **farewell dinner** at **Rancho de Chimayo**, a local landmark known for its traditional northern New Mexico cuisine and one of the most visited dining establishments in the world. (Breakfast, Dinner)

◆DAY 7 ~ SANTA FE, FINAL FAREWELL◆

After an included breakfast this morning, our afternoon departure from Santa Fe will provide time to fulfill all of your Santa Fe shopping or museum browsing. We return to Albuquerque for our return flight to Los Angeles later in the day. Those with transfers will be returned to their respective destinations. Delightful memories of our time in the "Land of Enchantment" will remain with us forever. (Breakfast)



"Miraculous Staircase"