

New Mexico's Land of Enchantment

New Mexico Cultural Walking Adventure



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Glories of the American Southwest

It's amazing. An adobe wall changes colors constantly...amber at dawn, fiery at sunset, powder gray in moonlight. That trick of light and nature drew Georgia O'Keeffe, Ansel Adams and generations of other artists to New Mexico. But it's just one of the reasons we love it here. Every view seems to have a backdrop of mountains. The air is clear, and the walking—from sage-strewn plateaus to the art-lined streets—is the equal of anyplace we've traveled. No other region in the U.S. has been inhabited so long by peoples who left such visible records of their times. Centuries of Native American, Hispanic and Anglo cultures have weathered well, and we take the chance to explore them all. You just can't imagine your first glimpse of a cliff dwelling from the floor of a gorge or the privilege of entering a pueblo with a Taos Indian friend as our guide. Beware: if you enjoy art, architecture and fine regional food, you'll never want this Classic Journey to end.

DAY 1

SANTA FE

- Enjoy a guided exploration of the historic city's treasures
- Savor a welcome dinner at one of our favorite local restaurants

Located in the foothills at the base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, Santa Fe is surrounded by fascinating Indian pueblos and charming Hispanic villages. Most buildings are one story high and painted with earth tone colors, blending beautifully into the surrounding landscape. Renowned for its Native American, Hispanic and Anglo tri-cultural heritage that is reflected in its arts and architecture, Santa Fe is the ideal city to explore on foot.

We meet our guide and fellow travelers for an exploration of the town center, where our walk takes us by the Palace of the Governors, the oldest public building in the United States. Built in 1610, it's been the seat of four governments—Spain, Mexico, the Confederacy and the U.S. Territory that preceded New Mexico's statehood. Meandering through the quaint streets and hidden alleyways, we are struck by the magnificence of the St. Francis Cathedral. A rare departure from Santa Fe's adobe architecture, this Romanesque church was built in 1869 by the city's first archbishop, Jean Baptiste Lamy. The church houses La Conquistadora, the oldest Madonna statue in the nation, said to have accompanied Don Diego Vargas on his re-conquest of Santa Fe in 1692.

This evening, we gather for a welcome dinner at one of Santa Fe's well known restaurants.

Overnight: Santa Fe

Meals: D

DAY 2

BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT

- Marvel at the cliff-dwellings of an ancestral pueblo
- Follow countryside footpaths past cottonwoods to a box canyon
- Experience life on a modern day pueblo

This morning, we drive northwest of Santa Fe to explore the 900 year-old cliff dwellings of the ancestral pueblo at spectacular Bandelier National Monument. The site was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1916 to protect one of the largest concentrations of cliff dwellings in North America. Our scenic morning walk first takes us past the circular, two-story ruins of Tyuonyi Village dating to the 13th century. We continue through cottonwood and box elders culminating in Frijoles Canyon where we climb up short ladders to explore the cliff dwellings that stretch for over a mile beneath the sheer walls of the canyon's tree-fringed rim.

After a picnic lunch, we head to the home of the Santa Clara Indians to experience life on a modern-day pueblo. Located beneath the dramatic Parajito Plateau, Santa Clara pueblo is known for its 'black on black' pottery.

Overnight: Santa Fe

Meals: B, L

DAY 3

ABIQUIU / GHOST RANCH

- Enjoy a scenic walk with views of towering red rock mesas
- Visit Georgia O'Keeffe's Ghost Ranch

After a breakfast, we journey north up the Chama River Valley to the small town of Abiquiu. Georgia O'Keeffe made her home in this small, traditional Hispanic village, surrounded by the stunning landscape that inspired her masterpieces. We visit her home and studio, which remains much as it did in 1984 when O'Keeffe moved from Abiquiu to Santa Fe before her death in 1986. Later this morning, our guide takes us on a scenic walk with views of towering red rock mesas against the brilliant blue sky to see several of O'Keeffe's favorite subjects.

A fifteen-minute drive north of Abiquiu takes us to Ghost Ranch, O'Keeffe's home in summer through fall. Established in 1766, Ghost Ranch is a collection of adobe buildings nestled among the multi-colored sandstone hillsides. The Ranch is named for the brujas (witches) who are said to inhabit its numerous canyons. A spectacular afternoon walk takes us through fragrant juniper and piñon pines to the picturesque Chimney Rock that overlooks the landscape that inspired and influenced Georgia O'Keeffe. This evening, relax on the hotel's verandahs and enjoy some spectacular star gazing under the enormous Southwestern sky.

Overnight: Taos

Meals: B, D

DAY 4

TAOS PUEBLO / RIO GRANDE GORGE

- **Accept a welcome into historic Taos Pueblo**
- **Walk along a sagebrush plateau surrounded by the Sangre de Cristo Mountains**

This morning, we enjoy a scenic drive through black-rock canyons, along the Rio Grande to historic Taos Pueblo. A United Nations World Heritage site, this is the largest multistory pueblo structure in the United States. For almost 1,000 years, the Tiwa-speaking Taos Indians have inhabited the mud and straw adobe walls at the foot of Taos Mountain along the crystal clear Rio Pueblo de Taos. Here, a Taos Indian and special friend of our guide takes us through the pueblo and teaches us about her history, culture and crafts.

An afternoon walk starts at the breathtaking Rio Grande Gorge Bridge. After admiring the spectacular views of the Rio Grande flowing 650 feet below, we walk through the tranquil countryside around the rim of the massive gorge, surrounded by the sagebrush plateau and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

Later this afternoon, we return to Taos with time to relax at our hotel.

Overnight: Taos

Meals: B, D

DAY 5

TAOS

- **Your choice to join a morning walk through piñon pines or go gallery hopping**
- **Wander through Taos Plaza with our guide**

Refreshed from a wonderful night's sleep, a scenic trail traverses in the national forest above Taos leads us through sagebrush and piñon pines. If you prefer a more relaxed start to the day, explore the art galleries, museums and shops at your leisure, or perhaps visit rural Rancho de Taos plaza and its beautiful San Francisco de Asis Church. Built in the 18th century, the Spanish-Mission style church was a refuge from raiding Apaches, Utes and Comanches. Restored in 1979, the beautiful adobe architecture of the church has inspired generations of painters and photographers. The church houses the mysterious painting, Shadow of the Cross, on which each evening the shadow of a cross appears over Christ's shoulder.

Taos has lured authors, painters and other artists for more than 100 years. Drawn to the small town's earthy spirit and Old West feel, writers and artists from D.H. Lawrence to Ansel Adams have called Taos home. This afternoon, our guide takes us through the beautiful, rustic center of Taos. As we continue along the quaint streets flanked by art galleries and coffee shops, we have the opportunity to visit the home of pioneer Kit Carson or another museum. Carson purchased his 12-room adobe home in 1843 as a wedding present for his bride Josefa Jaramillo. Many of the rooms are furnished as they were when Carson lived here. Later in the day, we return to our hotel for some free time before meeting for our farewell dinner in one of Taos' fine restaurants.

Overnight: Taos

Meals: B, D

DAY 6

TAOS TO SANTA FE

- **Follow the scenic High Road back to Santa Fe**
- **Visit the famed adobe chapel in Chimayó**
- **Part company back in Santa Fe**

Our final morning together, we travel the scenic High Road on our way back to Santa Fe. Hispanic villages dating to the mid 1700's dot this beautiful stretch of road and we stop for a visit of its most famous—the pastoral town of Chimayó. Nestled among piñon trees with the spectacular Truchas Peaks in the distance, Chimayó is famous for its weaving and adobe chapel, the Santuario de Chimayó. Special friends of our guide treat us to a weaving demonstration where we learn how this centuries-old art form continues to flourish. We have time for a visit to the humble Santuario de Chimayó—a National Historic Landmark—known as the Lourdes of the Southwest. The chapel sits above a sacred pozito, the dirt from which is said to have miraculous healing powers.

DAILY ITINERARY

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We part company in Santa Fe in the early afternoon for shuttles to the Albuquerque airport or to downtown hotels for guests spending extra time in Santa Fe.

Meals: B



Tour Hotels



Inn On The Alameda

Nestled in the heart of Santa Fe, this riverside inn is wonderfully peaceful with its adobe architecture and quiet courtyards. The guest rooms are authentically decorated in Southwestern colors with handmade armoires and headboards.

OVERNIGHT: Santa Fe | **NIGHTS:** 2



El Monte Sagrado

This indulgent eco-retreat is near Taos Plaza in a setting of tropical flora and waterfalls. Uniquely decorated rooms celebrate local heritage. You'll also enjoy a saltwater pool, and the Anaconda bar is perfect for a drink after a day in the desert.

OVERNIGHT: Taos | **NIGHTS:** 3

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Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH	6 Days, 5 Nights
START	Lobby of Inn On The Alameda , Santa Fe, New Mexico
END	Downtown, Santa Fe, New Mexico
TERRAIN	Easy to moderate on good trails and paths. An average of 2 to 3 hours of walking per day.

What's Included

- All breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 4 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

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Samuel
President & Founder



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Luxurious Lodgings:

Ours include coveted properties that appear in "World's Best" and "Gold List" rankings.



Included Activities:

You'll never be surprised with add-on fees on your activities that include snorkeling to cooking lessons.



Local Guides:

Your guides are locals who are always at your side like well-connected friends.



Small Group Travel:

With an average of just 10-12 guests, it's a small footprint that guarantees you access that's off-limits to larger groups.



Amazing Cuisine:

From Michelin-starred restaurants to lunch in a farmhouse kitchen, you'll have a seat for the region's signature dishes.



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- Exploring Santa Fe, surrounded by Indian pueblos and charming Hispanic villages
- Visiting Georgia O'Keeffe's Ghost Ranch
- Walking scenic trails with views of towering red rock mesas
- Relaxing at your indulgent eco-retreat surrounded by towering mountains and calming waterfalls
- Getting the benefit of local guides who connect you with the local people and culture of the region

"Classic Journeys excels in providing exceptional guides familiar with the local area."

-Bert and Jo Ann E., Red Lodge, MT