

New Mexico Land of Enchantment Sep. 30-Oct. 7, 2022



Step back in time to the Land of Enchantment: New Mexico! Explore Pueblo culture at Taos Pueblo, enjoy a raft trip down the Rio Grande, stroll through the spirited landscapes of Ghost Ranch, gaze at the vibrant works of Georgia O'Keeffe, and much more. It's New Mexico at its magical best!

DAY 1: DEPART FOR ALBUQUERQUE – A transfer from the Albuquerque International Sunport to **Hotel Chaco** where you enjoy a welcome reception and dinner at this new, ultra-modern hotel inspired by the ancient local Chacoan culture and nestled between Albuquerque's historic Old Town and the vibrant Sawmill district, against a backdrop of New Mexico's mesas and the Sandia Mountains. (Meals: D)

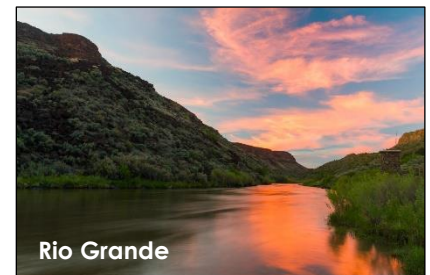
DAY 2: PUEBLO CULTURE & NUCLEAR SCIENCE MUSEUM – A tour of Albuquerque includes historic **Nob Hill**, **University of New Mexico**, **Old Town Albuquerque**, and downtown district. Then visit the **National Museum of Nuclear Science** where a docent offers insights on New Mexico's unique role in the history of the Nuclear Age. After lunch, check out the history and accomplishments of the Pueblo people during a visit to the unique **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**. ***OPTION*** The annual **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta** takes place during our visit. Guests can enjoy an optional early morning (5am) excursion to see the mass ascension of balloons. Ask at booking. (Meals: B/L/D)



DAY 3: BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT – Depart Albuquerque with a stop at **Jemez State Monument** to see the ruins of its 17th century mission church before peeking into the lives of the ancient Anasazi Pueblo culture at **Bandelier National Monument**. Lunch in a 100-year-old adobe home whets your appetite for the mountain vistas that enhance today's journey to Taos, which has long attracted a thriving and talented community of artists and crafts persons with the scenic beauty of its contrasting forests and deserts. Visit **Santuario de Chimayo** enroute to **El Monte Sagrado Living Resort & Spa**, where you'll enjoy the next two nights. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 4: PUEBLO LIFE IN TAOS – PAST & PRESENT – Taos Pueblo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, showcases a way of life that has remained unchanged for almost ten centuries. Storyteller Roberta Meyer enriches our visit with tales of regional legends before crossing over the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge. Enjoy the rest of the day and evening as you please in Taos. (Meals: B)

DAY 5: RIO GRANDE & GHOST RANCH – Enjoy a gentle float on the **Rio Grande** followed by a traditional Pueblo Indian cooking demonstration and family-style lunch. After meeting local artisans crafting baskets and drums, continue through picturesque desert landscapes for a memorable guided visit to **Ghost Ranch**, immortalized in the work of artist Georgia O'Keeffe. Explore the area's stunning landscapes and view trees and mountains as O'Keeffe saw and painted them. Arrive at **Eldorado Hotel & Spa** in time for dinner. (Meals: B/L/D)



DAY 6: MANY FLAVORS OF SANTA FE – Santa Fe's unique culture and ambiance are a blend of Spanish, Native American and old west influences. Experience this cultural mix on a walking tour of Santa Fe to include the city's historic plaza (end of the storied Santa Fe Trail), **Palace of the Governors** (America's oldest public building), **St. Francis Cathedral** and **Loretto Chapel**. Discover the tasty secrets of southwestern cuisine at a presentation by a local chef, followed by lunch highlighting the city's diverse heritage at the **Santa Fe School of Cooking**. A guided tour of the **New Mexico History Museum** offers a close-up look at the legacy of the Spanish Colonial era. (Meals: B/L)

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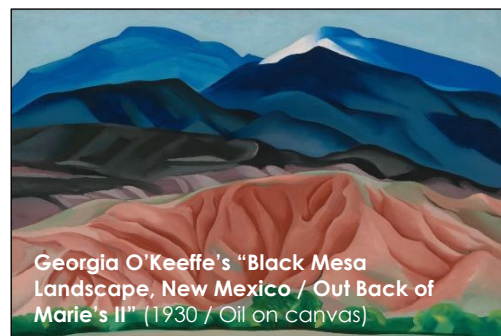
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"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page." – Saint Augustine



DAY 7: O'KEEFFE MUSEUM & LOCAL ARTIST VISIT – Enjoy a private visit to the **Georgia O'Keeffe Museum**, revealing the sensuous landscapes and other works by this 20th century artist who so loved this part of the Southwest that she made it her home. The collection contains 1,100 paintings, sculptures, and drawings by O'Keeffe and 1,800 works by her contemporaries. Embark on a **Tauk Exclusive** visit to the studio of an acclaimed local artist for a private presentation on the art styles of New Mexico. After exploring and lunching on your own this afternoon, we celebrate the end of this remarkable adventure at a farewell reception and dinner at your hotel. (Meals: B/D)



DAY 8: RETURN HOME – A transfer is included from Eldorado Hotel to Albuquerque International Sunport. (Meals: B)

COST (per person): **ACMC Member: Double = \$4,190 Single = \$5,019** (Nonmembers add 15%)

Register with \$1,500 deposit by April 1, 2022. Final payment due July 18, 2022.

LAND COST INCLUDES: Airport transfers in NM, everything described in tour description above, 16 meals (7 B/4 L/5 D), service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portage. **Not Included:** Airfare, gratuities to Tauk Director, alcoholic beverages not listed and incidental expenses.

Tauk Cruise Protection Insurance: \$349 (Must be purchased at registration to be in effect.)

AIR COST/RDU Transfer: Economy = Estimated at \$1,150 (request booking at registration)

Pre-Night Stay at Hotel Chaco, Albuquerque: Single \$292 Double: \$325 (inquire at registration)

NOTE FOR ALL ARTOURS: You should be in good physical condition to fully enjoy our tours. The Arts Council cannot provide individual assistance during the tours and therefore reserves the right to decline to accept anyone on a tour who has a physical condition that could create a hazard to him/herself or could impact the enjoyment of other travelers on the tour.

CANCELLATION POLICY: 35% of the total cost will be withheld for cancellation after registration deadline on **ALL ARTours**. **NO** refunds after advertised full payment deadline unless substitute traveler is found—at which time transfer fees, if applicable, will be withheld. Trip cancellation insurance is available upon request and must be purchased at registration.

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