

GTB Travel & Central Dekalb Senior Center Present

American Heritage Journey

Santa Fe, New Mexico

June 14-19, 2018

All-inclusive from Atlanta - \$1,525



Join Victoria Kingsland, George Brown and Central Dekalb Senior Center members (and friends) on an **American Heritage Journey to Santa Fe, New Mexico**. Discover a region rich in Native American and Spanish heritage, as well as a leading center of the arts.

In addition to **Santa Fe**, we'll visit **Taos**, the **Bandelier National Monument**, **Los Alamos** and the old Spanish town of **Chimayo**. Along with the organized program, there will be ample time for you to explore at your own pace. Traveling together we'll have a great Southwestern experience, learning about this unique region, enjoying the early summer scenery, and getting to know the members of our group. It will be an educational journey. And it will also be lots of fun!

Preliminary Itinerary

◆ **Thursday, June 14:** Depart Atlanta at 1:45 p.m., flying nonstop on Delta to Albuquerque, arriving at 3:00 local time. Transfer by motor coach to our hotel in Santa Fe, **the Governor's Inn**. We'll arrive in time for their daily complimentary sherry and cookies reception. This centrally located hotel, just a block from the main Plaza, will be our home for five nights. This evening enjoy a Southwest buffet together in the hotel's private dining room.

◆ **Friday, June 15:** Enjoy a full breakfast at the hotel before our walking tour of old Santa Fe, including **St. Miguel Mission**, the oldest church in the country, **St. Francis Cathedral**, and the historic central **Plaza** with its abundant native arts. We'll have a guided tour of the **New Mexico History Museum** and **Palace of the Governors**. Enjoy the Plaza area on your own, including lunch, before gathering as a group at the **Georgia O'Keeffe Museum**. Our guided tour will enable us to enjoy the work of one of America's great artists. This evening return to the hotel or continue exploring Santa Fe. Dinner together at a restaurant within easy walking distance of the hotel. Note: All of the sites visited are within a half mile radius of the hotel and easy for walking. However, for anyone needing assistance we'll provide taxi service.



◆ **Saturday, June 16:** Today will be one of the highlights of the entire journey as we take our motor coach north. Our first stop is the **town of Taos**, renowned for decades as a mecca for artists. After visiting the **Harwood Museum**, with its collection of works by New Mexican artists, you'll be free to walk around the town—stopping in at the local galleries and having lunch at one of the many eateries. We'll then continue a few miles to the north for a guided tour of the **Taos Pueblo**. This **World Heritage Site** has the largest collection of multi-story pueblo dwellings in the country, dating back more than 1,000 years. As we head back towards Santa Fe we'll take the scenic road through the mountains – known as the **High Road to Taos**. We'll stop in the old Spanish town of **Chimayo** for a visit to the sacred pilgrimage church, **El Santuario de Chimayo**, and a local weaving center. Dinner will be a real treat, at the **Rancho de Chimayo**, one of the best Southwestern restaurants in the region. Don't forget: at this high altitude, the margaritas really pack a punch! After dinner we return to Santa Fe, arriving back at the hotel by 8:00 p.m.

◆ **Sunday, June 17:** After breakfast we'll depart for the 45-minute ride to one of the regions unique sites: **Bandelier National Monument**. In this remarkable and beautiful canyon setting you'll discover the remains of one of the earliest civilizations of North America, the ancestral Puebloan people who lived in cave dwellings that you can still visit. There is a great one mile trail through the area—or you can walk a shorter trail to see the ruins from a distance, enjoying the scenery and the Park's Visitor Center. From Bandelier we'll head the short distance to **Los Alamos**, stopping for lunch (included). We'll then visit the museum dedicated to the historic **Manhattan Project** that developed the first atomic bomb at the ultra-secret **Los Alamos National Laboratory**. We'll return to Santa Fe for you to enjoy the remainder of the day and evening on your own.

◆ **Monday, June 18:** This is your day to explore **Museum Hill** and **Canyon Road**. On Museum Hill you'll marvel at the scope of art found in the **Museum of International Folk Art**, as well as the **Museum of Indian Arts and Culture**. On Canyon Road you'll find a wide array of shops and galleries . . . a feast for the eyes as well as a great place to shop. We'll operate a van shuttle between the hotel, Museum Hill and Canyon Road throughout the day, enabling you to explore fully on your own and at your own pace. In the evening we'll have a farewell buffet dinner back at our hotel.

◆ **Tuesday, June 19:** After breakfast we say goodbye to Santa Fe and head back to Albuquerque via the famous **Turquoise Trail**. We'll have time for a stop at the historic **Old Town Albuquerque**. You can visit the **Albuquerque Museum of Art and History** or just enjoy a leisurely stroll and lunch at the town plaza. We'll then continue on to the Albuquerque Airport for our flight home, departing at 4:00 arriving Atlanta at 9:00 p.m.



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