

NEW MEXICO HOLIDAY



Wednesday: Arrival into Albuquerque

Arrive in your gateway city to the Southwest, Albuquerque, New Mexico. You will be met at the airport at the baggage claim area and assist with luggage and hotel transfer to Santa Fe hotel. Bienvenidos, or Welcome to New Mexico. We'll check into the hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner. **Meals Included : D**

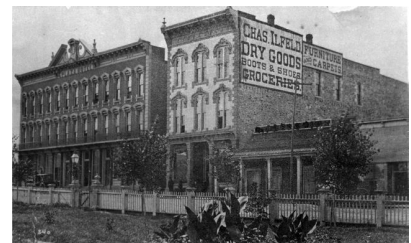
Thursday: Chimayo & Taos

Today's tour journeys north to the Spanish village of Chimayo. Here they maintain the colonial weaving and carving traditions and we will stop at a weaving shop. We will also see El Santuario and learn the history of this little church and the healing earth located there. We'll meet artist Diana Breyer and visit her gallery before taking the scenic ride through the Rio Grande Gorge to Taos. We will visit Taos Plaza with its shops and restaurants and have lunch on your own. Before heading back to Santa Fe we'll visit the Millicent Rogers Museum and take a photo stop at Rancho de Taos Church, made famous by artist Georgia O'Keeffe. **Meals Included: B**



Friday: Tour of Las Vegas, New Mexico's Jewish historical sites.

This morning we depart for Las Vegas, New Mexico for a **guided tour of the Jewish historical sites** that include the current home of the oldest Jewish synagogue in New Mexico, the building that was once the successful Ifeld mercantile store and the Masonic and Montefiore Cemetery where many prominent Jewish citizens were buried. We also learn about the movie history of Las Vegas, visit some of the historical sites and learn about the Santa Fe Railroad's influence in the town. We will return to our Santa Fe hotel approx. 4PM.



Tonight we will have a special treat with guest Dr. Ron Hart speaking on Crypto-Judaic life in northern New Mexico. **Meals Included: B, D (Optional Shabbat services)**

Saturday: Santa Fe Jewish History walking tour/Free Afternoon

This morning we tour the **Santa Fe Plaza**. Founded in 1610, Santa Fe is the heart and soul of the Spanish southwest, but also has a rich and interesting Jewish history. We will learn both sides of the story on an easy walking tour of the Plaza. After our tour you are free to explore Santa Fe's Plaza on your own. You might choose to visit one of the 5 museums located right on the Plaza or spend your time exploring the nooks and crannies that make this city such a unique place. Entrance to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum is included in your program. **Meals Included: B**



Sunday: Pueblo Indian Day

We'll load bags on the coach today and travel to Albuquerque. This morning we will visit the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**. Owned and operated by the 19 Pueblo tribes we will visit the galleries and museum and time to watch the traditional ceremonial dances that are presented each weekend. Then we'll continue to the **Pueblo of Acoma**. Often called "Sky City" Acoma is located on a sandstone mesa, 350 feet above the valley floor. We will stop at the Visitor's Center and take a **native-guided tour of the old village**. Acoma is considered one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements in the United States, with artifacts that date back some 900 years. A pueblo tribal member will explain the history and culture of the Acoma people to us as we walk through the village. Points of interest we see on our walk include San Esteban del Rey Mission Church, built in 1629, the Enchanted Mesa, Acoma artisans and their work, hornos or bread-ovens and the homes of the Acoma people. There could also be native vendors selling pottery, artwork and home baked goods. **Meals included: B, L, D**



Monday: Albuquerque / Sandia Peak Tramway

Our final day is spent exploring Albuquerque with a driving tour of the city through historic areas and beautiful neighborhoods and even a little of Historic Route 66! We'll visit Old Town Plaza for a tour followed by time for lunch and shopping. Our main attraction of the tour will be a scenic ride on the **Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway**. This tram is the equivalent of driving an automobile from Mexico to Canada, only the Tram takes 15-minutes. You will travel through 4 of 7 biological life zones. The view from the top is a breathtaking 14,000 square miles or 1/10 of the state of New Mexico. The altitude at the top is 10,378 feet above sea level. After our ride, we return to the base of the tram and head to a lovely restaurant where we enjoy our **Farewell Dinner** **Meals included: B, D**



Tuesday: Group Transfer to Albuquerque Sunport.

After breakfast this morning we take you to the Albuquerque Sunport for your flight home. Have a safe journey!

Meals Included: B

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