

The Santa Fe Trail

July 13 – July 19, 2024

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A Cool Summer Getaway to 7,000 Feet

A Stimulating Experience of the Visions of Fred Harvey

Lodging at Three Historical Treasures

Santa Fe's Renowned Opera House

Las Vegas Historical Victorian Home Tour

Sat. July 13: After Home Pick-Up in Green Valley we travel along the scenic route to La Posada, Winslow, AZ. Pick-up schedule will be emailed. Lunch at historic Randolph House in Pine, Az.

La Posada Hotel, (www.laposada.org, history on their website), was designed by visionary Mary Jane Coulter & built in 1925 for a wealthy Spanish family owned for 120 years. Bought in 1925, it is the last of Fred Harvey's great railroad hotels. Enjoy the art exhibitions by renowned artists throughout the hotel as well as the peaceful gardens and wonderful restaurant, the Turquoise Room. Over 40 celebrities have enjoyed the ambiance. Visit to the Wat Museum & a photo-op in front of the infamous "Standin on the Corner" made famous by the Eagles.

Sun. July 14: Las Vegas, NM is a 5 1/2 hr drive from Winslow, with a lunch stop at Grants. Arrive at The Plaza Hotel, a member of historic hotels of America, (www.plazahotellvnm.com). In elegant Victorian style with a grand ballroom, it was the prettiest hotel in New Mexico Territory. It is a treasure of New Mexico art & history.

Las Vegas was established in 1835 by a group of settlers receiving a land grant from the Mexican government & by 1870's, it was the largest city in NM territory. It was laid out in the traditional Spanish Colonial style. With a partnership of Spanish Catholic merchants, French Protestant traders & German Immigrants, land baron Romero build a first-class hotel in 1881. There are over 900 historical homes on the National Historic Register.

Free time to enjoy the ambience of the historical Plaza & dinner at the historic El Fidel. Las Vegas is the location of many movies, Longmire among them. Our tour guide Kathy was in 4 episodes. A movie being filmed there by Amazon this summer.

Mon. July 15: 10am our local tour guide, Kathy Hendrickson will guide us to “Places with a Past” including Fred Harvey & Girls, tour of the newly renovated La Castenada hotel, history of the Plaza & Victorian homes tour. Lunch at the Plaza hotel and we continue our tour with Kathy.

Tues. July 16: On to Santa Fe, an hour's drive. The first settlers arrived here in 1610. It is our country's oldest capital. Tho you may have visited several times, there is always something intriguing & memorable as it is absolutely a stimulus for our senses. Santa Fe is known for its silver & turquoise & the most exquisite workmanship is made by the First Peoples. Santa Fe Plaza, a national historic landmark with galleries, Palace of the Governor, (1610), Loretto Chapel & St Francis Cathedral, 1810.

Wed July 17: Canyon Road and Museum Hill, (museumhill.net) includes the Museum of International Folk Art with over 120,000 pieces; Museum of Spanish Colonial Art; Museum of Indian Arts & Culture; Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian; Santa Fe Botanical Gardens; Museum Hill Cafe.

At 8pm - the Santa Fe Opera, the Marriage of Figaro. The opera is optional & not included in tour fee, which also allows you to choose your seat, www.santafeopera.org. You may pay directly for your own ticket or I reserve & add that onto your tour. If you have not visited this Opera House before, it is amazing and world renowned. We arrive at opera an hour early.

Thurs July 18: Depart for “Revived Silver City” today an Arts & Cultural district with new galleries, shops & restaurants. Our third historical stay is at lovely restored Bear Mountain Lodge, built in 1928 and a few minutes outside of Silver City. (www.bearmountainlodge.com). It sets on 178 secluded acres next to The Gila National Forest. Salt Lick Labyrinth & Bear's Hump Labyrinth, the Blue Dome art gallery will keep us entertained. Dinner in Silver City

Fri July 19: After check-out at 11am, we visit the shops & galleries & Western New Mexico University Museum & lunch. Mid-afternoon, head home on the scenic route.

Fee: \$760/Double. Incl: 6 nights lodging, transportation, Las Vegas guided tour, breakfast at Bear Mountain Lodge.

Deposit: \$200, 50% refund until balance due May 13, 2024. No Refunds past that date unless space is filled. 10 people max.

Payment Methods: Checks to Tours by Sierra; or Zelle or Credit Cards (add 3%)
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