

Ride the Rails to New Mexico

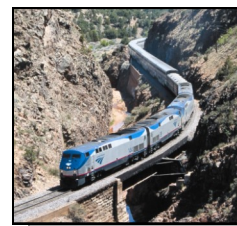


8 Days: April 13-20, 2010

This travel package planned and escorted by Joe Ryan.

Do you miss the sights, sounds and motion of a train as it travels along on ribbons of steel? Does the thought of having freedom to move around, visit the club car or observe scenic beauty as it unfurls beneath appeal to you? If so join your friends and fellow Northland Travelers on this exciting, educational, yet relaxed journey to the Land of Enchantment.

April 13 we make our way south from our departure cities to Kansas City, MO. Don't worry about an early morning departure; our train **The Southwest Chief** is scheduled to depart Kansas City at 10:55 PM. You will have some time to look around the beautifully restored train station before we board. Every traveler enjoys assigned, large, reclining seats, with adjustable leg rests that will provide adequate room for comfortable sleeping. If you would like optional private sleeping accommodations, please call for availability and cost.



April 14 we cross Kansas during the night and should enter Colorado about 7:00 AM. The Chief has a sightseer lounge, which will afford you a great view. Treat yourself to breakfast and lunch in the dining car or have a sandwich in the lounge. We should enter New Mexico about 11:00 AM, following the historic **Santa Fe Trail** as we pass through beautiful mountains. We will travel up and over Raton Pass and Glorieta Pass, making a whistle stop in Las Vegas, NM, a famous rest stop along the Santa Fe Trail. We are scheduled to arrive in **Albuquerque** at 4:00 PM. We will transfer to our hotel for a 3-night stay. We'll travel to Old Town for **dinner at the High Noon Restaurant**, featuring **southwest cooking**. (American food will also be available.) Our hotel has a fitness center, heated outdoor pool and business center.



April 15 following **breakfast** we travel a short distance to the **Turquoise Museum** (one of the largest private turquoise collections in the country) for an educational tour about the different types of turquoise found in New Mexico. We'll learn all about Albuquerque on a **guided walking tour** (shortened version also available). Then, take a break and find a spot in Old Town for lunch. After lunch we will head for the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**, owned and operated by New Mexico's 19 pueblos, and one of the country's most renowned Native American museums.



April 16 following **breakfast** our first stop is the **Pueblo of Acoma** (sky city) built high atop a mesa, 367 feet above the desert floor, easy to defend if attacked. Acoma lays claim to being the oldest continuously inhabited city in the USA. Coronado's army visited Acoma in 1540, and were the first white men to enter the Pueblo. A Catholic mission was built here in 1629 and is still used today. Following a **guided tour** you will have time to shop. We'll enjoy **box lunches** as we head back to Albuquerque. We'll stop at **Petroglyphs National**

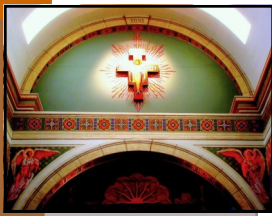
Monument – 7,200 acres with over 15,000 rock drawings. These are true works of art and were the “billboards and road signs” of ancient times. We will then jump way ahead in time at our next attraction, the new **National Atomic Museum**. The Manhattan Project, the scientific engineering project centered in New Mexico that developed, produced and tested the first atomic bomb, is prominently featured. We will see the film, “Ten Seconds That Shook the World,” which contains newsreel clips from the 30s and 40s. In 1945 Harry Truman



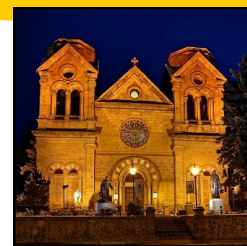
made probably the most difficult decision of any U.S. President in history. We travel back in time as we have **dinner at the 66 Diner**, a historic 50s and 60s diner on historic Route 66. Back at our hotel, you should sleep well tonight!



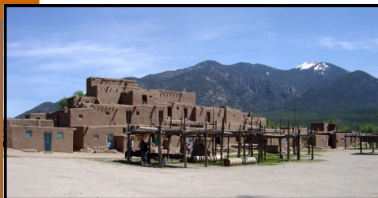
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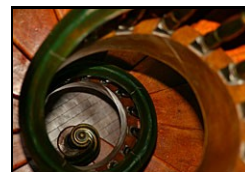
April 17 after **breakfast** we depart Albuquerque and head for **Santa Fe** by way of old **Highway 66** and the **Turquoise Trail**. We'll pass through **Madrid**, an old mining town, on our way to Santa Fe. We will meet our **guide** who will present Santa Fe as a city full of totally unique history. Historical points will include **Historic Old Plaza**, **Old Mission Church**, **Loretto Chapel** (with its miraculous staircase), **Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi**, established in 1610 and the **end of the old Santa Fe**



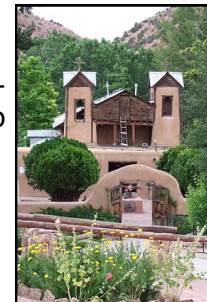
Trail. Tonight you'll have a chance to try out one of the many interesting restaurants in downtown Historic Old Plaza. Our hotel for the next 2 nights features a heated outdoor pool, free wireless high-speed Internet access and in-room coffee.



April 18 after **breakfast** our local guide will join us for an exciting trip to **Taos**, 72 miles north of Santa Fe. **Taos Pueblo** is home to ancestral pueblo people who built large, five-story adobe dwellings more than 800 years ago. The pueblo is still inhabited and is a busy tribal center. We will follow in the footsteps of a thousand years of pueblo culture and 400 years of artists, explorers, adventurers, traders and trappers who came to Taos seeking fame and fortune. On our return we will go



over the **Rio Grande Gorge Bridge**, 650 feet above the river. Perhaps we will understand why Kit Carson, T.S.Elliot, Jack London, Sinclair Lewis and Georgia O'Keeffe were so attracted to this region. We will stop at **Chimayo** and visit **Santuario de Chimayo** (little Lourdes of the Southwest.) People travel long distances to this small chapel seeking miraculous cures. Our **guide** will provide us with a great deal of history along the way. Tonight we will have a special **farewell dinner**. This will give you a time to relax, reminisce and visit with your new friends.



April 19 after **breakfast**, visit **Georgia O'Keeffe's Museum**. Georgia is an American painter whose artistic brilliance revolutionized modern art in both her time and in the present. Enjoy **lunch** and a little time to shop before boarding our train at the historic Lamy Station. We'll travel through the scenic mountains of New Mexico by daylight, once again crossing Kansas during the night.



This 8-day package includes: Luxury motor coach transportation between our guaranteed departure cities and Kansas City, round-trip rail transportation, luxury motor coach transportation while in New Mexico, lodging for 5 nights (2 more overnights are on the train), luggage handling, admission fees/tickets to all listed attractions, gratuities to local guides, 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity)

\$1,389 per person, double occupancy
 \$1,339 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds
 \$1,506 single room accommodations

Reservations: anytime as long as space is available

Deposit: \$200 per person due with reservation, an additional \$600 per person is due by February 25.

Cancel by: February 24 for penalty-free cancellation

Cancellations from February 25-March 31 are subject to a penalty of \$800 per person. After March 31, standard cancellation policies apply.

Early Booking Discount: \$50 per person discount applied toward final balance if deposit is received by September 21

Balance Due: by March 12

Peace of Mind Protection: not available on this package, but affordable **Travel Insurance** is available. Please call for details.

Guaranteed departure cities: Fort Dodge, Webster City, Williams, Ames, Des Moines, Decorah, New Hampton, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Coralville, Marshalltown and Newton (additional pickups along interstate I-35 South can be requested).

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