

Pacific Horticulture and Sterling Tours present

Santa Fe Gardens, Art & Cuisine including the International Folk Art Market

July 9-15, 2024

Escorted by Cheryl & Robert Nichols

Join us in Santa Fe, the oldest Capital in the United States, located in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo mountains. Discover over 1000 years of culture, history and tradition. Visit a collection of private and public gardens including Santa Fe Botanic Garden and Georgia O'Keeffe's home at Abiquiu. Peruse the fascinating folk art market and learn the secrets of southwestern cuisine at the Santa Fe School of Cooking. We'll be based at the atmospheric Hacienda Hotel & Spa.

Tuesday, July 9: Independent arrivals at Santa Fe or Albuquerque International

Airports. Take the airport shuttle or a taxi to the hotel. Meet your traveling companions for a welcome reception in the Hacienda lounge. Later we will enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. The 4 star property is centrally located near shops and restaurants. Rooms are air-conditioned with designer toiletries. The hotel has a restaurant, small pool, spa and butler!



Reception, Dinner Hacienda Lounge

Wednesday, July 10: Today we will meet Peter Weiss, our guide, for a private walking tour of the highlights of Santa Fe. Peter is a well known photographer and lecturer



specializing in fine art, anthropology, and geography. We will learn about Santa Fe's unique culture which is a blend of Spanish, Native American and Old West. Our tour will include the historic plaza at the heart of the city, America's oldest building, the Palace of the Governors and Loretto Chapel. We will have lunch at Museum Hill Café. While on the hill we will tour the fascinating Folk Art Museum housing the world's largest collection of folk art. Later we will enjoy a docent led tour of the Santa Fe Botanical Garden. The Garden celebrates, cultivates and conserves the rich botanical heritage and biodiversity

of the region. The garden began as a vision of a small group of local gardeners, botanists and environmentally oriented citizens. Landscape architect W. Gary Smith was hired to create a master plan. The Garden is small, but in ten years the plants have grown into a colorful, mature garden. *Continental breakfast, Lunch*

Thursday, July 11: After breakfast we'll have a private docent led tour of the small Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. The Museum offers insight into the artist's paintings, her creative process and the light and landscape that inspired her. One of the most significant artists of the 20th century, Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986) was devoted to creating imagery that expressed what she called "the wideness and wonder of the world as I live in it." O'Keeffe's images—instantly recognizable as her own —include



abstractions, large-scale depictions of flowers, leaves, rocks, shells, bones and other natural forms. We continue exploring the world of Georgia O'Keeffe with a visit to her home and studio at Abiquiu. Georgia owned two homes in the Chama River valley north of Santa Fe. She bought the first one at the Ghost Ranch in 1940 and the second one in the village of Abiquiu in 1945. In both places, she made the homes her own, suited to her art and life and she occupied both until 1984, when she moved to Santa Fe. After our visit to Abiquiu we will have lunch at the

Inn followed by a tour of Ghost Ranch. *Continental Breakfast, Lunch*

Friday, July 12: This morning we'll attend the International Folk Art Market. Santa Fe has for centuries been an international crossroads of culture and commerce.



The city will welcome 160 master artists from 53 countries offering a gallery of the finest handmade folk art traditions. People of all backgrounds and beliefs will unite as the Market welcomes master artists, entrepreneurs, global citizens, and community leaders. The brilliantly clad artists offer textiles, jewelry, beadwork, basketry, wood carvings, ceramics, rugs, glass and metal work, sculpture, mixed media, toys, music and foods. The works of art range from extremely affordable to highly collectible. In the late afternoon we will be treated to a cooking class and dinner at the *Santa Fe School of Cooking* recommended by Martha Stewart. *Continental Breakfast, Dinner*





Saturday, July 13: Today we join Peter for a full day tour to Taos. Our first stop is Chimayo with its legendary Santuario de Chimayo, local crafts and chiles. We'll continue with a guided excursion to Taos Pueblo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, revealing a way of life unchanged for ten centuries. While in Taos we'll visit the Mabel Dodge Luhan House, long the center of Taos arts and education, considered the artistic salon of the Southwest. We will lunch at one of Taos's best loved restaurants. Later we'll have free time to check out the galleries, boutiques or a museum. Taos is famous for traditional Native American crafts, silver, tin, leather goods and ceramics. *Continental breakfast, Lunch.*



Sunday, July 14: As guests of the Santa Fe Garden Club we will visit three private gardens this morning. We'll walk down meandering paths, discover secret garden rooms, enjoy views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and learn about water management.



The afternoon is free for last minute shopping or sightseeing. Perhaps a stroll down Canyon Road. This upscale center of the Santa Fe art scene has over 70 art galleries. Tonight we will have a festive farewell dinner with new friends in one of Santa Fe's top restaurants, SantaCafé. *Continental Breakfast, Dinner*

Monday, July 15: Following breakfast at the hotel, time to say good bye to Santa Fe. Independent returns. *Breakfast*



TOUR LAND COST PER GUEST BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:

Based on a minimum of 16 guests per trip: \$3950.00 per person for members of Pacific Horticulture, \$4050.00 for non-members*. Single supplement is \$1398.

*Membership starts at just \$50 so if you are not a member, we strongly encourage you to join before you register for the tour as you can then receive the member price. You can join online here: pacifichorticulture.org/membership-types

COST INCLUDES:

- 6 night's accommodation at the Hacienda Hotel & Spa
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners, nightly wine & hor d'oeuvre reception
- Motor coach transportation as specified in itinerary
- Local guide where mentioned in the itinerary
- All sightseeing and entrances as per the itinerary
- Escorted by Cheryl & Robert Nichols
- Donation of \$350 to Pacific Horticulture

COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Airfare
- Travel insurance
- Tips to your local guide

HOTELS ---Our hotel is the Hacienda Hotel & Spa. The property is located in a prime location, near the vibrant Railyard District with museums, galleries, shops and restaurants outside our door. Amenities include a bar, restaurant, fitness center, pool and spa. We'll have a special lounge offering wine, cheese and snacks nightly. There is a complimentary shuttle service to downtown Santa Fe and our own butler! We suggest adding a day before or after the tour to visit local museums and sample the shopping.

FLIGHTS ---Albuquerque is served by United, American, Southwest, Alaska and Delta Airlines. We suggest booking flights to arrive in Albuquerque by 3:00PM on day 1 of the tour, so you will have sufficient time to reach the hotel before the welcome reception and dinner. (There are also a limited number of flights into Santa Fe's airport.) If meeting this schedule is a problem, please consider coming a day early. There is an airport shuttle and taxis are readily available at the airport. Extra nights at the hotel can be arranged upon request.

We suggest contacting Leslie Garber of Cadence Travel for assistance booking flights and travel insurance. Leslie charges a fee for her service, but our guests find her service to be of value. Leslie's contact information: Tel: 619 756-7388 leslie.garber@cadencetravel.com

PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES - These tours include a significant amount of walking, frequent use of stairs and steeply sloped pathways on uneven or unpaved surfaces. Some of the places we will be visiting can only be seen on foot with no other access possible. Guests with limited mobility MUST consult with Sterling prior to tour registration.



For reservations and information, please contact:

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