## The Traveling Professor Presents

# Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico









#### TENTATIVE ITINERARY

### Day 1 - Arrival in Santa Fe

#### Welcome to "The City Different"

Arrive in beautiful Santa Fe, the legendary Land of Enchantment, and check in to the charming **Inn on the Alameda**, perfectly located between the historic Plaza and the renowned galleries of Canyon Road.

In the late afternoon, meet your fellow travelers in the lobby for a relaxed **orientation walk** through Santa Fe's historic heart. Stroll across the Plaza, admire Saint Francis Cathedral, and discover hidden lanes and adobe-lined streets that give this city its unforgettable character.

This evening, your Traveling Professor tour leader will recommend favorite spots for cocktails, signature hot chocolate elixirs, and dinner at some of Santa Fe's most memorable restaurants. Join the group—or enjoy a peaceful evening on your own.

**Hotel:** Inn on the Alameda

#### Day 2 - Santa Fe Walking Tour & World-Class Museums

After a full breakfast, enjoy a **guided walking tour of Santa Fe Plaza**, uncovering the fascinating blend of Native, Hispanic, and Anglo cultures that make this city so unique.

The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Santa Fe is one of America's great art destinations, home to world-class museums and hundreds of galleries. Optional highlights include:

- Georgia O'Keeffe Museum
- New Mexico Museum of Art
- The immersive world of **Meow Wolf**
- Gallery walks along Canyon Road
- Scenic views from the Cross of the Martyrs

Your tour leader will be available throughout the day to suggest dining, boutique shopping, bookstores, and evening experiences.

**Hotel:** Inn on the Alameda

#### **Day 3 - Taos & Taos Pueblo Excursion**

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Travel north through stunning **high-desert landscapes** with the dramatic Sangre de Cristo Mountains as your backdrop. This inspiring region has long attracted artists, writers, and free spirits—shaping Taos's colorful cultural identity.

Explore **Taos Plaza**, browse local galleries and shops, and enjoy lunch in town. Optional visits include the **Kit Carson Home and Museum** or a legendary green chile cheeseburger at **Doc Martin's**.

Continue to the extraordinary **Taos Pueblo**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the oldest continuously inhabited communities in North America. Experience its living traditions, remarkable multistory adobe architecture, and deep cultural roots.

Next, enjoy the impressive collections at the **Millicent Rogers Museum**, showcasing Southwestern jewelry, pottery, textiles, and fine art. On the return to Santa Fe, stop at the breathtaking **Rio Grande Gorge Bridge** for sweeping canyon views and unforgettable photos.

**Hotel:** Inn on the Alameda

#### Day 4 - Georgia O'Keeffe Country: Abiquiú & Ghost Ranch

Follow in the footsteps of one of America's most iconic artists on a truly unforgettable day. Travel into **O'Keeffe Country** for a guided visit to the **Georgia O'Keeffe Home and Studio in Abiquiú**—one of the most significant artist home experiences in the country. Step into the preserved rooms where she lived and worked, framed by the very desert views that inspired her masterpieces.

After lunch, continue to magical **Ghost Ranch** for a guided **O'Keeffe Landscape Tour**. Walk the colorful terrain that appears in her most famous paintings and enjoy views of **Pedernal**, the flat-topped mountain she called "my private mountain."

Before returning to Santa Fe, enjoy a fun stop at **Bode's General Store**, a Northern New Mexico landmark for quirky local finds.

**Hotel:** Inn on the Alameda

## Day 5 - Farewell to Santa Fe

Enjoy a leisurely final breakfast before savoring your last moments in Santa Fe. Spend the morning browsing galleries, charming shops, and local markets for art, jewelry, and New Mexican specialties.

When you're ready, make your way to the airport for your return home. Your Traveling Professor tour leader will be available to assist with departure arrangements and final travel tips.

#### ABOUT OUR SMALL GROUP TOURS

Since each tour is planned with traveler input, your tour may be slightly different. We always add in "off the itinerary" sites of interest. Adjustments may be made for crowd management, weather, special events, or conditions beyond our control.

We travel with a small group of 12-20 active adults. This offers the flexibility to do what we want to do, on our own schedule.

A New Mexican style breakfast is included each day of the tour. Every day we plan a relaxing lunch and dinner. Please join us or go out on your own - we are glad to offer our best recommendations.

We have guided experiences throughout your time in New Mexico. The tour leader is with the group 24/7. Unless otherwise noted, we ask travelers to be ready to go at 9:00 a.m. for a full and active day of touring.

Before departure date, each traveler is supplied with a "final" detailed itinerary along with a complete and detailed information packet. It has advice on packing, money matters, weather, etc. We make sure travelers are well-prepared. And of course, we are always available to personally answer any questions you may have.

Extra nights in Santa Fe available upon request.

For more information, including travel dates and pricing, see www.travelingprofessor.com