

MATC Southwest Tour 2009

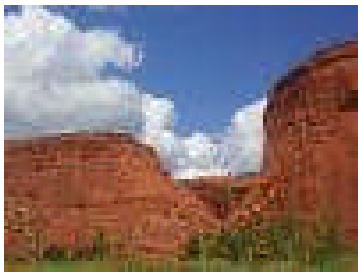
Come tour with us through New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment, where you will enjoy experiences ranging from ancient cultures to state-of-the-art science centers and breathtaking scenery. Our tour is currently scheduled from Sept. 16 through Oct. 1, 2009, taking in Northern New Mexico and a corner of Colorado.



We will begin at Albuquerque, where you can leave your trucks and trailers, traveling around Northern New Mexico and ending again at Albuquerque just in time for you to see the world famous Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, which begins the day after our tour ends. During our three days in Albuquerque, we stay within a few blocks of Old Town, and will visit the famous Sky City at Acoma Pueblo, the J&R Vintage Automobile Museum, and take the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway. We will travel north to Durango, Colorado, where you can ride on the famous Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, experience the ancient ruins of Mesa Verde National Park, or just explore the lovely, historic town of Durango. Our drive to Taos will take us through Tierra Amarilla, home of weavers, dyers, and spinners of native wool, across a 10,000 ft. pass with unparalleled beauty and over the 700 ft. deep Rio Grande Gorge. During our two days in Taos, we will drive the Enchanted Circle, an 86 mile scenic tour that loops around the highest peaks in New Mexico, and visit the 1000 year old Taos Pueblo. Following Taos, we will visit Los Alamos, where the world's first atomic bomb was developed, then visit Bandelier National Monument, where ancient Indians carved caves and built elaborate communities which are available for you to explore.



We will spend 4 days in and around Santa Fe, the oldest capital city in the nation. Santa Fe offers a huge array of interesting activities, ranging from the Palace of Governors; the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and her



home at Ghost Ranch; a fantastic collection of museums including the Museum of International Folk Art, the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, the Museum of Fine Arts, the oldest house in the U.S.A, and Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian; the shops and art galleries along Canyon Road; a living-history museum called El Rancho de las Golondrinas, which highlights the Spanish Colonial period; Santa Fe Plaza, where you can explore shops, galleries, and historic buildings; and other points of interest too numerous to mention.

Finally, we will travel south on the Turquoise Trail to Albuquerque again, with our final banquet on the evening before the first day of the Balloon Fiesta.

While we have an agenda full of exciting points of interest, you will have the freedom to select your own favorite activities. By staying in each location for several days, you will have ample time to explore this wonderful state. We look forward to seeing you on this exciting tour.



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