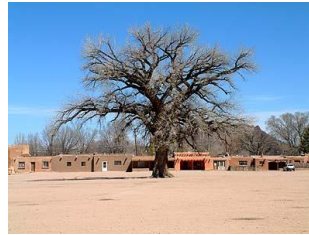


IGLTA Fam Trip. Santa Fe September 16-19, 2010

SANTA FE SPIRIT

Excursion 2. Santa Fe, Puyé Cliffs, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Chimayò

This excursion can take place before or after the Fam Trip in Santa Fe.



Day 1. St. Francis Hotel. Spend a relaxing day in the 400 years old Santa Fe enjoying at your own pace what impressed you during the past two days or what you didn't have the time to see. You can chose among a wide variety of options.

The downtown museums and the ones on and around Museum Hill, just 10' away, are really unique in the whole world, and feature extraordinary collections in their respective areas of interest. There is easy and free transportation provided by the City that can take you anywhere.

Santa Fe is known as the most exciting art&culture town in the US and you can stroll on Canyon Road or around the Plaza for a taste of it. Discover the heterogeneous galleries and their different art genres including the cutting edge new contemporary art galleries in the Railyard District.

Go on a shopping spree looking for the most amazing cowboy boots, Native jewelry and clothing.

But there are more fun things to do: eating out- selecting among the various cuisines that Santa Fe offers - and beautiful spas - from a Japanese style one where you can soak in a private hot tub with the sky as your ceiling, to an exotic Indonesian one -.

Day 2. Ancient ruins and Native presence are important features in New Mexico. Just half an hour from the city (following the road north towards Española and taking a left on NM 30) you can walk through a stunning site, almost 1000 years old. Puyé Cliffs was home to 1500 ancestors of today's Santa Clara Pueblo people. Two levels of cliff dwellings are cut into the cliff face, as well as dwellings on the mesa top. The first level is over one mile long and runs the entire length of the base of the mesa. Dwellings on the mesa top are examples of

Pueblo architecture and were part of a single, multi-storied complex built around a large, central plaza.

San Ildefonso, home of the famous potter Maria Martinez who developed the world-renowned, black-on-black pottery with black matte designs is not far, and offers a special intimate look into Pueblo life. Artisans' homes throughout the pueblo are open to the public for shopping. The Cottonwood Trading Post has an excellent collection of artifacts from many pueblos.

One of the icons of this area is El Santuario de Chimayò. This lovely early 19th Century church is famous for its miraculous mud and the Pilgrimage that occurs on every Good Friday. The road to the village (NM 503, then left on NM 76) runs through impressive rugged land and small canyons and in the village you can also walk through the oldest *barrio* (neighborhood) of the country.

Back to Santa Fe you can enjoy a delicious dinner choosing from New Mexican, Native, American, Italian or French menus offered by some of the country's best restaurants.

Trip Highlights

Santa Fe Museums and Art Galleries

Shopping

Eating out

Spa experiences

Ancient Civilizations' sites

San Ildefonso Pueblo

Maria Martinez pottery

Cottonwood Trading Post

El Santuario de Chimayò

The beautiful scenery

\$220 per person based on double occupancy

Single supplement \$160

A detailed itinerary and maps are included in your reservation

**Registration deadline:
August 25, 2010**

This tour can be organized to include transportation and a personal guide.

Price upon request. (Minimum 6 participants)

