

# "Oppie" and Art

# August 23-31, 2024

# Operated By: Tour New Mexico, Inc.

Join **Dr. Les Adler** and an **OLLI travel group** in a Summer 2024 exploration of New Mexico's rich cultural, artistic and scientific heritage from its Native American and Hispanic roots to its central role in the creation of the Atomic Age. This fully curated 9-day, 8-night tour including 3 nights in Albuquerque and 5 nights in Santa Fe provides numerous 'roads less traveled' opportunities for cultural immersion through meetings with New Mexican artists, museum curators and historical experts along with museum, gallery and guided visits to Bandelier National Monument, Los Alamos and currently occupied pueblos such as Acoma and Taos.

A center of continuing creativity in the arts, crafts, architecture and sciences, New Mexico provides a unique expression of the convergence of ancient visions with modern times. Also, the views are beautiful and the food is great!

## Friday, August 23, 2024

**Meals included: D**



Mid-afternoon arrival with an introduction to Albuquerque tour and welcome dinner and Flamenco show! Three night's lodging in Albuquerque at the **Best Western Rio Grande Inn** in the Historic Old Town District.

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## Saturday, August 24 Meals included: B, L, D

After breakfast (included at the hotel each day) we depart for the Turquoise Museum. One of the most misunderstood gemstones displayed in one of Albuquerque's most unique buildings - a castle, it is one-of-a-kind.

Lunch is included at the **Frontier Restaurant**, an iconic Route 66 eatery since 1971 (full of wonderful artwork).

This afternoon we'll visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, owned and operated by the 19 Pueblo tribes of New Mexico and admission to their museum and 2 art galleries. The highlight of our visit is a dance performance.

A New Mexican dinner is included tonight.

## Sunday, August 25 Meals included: B, L

This morning we'll visit **Petroglyph National Monument**. Located on Albuquerque's west side with 100's of archeological sites and an estimated 24,000 petroglyph images carved by Ancestral Puebloan and early Spanish settlers. Then we will drive one hour to Acoma Pueblo: direct descendants of Chaco Canyon, Acoma has been occupied since 960AD. Lunch is included upon our arrival followed by a mesa-top tour led by a tribal member. We travel part of **Historic 66** on our way back to town. Dinner is your choice tonight and we are very close to many restaurants in the Old Town District.

## Monday, August 26 Meals included: B, L, D

Today, exploring the early development of the atomic age, we will first visit the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History. Before leaving for Santa Fe we will stop for lunch at the iconic **Owl Café** and then travel along the Turquoise Trail, a scenic byway and stop in **Madrid** (an eclectic artist community).

**Santa Fe** is one of our country's greatest art cities with many art galleries and museums. Our orientation tour will include the Loretto Chapel Museum with its Miraculous Staircase and will end at the **Historic Plaza** and the **Native American Portal Program**.

We'll check into the **Inn of the Governors**, located in the heart of downtown, for a 5 night stay and relax or go explore more of the Plaza before we meet for an included dinner on the Plaza.

## Tuesday, August 27 Meals included: B

This morning we'll visit Los Alamos with a quest guide and local historian and see the History Museum along with **Fuller Lodge** and the **Bradbury Science Museum**. Lunch is planned at Otowi Cafeteria, the only LANL building accessible by the public, dining among the scientists! This afternoon we'll take a special walk in the footsteps of the Ancient Ones in Frijoles Canyon at Bandelier National Monument.

## Wednesday, August 28 Meals included: B

Our tour guide will be sure you know about Santa Fe's many options of museums and galleries as well as activities off the Plaza. You can book options or partake in a number of optional professional tours.

Another choice may be to join our tour guide and (if the Pueblo is open to receive visitors for the first time since COVID) travel just south of Albuquerque to **Isleta Pueblo to attend the St. Augustine Feast Day**. The carving of St. Augustine is paraded through the village and then placed in an arbor where dances are done in honor and patronage. We'll arrive in Santa Fe approx. 1:00 with the afternoon for free time.

## Thursday, August 29 Meals included: B

Today we will travel north to Taos by way of the Village of Chimayo whose current residents' ancestry dates back to Spanish Colonizers in the 1500's and they still practice the Spanish colonial arts of weaving and carving. We will visit a weaver's shop and El Santuario Mission with it's mysterious healing dirt.

Continuing on to Taos we will enjoy an authentic Mexican meal for lunch and cross the 656' high Rio Grande Gorge Bridge to visit the Earthship Biotecture Visitor Center. We'll also visit Taos Pueblo where tours are conducted by tribal guides. Also included is a visit to the Fechin House: the Taos Art Museum. Dinner is your choice in Santa Fe this evening.

## Friday, August 30 Meals included: B, D

Free day to complete your list of site-seeing aided by our tour guide. An early farewell dinner is planned away from downtown in preparation for one of Santa Fe's most time revered traditions: the burning of **Zozobra!** "Old Man Gloom" a 50' marionette and unique New Mexican tradition. Tens of thousands of visitors will flock to the Plaza and walk up the hill to Fort Marcy, arriving at about 8pm. The burning takes place at 9:00 and will most likely be the top news story throughout the state. To witness it in person is extremely special.

## Saturday, August 31 Meals included : B Departure day

Airport shuttles to the Albuquerque Sunport according to your departure time. ¡Buen Viaje!

## Your trip includes:

- Airport transfers in Albuquerque and from Santa Fe
- Transportation
- Fully guided by a professional Tour Guide
- 8 nights hotel accommodations
- 8 breakfasts
- 3 lunches
- 4 dinners
- luggage handling
- admission to all attractions indicated in **Bold**
- Included attractions that require no admission in **Bold**
- bottled water on the bus
- Gratuities for all included meals
- all taxes & fees

## Your trip does not include:

- Airfare
- Driver and Tour Guide gratuity
- Alcoholic beverages
- housekeeping gratuities

## Price:

**\$4897 Single**

**\$3814 Double**

\$300 per person deposit required at registration

50% of balance due by May 25, 2024

Final payment due by July 23, 2024

CANCELLATION FEES PER PERSON	
\$300	April 1 – May 25
50% of total amount paid	May 26 – July 23
100% of total amount paid	July 24 - Departure

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## Registration Form

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- We are two people in one room. Our payment will be \$7628
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**PAYMENT INFORMATION I will be paying by  check  credit card**

Please charge \$300 per person to the credit card below

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50% of the balance is due on or before May 26, 2024

Balance is due on or before July 24, 2024

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Every attempt will be made to get the room that you prefer. ✓ All that apply**

- One bed  Two beds  Near elevator  Near lobby  Roll-in shower  I smoke

I have a mobility restriction: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a dietary restriction: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form to our secure fax 505-883-3225. We will send you an e-confirmation.

You can also call 505-321-4864 any day to sign up with a live person.

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In these continuing times of staffing shortages, renewed road construction and scheduling disruptions, all types of itineraries including hotels, airlines, restaurants, and attractions are particularly subject to change, requiring some patience and flexibility from all of us.

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