



May 3 - 8, 2012

6 days/5 nights

New Mexico is an enchanting mixture of culture, history and beauty. Join Star Destinations President, Cathy Greteman and explore the myriad of group-friendly experiences New Mexico has to offer. Descend to the underground wonders of Carlsbad Caverns; soar up to 1,000 feet on the Sandia Peak Tramway in Albuquerque; walk through the magnificent White Sands Dunes, sample the wines and legendary chile peppers of Las Cruces, re-live the excitement of "Billy the Kid" near Ruidoso; contemplate the mysteries of "UFO's" in Roswell and travel back 10,000 years to the Pueblo Indians of Acoma and Taos – ALL IN 6 DAYS!

This is a great opportunity to sample the 4 Unique New Mexico Tour Itineraries created by STAR Destinations for 2012 & 2013

Thursday, May 3 El Paso – Carlsbad

Arrive at the El Paso Airport by 2:30 in the afternoon and meet your traveling companions. We'll board our deluxe motorcoach for a relaxing ride across the Chihuahuan Desert of Northern Texas and into the "Land of Enchantment", New Mexico. Our journey will take us to Carlsbad, site of the world famous Carlsbad Caverns National Park. Tonight we are the guests of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce for dinner and a wonderful introduction to New Mexico

Overnight Carlsbad – Dinner

Friday, May 4 Carlsbad – Ruidoso

This is a day of amazing contrasts starting with an early morning tour of the "underground" wonders of Carlsbad Caverns then shifting to the "out-of-this-world" experiences of Roswell and the UFO Museum. Our journey continues west into the Capitan Mountains and "Billy the Kid Country", rich in the history of the Mescalero Apache and Buffalo Soldiers. We'll take a walking tour through historic Lincoln before continuing on to the popular mountain resort of Ruidoso. Get ready for some great eating and fun this evening before returning to our luxury resort accommodations at the Inn of the Mountain Gods of the Mescalero Apache Tribe New Mexico. After Dinner you may just want to try your luck in the casino!

Overnight Inn of the Mountain Gods of the Mescalero Apache Tribe - Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Saturday, May 5 Ruidoso – Las Cruces

We'll begin the day with a short journey down the spectacular western slopes to the city of Alamogordo, a vital link in the NASA space programme and home of the New Mexico Museum of Space History. Another short ride will bring us to the 60 ft high wave-like dunes at White Sands National Monument where the world's largest gypsum sand dune fields has engulfed 275-square miles of desert. You might even try to "surf" the dunes on a boogie board! Get those cameras out! Early afternoon brings us to Las Cruces, nestled in the beautiful Mesilla Valley. Here we will enjoy wine tasting, a chili pepper demonstration and dinner and a short walking tour of old town Mesilla before retiring to the beautiful Hotel Encanto. Here you will enjoy real luxury in the grand style of Spanish Colonial Tradition.

Overnight Las Cruces – Breakfast/Picnic Lunch/Dinner

Sunday, May 6 Las Cruces – Albuquerque

This morning we'll travel north along the Rio Grande to the iconic community of Truth or Consequences. Over coffee we'll learn the origin of the name and hear all about futuristic Spaceport America under construction only a few miles away. We'll arrive in Albuquerque in time to meet our hosts over lunch. A full afternoon of activities will showcase this beautiful city. We'll visit Old Town and enjoy the cultural and historical highlights of the area (and maybe some shopping time!) before enjoying a fascinating evening of dinner and entertainment at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Overnight Albuquerque – Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Monday, May 7 Albuquerque - Santa Fe - Taos

Up..Up.. And Away! If conditions permit (and you don't mind getting out of bed at 5 am) you may get to start the day with a short Hot Air Balloon flight! How uplifting is that! Once you are firmly back on the ground we'll continue our journey to Santa Fe for a morning tour of the historic plaza, including the Loretto Chapel, The Palace of the Governors and other prime attractions. After lunch our journey takes us to the beautiful resort of Taos, home of DH Lawrence and Kit Carson. This is a city steeped in the culture of the Spanish, Pueblo Indian and Mexican peoples. We will take time to explore the many nooks and crannies of Taos before retiring for a final dinner in our luxurious accommodations at the world famous Five -Star, El Monte Sagrado Resort. Can you think of a more delicious way to end this enchanting tour?

Overnight Taos – Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Tuesday, May 8 Albuquerque - Home

An early morning departure from Taos will bring us to the Albuquerque International Sunport by 9:30 am. No flights should be booked for departure before 10:30 am. Travel home safely. All of us at STAR Destinations look forward to welcoming you and your valued groups to New Mexico very soon.

Breakfast

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Carlsbad Caverns National Park
• Roswell & the UFO Museum
• Walking Tour of Lincoln
• Museum of Space History
• White Sands Natl. Monument
• Wine & Pepper Tasting
• Old Town Albuquerque
• Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
• Loretto Chapel
• Palace of the Governors
• Taos walking tour
• Up-Up and Away!

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- Deluxe single accommodation for 5 nights
• 5 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches and 5 dinners including gratuities
• All attractions and activities as listed on the itinerary
• Private deluxe motorcoach for the duration of the tour
• Hosts from Star Destinations, New Mexico Tourism and New Mexico Travel Partners

NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare
• Luggage Fees
• Medical and Trip Insurance

TOUR COSTS:

\$99 per Bank Club Manager
\$250 for Companion

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