



UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA
**BOTANICAL
GARDEN**
at BERKELEY

Santa Fe Gardens, Art & Cuisine September 17-22, 2021

In support of the UC Botanical Garden
Escorted by Katherine Greenberg

Experience the unique culture and rich botanical heritage of Santa Fe, with visits to gardens, galleries, museums, and historical sites. Enjoy a guided excursion to Taos Pueblo and learn the secrets of southwestern cuisine at the Santa Fe School of cooking. We will be based at the atmospheric Hacienda Hotel and Spa at Hotel Santa Fe.

Friday, September 17: Independent arrivals at Santa Fe or Albuquerque International Airports. Check into the Hacienda Hotel. Meet your traveling companions for a welcome reception in the Hacienda lounge. Later we will enjoy dinner in the hotel dining room. The 4 star property is centrally located near shops and restaurants. Rooms are air-conditioned with designer toiletries. The hotel has a restaurant, pool, spa and butler! *Reception, Dinner*



Saturday, September 18: Today we will meet Peter Weiss, our guide, for a private walking tour of the highlights of Santa Fe. Peter is a well known photographer and lecturer specializing in fine art, anthropology, and geography. We will learn about Santa Fe's unique culture which is a blend of Spanish, Native American and Old West. Our tour will include the historic plaza at the heart of the city, America's oldest building, the Palace of the Governors and Loretto Chapel. We will have lunch at Museum Hill Cafe followed by a visit to the Folk Art Museum. The museum's collection represents diverse cultures and is the largest collection of international folk art in the world.



Just below the museum is the Santa Fe Botanical Garden where we will enjoy a docent led tour. The small Garden celebrates, cultivates and conserves the rich botanical heritage and biodiversity of the region. The garden began as a vision of a small group of local gardeners, botanists and environmentally oriented citizens. Landscape architect W. Gary Smith was hired to create a master plan. The Garden is small, but the plants have grown into a colorful, mature garden.



Breakfast, Lunch



Sunday, September 19: This morning as guests of the Santa Fe Garden Club we will visit three or four private gardens. We'll walk down meandering paths, discover secret garden rooms, and enjoy views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Late this afternoon we will enjoy a cooking class and dinner at the *Santa Fe School of Cooking* recommended by Martha Stewart. *Breakfast, Dinner*



Monday, September 20: Today we join Peter for a full day tour to Taos. Our first stop is Chimayo with its legendary Santuario de Chimayo, local crafts and chiles. If opening hours permit, we'll continue with a guided excursion to Taos Pueblo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, revealing a way of life unchanged for ten centuries. While in Taos we'll visit the Mabel Dodge Luhan House, long the center of Taos arts and education, considered the artistic salon of the Southwest. We will lunch at one of Taos's best loved restaurants. Later we'll have free time to check out the galleries, boutiques or a museum. Taos is famous for traditional Native American crafts, silver, tin, leather goods and ceramics. *Breakfast, Lunch.*



Tuesday, September 21: After breakfast we will tour the small Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. The Museum offers insight into the artist's paintings, her creative process and the light and landscape that inspired her. One of the most significant artists of the 20th century, Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986) was devoted to creating imagery that expressed what she called "the wideness and wonder of the world as I live in it." O'Keeffe's images—instantly recognizable as her own—include abstractions, large-scale depictions of flowers, leaves, rocks, shells, bones and other natural forms.



This afternoon will explore some of the art galleries on Canyon Road. Later we have been invited to Jill Wilson's home for a cocktail party. Jill is an artist and Advisory Board member of UC Botanic Garden. Tonight we gather for a festive farewell dinner with new friends in one of Santa Fe's top restaurants, SantaCafé. *Breakfast, Dinner*

Wednesday, September 22: Following breakfast at the hotel, time to say good bye to Santa Fe. Independent returns.

Breakfast

TOUR LAND COST PER GUEST BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:

Based on a minimum of 16 guests: \$2698.00 per person for members of UCBG, \$2798.00 for non-members*

Single Supplement is \$798.

*Membership starts at just \$60, so if you are not a member, we strongly encourage you to join before you register for the tour as you can then receive the member price. You can join online here

<https://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/join>



COST INCLUDES:

- 5 night's accommodation at the Hacienda Hotel & Spa
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners, nightly wine & hor d'oeuvre reception
- Motor coach transportation as specified in itinerary
- Top local guide where mentioned in the itinerary
- All sightseeing and entrances as per the itinerary
- Escorted by Katherine Greenberg, Advisory Board member
- Donation of \$300 to UCBG
- Gratuity for our driver

COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Airfare
- Travel insurance
- Tips to your local guide

HOTELS ---Our hotel is the Hacienda Hotel & Spa. The property is located in a prime location, near the vibrant Railyard District with museums, galleries, shops and restaurants outside our door. Amenities include a bar, restaurant, fitness center, pool and spa. We'll have a special lounge offering wine, cheese and snacks nightly. There is a complimentary shuttle service to downtown Santa Fe and our own butler! We suggest adding a day before or after the tour to visit local museums and sample the shopping.

FLIGHTS ---Albuquerque is served by United, American, Southwest, Alaska and Delta Airlines. We suggest booking flights to arrive in Albuquerque by 3:00PM on day 1 of the tour, so you will have sufficient time to reach the hotel before the welcome reception and dinner. (There are also a limited number of flights into Santa Fe's airport.) If meeting this schedule is a problem, please consider coming a day early. There is an airport shuttle and taxis are readily available at the airport. Extra nights at the hotel can be arranged upon request.

We suggest contacting Leslie Garber of Cadence Travel for assistance booking flights and/or travel insurance. Leslie charges a fee for her service, but our guests find her service to be of value. Leslie's contact information: Tel: 619 756-7388 leslie.garber@cadencetravel.com

PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES - The tour includes a significant amount of walking, frequent use of stairs and sloped pathways on uneven or unpaved surfaces. Some of the places we will be visiting can only be seen on foot with no other access possible. Guests with limited mobility must consult with Sterling prior to tour registration.



For reservations and information, please contact:

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