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Itinerary

Spotlight on Santa Fe Holiday

Nov 28, 2021 - Dec 3, 2021

Pre Night: Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe



Set in the historic heart of Santa Fe, the Drury Plaza Hotel is a city landmark, having served as convent dormitory, hospital, and movie set before transforming into a choice hotel. Enjoy its classic and convenient location and its luxurious accommodations. Enjoy stunning views of the city and Sangre de Cristo mountains from the rooftop bar. Take in the fresh, cool mountain air. Experience Santa Fe's history, cuisine, culture, and history. Relax and enjoy.

Day 1: Santa Fe, New Mexico - Tour Begins



Welcome to New Mexico, the "land of enchantment." Santa Fe is a delight to experience, especially in December! From the crisp Southwestern air to the soul-warming cuisine, you'll quickly understand why Santa Fe is "the City Different." Tonight, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome reception at your hotel, located mere steps away from Santa Fe's iconic Plaza.

Hotel

Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe
 Santa Fe

Weather

High 57°
 Low 31°

Day 2: Santa Fe



This morning starts with a locally guided walking tour of Santa Fe's Plaza, the historic heart of the city and gathering place for Santa Feans for nearly 400 years. As you amble through the plaza, you'll undoubtedly feel the festive spirit of a city ready to celebrate the holidays. Your tour will include a stop at some of the city's landmark sites, like the Santa Fe Indian Market where you can find unique, handcrafted gifts. Later, you'll visit the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum where you'll discover more than 3,000 breathtaking works from the artist many refer to as the "Mother of American Modernism." Continue on with a stop at the Loretto Chapel, a former Roman Catholic church turned wedding chapel and museum. Here, you'll find the miraculous staircase, a structure with origins as legendary as its spiral shape. Tonight, try your hand at making a tamale at the Santa Fe School of Cooking and savor Santa Fe's fusion of Native American, Spanish and Mexican flavors.

Hotel

Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe
 Santa Fe

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 57°
 Low 31°

Day 3: Santa Fe - Madrid - Santa Fe



Today, travel the scenic Turquoise Trail to the village of Madrid, a charming hamlet stitched into the landscape of the Ortiz Mountains. Once a major coal-mining town, the village is now revered for its thriving artistic community. Finish your day with a visit to the Allan Houser Sculpture Garden to view 80 works by the prolific artist who's been lauded as one of the most renowned Native American painters and Modernist sculptors of the 20th century.

Hotel

Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 57°

Day 4: Santa Fe - Bandelier National Monument - Chimayo - Santa Fe



Today's adventure takes us to Bandelier National Monument, a natural site where the native Pueblo Indians settled in the sculpted canyons and mesa tops west of Santa Fe. The volcanic landscape holds cliff dwellings and ruins of Pueblo villages dating back to the 1500s. On a guided elective walk,* you'll have the opportunity to discover more of the park's ancient ruins and thriving wildlife. The park is especially magical after a fresh dusting of snow. Afterwards, savor an authentic New Mexican lunch before visiting El Santuario de Chimayo. Known for the miraculous healing powers of its Tierra Bendita (or Holy Dirt), the chapel is regarded as the most important Catholic pilgrimage site in the United States. Later you'll visit a Chimayo weaver and learn the fascinating process behind this intricate traditional art. The remainder of the day is yours to further explore this intriguing Spanish village.

Hotel

Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe
Santa Fe

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 48°
Low 23°

Day 5: Santa Fe



Today it's your choice! Use your interest in confectionery creations or in the history of espionage to help you decide. If you have a sweet tooth, visit some of Santa Fe's chocolate shops for delicious tastings of chocolate treats infused with local ingredients like chilies, pinon nuts and lavender -OR- channel your inner James Bond and opt for a tour featuring Santa Fe's major spy hangouts; discover drop-off points where KGB spies exchanged top-secret information during the Manhattan Project. This afternoon, enjoy free time to independently explore Santa Fe. Perhaps you'll take a stroll to admire the festive holiday décor found throughout the city's downtown area. Tonight, experience the lively scene on Canyon Road as we walk to our farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Hotel

Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe
Santa Fe

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 48°
Low 23°

Day 6: Santa Fe - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to an end with wonderful memories of your enchanting wintertime journey in Santa Fe.