

New Mexico - The Land of Enchantment

Albuquerque & Santa Fe

September 9 - 18, 2019



It's no wonder New Mexico is called the Land of Enchantment. Whether exploring ancient ruins, shopping for silver and turquoise jewelry or just enjoying the ever-changing colors of the sky at sunset, New Mexico casts its charm on every visitor. With varied landscapes that range from red rock mesas to snow-capped mountains, New Mexico encapsulates all of the geological features that attract visitors to the American Southwest. No other state, however, has such a unique palette of light-infused colors, which is why so many artists call New Mexico home. Claimed by Native Americans, Spaniards and Mexicans before becoming a state in 1912, few places have a history that is so rich in cultural diversity too.

New Mexico is Golf's Best Kept Secret!

Well, maybe not for the folks who rank golf courses... New Mexico has several courses ranked among the best in the United States, including The Courses at Las Campanas and Black Mesa and we'll play them along with a couple other fantastic golf gems. This Land of Enchantment offers forested mountains, lush river valleys and high desert plains which combine to make central New Mexico a dream come true for golf course designers. The destination's high desert setting provides mile-high elevation, varied landscape, sunny days, low humidity and an endless blue sky for a perfect New Mexico golf vacation. If you haven't played golf in New Mexico, you have been missing out on one of the sport's best-kept secrets.



This special package includes:

- 9 Nights accommodations:
 - 6 Nights @ La Fonda on the Plaza in Santa Fe - in upgraded Deluxe Room
 - 3 Nights @ The Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town - in upgraded Junior Suites
 - 9 Breakfasts
 - 2 Group Dinners (September 10 and 17, 2019)
 - 5 Rounds of golf with shared carts:
 - 1 round @ Twin Warriors Golf Club – Rated 4.5 Stars by Golf Digest
 - 1 round @ The Club at Las Campanas – Sunrise Course #2 in NM
 - 1 round @ The Club at Las Campanas – Sunset Course - #1 in NM
 - 1 round @ Black Mesa GC - Rated 3rd Best Course you can play in NM
 - 1 round @ Sandia GC – A top 10 Rated Casino Golf Course in the USA
 - Tours & Excursions
 - Admission to Albuquerque Museum and Guided Walking Tour of Old Town
 - A Guided Tour of the La Fonda's Art Collection
 - Admission to the New Mexico History Museum
 - Admissions to Georgia O'Keeffe Museum & the New Mexico Museum of Art
 - Admission to the Bradbury Science Museum
 - Los Alamos "The Atomic City" & Bandelier National Monument with Lunch
- Lots of free time for shopping and exploring.

All taxes on items listed as part of the package.

*****Package does not include airfare or rental car and this is a Self Drive Itinerary*****

Package Prices:

\$2,800Per Golfer based on double occupancy

\$3,800Per Golfer based on single occupancy

Tentative Itinerary:

- (M) 9/09/19 Arrive Albuquerque International Sunport(ABQ), pick up rental car and drive about 70 minutes north to Santa Fe.
 - Participants will stay at the La Fonda on the Plaza. As participants arrive throughout the day you will be on your own
 - For dinner this evening. There are many dining options within a short walk of the hotel. La Fonda on the Plaza
- (T) 9/10/19 Play Black Mesa Golf Course located about 30 minutes from the hotel.
 - This evening we will have a group reception followed by dinner at the hotel. La Fonda on the Plaza
- (W) 9/11/19 Tour day: explore New Mexico History Museum, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and more. La Fonda on the Plaza
- (T) 9/12/19 Play the Club at Las Campanas - New Mexico's #1 rated Country Club La Fonda on the Plaza
- (F) 9/13/19 Play the Club at Las Campanas, Santa Fe's only private club. La Fonda on the Plaza
- (S) 9/14/19 Los Alamos - The Atomic City Tour, Lunch and Bandelier National Monument La Fonda on the Plaza
- (S) 9/15/19 Depart Santa Fe and travel to Sandia GC. The course is consistently #1 rated in Albuquerque.
 - After golf drive into the city of Albuquerque and check into Hotel. Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town
- (M) 9/16/19 Play Black Mesa Golf Course located about 30 minutes from the hotel. Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town
- (T) 9/17/19 Free day to explore Albuquerque's Old Town. For those who wish to experience a Hot Air Balloon Ride, today is the day. This evening the group will enjoy a Farewell Reception followed by Dinner. Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town

- (W) 9/18/19 Check out of the Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, return your rental car and fly home.



Accommodations:

La Fonda on the Plaza

La Fonda is housed in a pueblo-inspired building dating to 1922. In fact, the hotel's history goes even further back: The location has hosted an inn since 1610 in the city's Spanish colonial days. The hotel reflects this rich New Mexican history and character in its interiors, with hand-painted windows in the restaurant, Southwestern and Native American art in the tiled lobby, and painted headboards and bathroom tile murals in rooms. A 2013 renovation retained the property's original features while adding a contemporary touch. La Fonda is a gathering spot for locals and tourists alike, and the lobby, restaurant, and rooftop bar have a vibrant and energetic feel. Note that rates here are higher than at comparable properties because of the incredibly central location.

Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town

The Hotel Albuquerque sits only one block from the heart of Old Town, a historic district that is the cultural center of the city. Guests can stroll to restaurants, galleries, and touristy shops found around the plaza dating to 1706. On the north side of the plaza is the San Felipe de Neri Church, one of the oldest buildings in the city, which was constructed in 1793. Our participants will be in upgraded and spacious Junior Suites that keep cultural relevance in mind and put New Mexico on display through unique corner windows with sweeping mountain and city views. Blackout drapes and deluxe bedding ensure a great night's sleep. A seating area and designated work space provides plenty of room to move around without feeling cramped.

Golf Courses:

Twin Warriors Golf Course

Located on the Santa Ana Pueblo Indian Reservation 30 minutes north of Albuquerque, Twin Warriors is a Gary Panks design that opened in 2001 to rave reviews including a stint on Golf Digest's Top 100 Public Courses in America list. The course features wide fairways, generous greens, and pristine conditioning. The terrain is high desert with views of rocky soil, sagebrush, and juniper trees for miles with gentle changes in elevation. Twin Warriors is part of a large Hyatt Regency Resort and is a little remote.

The Club at Las Campanas - Sunrise Course

The Lyle Anderson Company, the same firm that developed Desert Highlands, Desert Mountain, and Superstition Mountain, hired Jack Nicklaus to create 36 holes of Signature golf. The Sunrise Golf Course, which opened in 1993, is Jack Nicklaus' 100th career design and is consistently ranked in the top 5 of New Mexico Courses. The golf course design at Las Campanas is a significant departure from the concepts Jack has employed in the past. A new, gentler approach is coupled to his sensitivity for preserving the character of the land.

The Club at Las Campanas - Sunset Course

The Sunset Course opened in 2000 and has been one of the top three rated courses in New Mexico ever since. In fact this private country club is one of the most difficult places in the the southwest to get a tee time if you are not a member or playing with a member. The course hosted "Shell's Wonderful World of Golf" some years ago with the course designer, Jack Nicklaus competing again Ben Crenshaw. The Sunset Course offers more elevation changes than the Sunrise Course and it can be a bit more challenging.

Black Mesa Golf Course

Dramatic vistas of the sprawling valley climbing to distant mountains serve as an inspiring backdrop at Black Mesa Golf Club. Fairways, framed by arroyos, hug the natural ridgelines and valleys of sandstone foothills like lava leading to undulating greens in box canyons and beneath rocky ridges. Every hole shaped by the surrounding landscape like an artist forming a delicate piece of pottery. Rejuvenate your senses amidst the artistry of nature at Black Mesa.

Sandia Golf Course

Opened in 2005, this Scott Miller designed Championship course was developed by the Pueblo of Sandia as part of the Sandia Resort and Casino in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Par 72 Championship Course stretches from 5,113 to 7,752 yards and will challenge and delight golfers of all skill levels with a memorable layout routed through the rugged high desert landscape featuring 48 strategically placed bunkers, challenging green complexes and panoramic views of the Sandia Mountains and greater Albuquerque area.

Sightseeing:

Georgia O'Keeffe Museum

The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, opened to the public in July 1997, eleven years after the death of our namesake artist. A visit to the O'Keeffe Museum offers insight not only into the artist's paintings, but also her creative process and the light and landscape that inspired her. In addition to the main Museum campus in Santa Fe, the O'Keeffe Museum maintains O'Keeffe's two homes and studios in northern New Mexico, a research center and library, and a variety of collections relating to O'Keeffe and modern art. 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, New York cityscapes and paintings of the unusual shapes and colors of architectural and landscape forms of northern New Mexico.

The La Fonda Art & History Tour

La Fonda's has a 95 year old history that will transport you back in time. You'll enjoy docent-led art & history tour of the hotel which is filled with stories about Fred Harvey and the Harvey girls, the architecture and the beautiful art collection that graces the lobby, hallways and rooms in the hotel.

The New Mexico History Museum

The New Mexico History Museum sweeps across five centuries of stories that made the American West – from early Native inhabitants to Spanish colonists, Santa Fe Trail riders, outlaws, the railroad, artists, scientists, hippies and more. This 96,000-square-foot building became the state's newest museum in May 2009, joining its oldest, the 400-year-old Palace of the Governors (the nation's oldest continuously occupied government building and a National Historic Landmark).

The Los Alamos and Bandelier National Monument Tour

We will experience an interesting tour telling the story of Los Alamos, NM. Manhattan Project emphasized. We'll peek at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos Ranch School of a bygone era, homesteading, Cold War. Guides are residents and scholars of history, geography, and real life in this unique community." The tour includes lunch and after lunch we'll continue to Bandelier National Monument where we'll learn about some of the most unusual and interesting ancient ruins in the Southwest, petroglyphs and pictographs, steep narrow canyons with plentiful wildlife, mountains rising to 10,200 feet, many acres of unspoiled back-country and a colorful section of the Rio Grande valley. The monument is just a few minutes drive from the scientific research town of Los Alamos, and close to other popular destinations including Santa Fe, the Jemez Mountains and several historic pueblo settlements.



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