

Women With Wings  
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# Santa Fe, New Mexico

September 14—20, 2020

## Escorted by Ruth Payne

A paradise for history buffs, art lovers and cultural explorers. From the moment you arrive in Santa Fe, it hits you: this place is like nothing you've ever seen before. Santa Fe's architecture defies time and it's blended culture is evident everywhere. Join Ruth Payne as she peels the layers and introduces you to art, history, culture & cuisine of this spectacular part of New Mexico.

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walking tour of downtown. Back in the day (that would be more than 400 years ago) the Plaza was the epicenter of Santa Fe life, government and commerce. A defensive wall surrounded houses, the governor's residence and a garrison. Today the Plaza has a friendly vibe with fabulous museums, art galleries and shops lining the perimeter of the grassy park. We begin with a brief introduction to the history of Santa Fe, then visit the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts followed by a visit and tour of the Georgia O'Keefe Museum.

The Museum is the perfect introduction to Georgia's fascinating life and artwork. We enjoy a light welcome lunch together in town then it's a gentle walk back to the Inn – past one of the best shoe shops in New Mexico!

Everything stops at 4 pm as

we meet for happy hour at the Inn. This is our time to gather, share some stories from the day and make dinner plans. **(B, L)**

### WED, SEPT 16

Today we're off for a full day tour to Chimayo and Taos by private coach. The drive is a harvest of colour – the earth tones of the adobe homes, the green fields awash in wild flowers and the deep blue of New Mexico's blue skies. Scores of artists made their way to Taos in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century in search of the mystic and the primitive. Modernism arrived in 1917 with the heiress Mabel Dodge Luhan who wanted more than anything to be a muse – by the time we arrive in Taos you'll have heard the story and know a lot more about this charming town. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch before visiting the Taos Pueblo, multi-storied adobe buildings which have

### MON, SEPT 14

Rendezvous at the Inn on the Alameda and meet with your leaders at 4:00 pm this afternoon. We will happily assist with your flight arrangements and transfer to the hotel from either Albuquerque or Santa Fe airports. If your arrival is after 4:00 pm the leaders will ensure that you know where to find them.

The Inn on the Alameda is ideally located just a couple of blocks from town and just steps away from Canyon Road, the Inn on the Alameda makes for a perfect home-away-from-home. Comfy beds in rooms decorated in true southwest style, lavish breakfasts and daily happy hour are just a few of the Inn's attributes. We've been returning for 6 years, so we know that you'll feel both safe and spoiled here.

### TUES, SEPT 15

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then we are off for a





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been continuously inhabited for over 1000 years. The Pueblo sits on 99,000 acres of land at 7,200 feet. We finish with a visit to the Millicent Rogers Museum where the heiress' magnificent turquoise jewellery collection is housed, along with textiles, pottery & basketry. Our own favourite is Millicent's hand written letter to her son. We'll make a brief stop at San Francisco de Assisi Mission Church, a large, sculpted Colonial church with massive adobe buttresses and two front facing bell towers. A favourite subject for artists, this breathtaking church was photographed by Ansel Adams and painted by Georgia O'Keeffe several times. **(B, L)**

**THURS, SEPT 17**

We begin the day at Museum Hill, home to four world class museums. One of our favorites is the Museum of International Folk Art - the largest collection of international folk art in the world. The quirky pieces and lively discourse provided by the docent will leave you smiling. We will visit the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture where we view southwest artifacts from ancestral to contemporary times. Enjoy a light lunch on your own outside at the café.

This afternoon we are treated to a very special experience. We have been invited to tour two private homes in the downtown area, one of which showcases some outstanding Navajo and African art. A wow moment, to be sure. The donation that Women With Wings will be making for these visits helps fund The Women's International Study Center as they support activities including fellowships for women artists, activists, musicians, scholars, conversations and symposia. **(B)**

**FRI, SEPT 18**

Today is our 'Everything Georgia' day. We begin with a visit to Ghost Ranch where Georgia spent time painting ethereal landscapes. Our private tour led by a local expert will bring the ranch's colourful history to life.

After enjoying lunch together at the ranch, we continue to Abiquiu for a tour of Georgia's Home and Studio. Time permitting, we will stop at a local artist's studio before returning to the Inn.

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**SAT, SEPT 19**

Santa Fe Railyard District! This morning we walk to the Saturday Farmer's market, one of the oldest, largest and most successful markets in

the country. This area is home to Site Santa Fe, a dynamic museum that presents innovative art in creative, engaging ways. You'll find several contemporary galleries and lots of restaurants for a casual lunch.

This afternoon, Santa Fe's most famous street beckons!

Beautifully preserved and restored Adobe and Territorial style homes line Canyon Road, most housing art galleries that range from works by old masters and traditional North American weaving, jewellery and ceramics to contemporary sculpture paintings. This is an easy amble, and you'll find cafes and restaurants to recharge your batteries should you need it. It's just plain fun exploring these galleries and meeting the artists along the way. **(B)**

**SUN, SEPT 20**

The tour concludes after breakfast this morning. Haven't had enough? Additional nights are available upon request. USD \$260 per night including tax and breakfast, single or twin basis.

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## Tour Inclusions

- Women With Wings escort Ruth Payne
  - 6 nights at the Inn on the Alameda
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
  - Site visits to galleries, museums and private collections
- Exclusive visits to artists' studios, time permitting
  - Full day trip by private coach to Taos, including Taos Pueblo, the Millicent Rogers Museum and Chimayo
  - Full day trip by private coach to Abiquiu, including the O'Keeffe Home and Studio and Ghost Ranch
- Santa Fe School of Cooking class & dinner
- Gratuities for tour guide & bus driver
- Women With Wings soft touches and happy Surprises

## Tour Exclusions

- International airfare
  - Airport transfers
  - Personal expenses (laundry, telephone, shopping, wine...)
- Meals not described in the itinerary
- Out of country medical & trip cancellation insurance (Travel Concepts can assist with this)

**Tour is based on a minimum of 16 participants booked by September 30, 2019**

The tour cost may be subject to change due to currency fluctuations and other conditions beyond the control of Travel Concepts

### In case you want to do more –

- Try a spa service at one of Santa Fe's day spas
  - Make use of the Margarita Trail pass
  - Enjoy lunch at 'The Shed'
- Try a sunset cocktail on the roof of La Fonda Hotel
- Take an hour or 2 to wander aimlessly on the side streets
  - Count the number of public art installations in a 3 block area
- Explore some of the local hiking trails
- Take retail therapy to a new level

### Did you know?

- Santa Fe averages 325 days of sunshine per year
- At 7000 feet, Santa Fe is the highest capital in the US
  - SAF boasts 250 restaurants & 40 bars
- SAF is home to over 250 galleries in a 2 square mile area
- You can buy truly unique, authentic crafts and jewelry from the artisans outside the Palace of the Governors.



### RUTH PAYNE

An intrepid world traveler, Ruth likes nothing better than introducing people to the art, culture, cuisine, and history of her favorite destinations.

Since driving a '64 Saab from Amsterdam to Kathmandu in 1971, Ruth's passion for unique cultural discoveries has taken her to Bhutan, Tibet, Afghanistan, Iran, India, Southeast Asia, Indonesia, China, Japan, Korea, Europe, Morocco, Mexico, Cuba, and South America. Ruth has led art and architecture tours to Italy, New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Santa Fe. With a wealth of knowledge from a 35 year career in the arts, and her engaging, caring, and organized manner Ruth ensures her tour participants a unique, enriching, and exceptional travel experience.



### TOUR COST

\$2,395 USD per person twin share, **land only**  
Single Supplement \$850 USD

Non-Refundable Deposit \$750 USD at time of booking

Remaining balance due July 12, 2020

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