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# Santa Fe, New Mexico

Escorted by Ruth Payne—June 9-16, 2024



A true 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. We've added an extra night this year, allowing some free time to explore this charming, walkable town or experience more of the outstanding museums, Culture Pass in hand!

## ITINERARY



### SUNDAY, JUN 09 2024

Rendezvous at the Drury Plaza Hotel. WWW will discuss the various flight options with you— guests can fly into either Albuquerque or Santa Fe airport.

The Drury is located right downtown within walking distance of restaurants, great shopping and some of the best museums in New Mexico. The Drury boasts large, comfy rooms with microwave and mini fridges in all rooms and a rooftop lounge ideal for our gatherings. Enjoy their complimentary breakfast buffet and evening beverages with hot food— this is where we'll regroup and share the day's stories before dinner!

### MONDAY, JUN 10 2024

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then we meet our long time guide and friend Jerry for an orientation and walk through town . 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 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 and then it's a gentle walk back to the hotel – past one of the best shoe shops in New Mexico!

It's time to relax and acclimatize before we gather for Happy Hour  
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### TUESDAY, JUN 11 2024

Today is our 'Everything Georgia' day. We begin with a visit to Georgia's private home and studio, then continue to Ghost Ranch. Here we enjoy lunch followed by our tour led by a local expert who will bring the ranch's colourful history to life.

This is where Georgia spent time painting her ethereal landscapes—you won't have any trouble understanding why once you've visited the ranch. Time permitting, we will stop at a local artist's studio before returning to the hotel.

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### WEDNESDAY, JUN 12 2024

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 Museum Hill café. This afternoon is free,



allowing time to visit the further explore museums on the hill and to wander through the outstanding museum boutiques.

Ruth will be available with lots of ideas!  
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**THURSDAY, JUNE 13 2024**

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. We first visit the Taos Pueblo with its multi-storied

adobe buildings which have been continuously inhabited for over 1000 years. This UNESCO world heritage site sits on 99,000 acres of land at 7,200 feet.

Afterwards, a picnic lunch alongside the Rio Grande, then we are off to visit to the Millicent

Rogers Museum where the heiress' magnificent turquoise jewellery collection is housed, along with textiles, pottery &

basketry. On our route out of town we visit the historic Rancho de Taos church. Scores of builders and artisans sculpted this unique Adobe structure, with its massive buttresses and two front-facing bell towers.

A favourite subject for artists it was made famous by the photographs of Ansel Adams and the paintings of Georgia O'Keefe.  
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**FRIDAY, JUNE 14 2024**

We have plans! Today we'll be making a private visit to one of Santa Fe's historic private homes. Timing for the day will determined by our hosts closer to the tour date– there will be some free time before we take in the Friday night Canyon Road Art Walk.

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.  
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**SATURDAY, JUNE 15 2024**

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, design shops and lots of restaurants for a casual lunch.

This is your chance to return to your favourite haunts or relax before our Women With Wings farewell dinner—always a highlight!  
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**SUNDAY, JUNE 16 2024**

All good things come to an end and your tour ends after breakfast this morning. WWW will assist with airline check ins and airport transfers. Additional nights are available upon request—please inquire.

## Tour Inclusions

- Women With Wings escort Ruth Payne
  - 7 nights at the Drury Plaza Hotel
  - Daily breakfast, welcome lunch, picnic on the Rio Grande, Ghost Ranch lunch & farewell dinner
- New Mexico Culture Pass valid for 12 months
  - 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
- Gratuities for tour guide & bus driver
  - Women With Wings soft touches and happy surprises

## Tour Exclusions

- Airport transfers
- International airfare
- Personal expenses (laundry, telephone, shopping, wine...)
- Meals not described in the itinerary
- Out of country medical & trip cancellation insurance (Women With

The tour cost may be subject to change due to prices being increased beyond the control of The Travel Group/  
Women With Wings

Tour based on a minimum of 16 participants. Booked by October 1, 2023.

### In case you want to do more –

- Try a spa service at one of Santa Fe's day spas
  - 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 310 days of sunshine per year
- At 7000 feet, Santa Fe is the highest capital in the US
- SAF is the oldest 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.



### IMPORTANT NOTES

This tour is being offered first to those on the cancelled 2020 tour, and next to those who have expressed interest in advance.

Any spots available after May 1, 2023 will be posted on the Women With Wings website.  
Thank you for your understanding!

Price: USD 2999 per person twin share  
Singles—TBA-please inquire as we will need to request addl rooms  
Deposit \$500 non refundable at time of booking  
Balance due—March 8, 2024

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