



NEW MEXICO

SANTA FE, OJO CALIENTE AND TAOS: THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

There is a good reason Northern New Mexico is called the "The Land of Enchantment." For millennia, people have gravitated to the Rio Grande Rift Valley and the flanking Sangre de Cristo and Jemez mountains. The heritage they left behind is still thriving in the culture, cuisine and landscape we will experience along our route. Santa Fe is truly the epicenter of the American Southwest, and as we explore the 400 year-old streets we will sample what makes the town unlike any other. Heading north through Ojo Caliente and on to the historic town of Taos, we pass through four different Native American Pueblos; ride along a segment of the famed High Road to Taos; and cross the Rio Grande beneath sacred mesas riddled with ancient petroglyphs. Add to this natural mineral hot springs and hiking trails through dramatic white cliffs that inspired the paintings of Georgia O'Keeffe, capped off with the ultimate in comforts at our hotels and spas. Ride, relax and experience the enchanting land of New Mexico on this cycling vacation of a lifetime.

From
\$2799

Rider Type
Active

Hotel Style
Explorer

Duration
6 days | 5 nights

Start | End
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dates
2019/Oct
2020/May/Jun/Sep/Oct

TRIP WOWS

Cycle fantastic routes - Through narrow historic streets of Santa Fe, within expansive aspen and pine forests, beneath sublime high desert mesas and badland formations and over the breathtaking Taos Gorge Bridge 565 ft. above the Rio Grande River

Treat yourself to inventive, Southwestern and globally-inspired dishes born from Santa Fe and Taos' deeply rooted culinary scene

Hike through the white sandstone canyon that inspired Georgia O'Keeffe at Plaza Blanca, near the charming town



DAILY ITINERARY

2019

Day

1

TODAY'S RIDE:

Inn on the Alameda to Foothill Loop

Approximately 17 miles with 1,020 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

Inn on the Alameda to Museum Hill Loop

Approximately 11 miles with 600 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Inn on the Alameda to Museum Hill Loop with Hyde Park Hill Climb

Approximately 27 miles with 2,200 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

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HOTEL:

Inn On the Alameda

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

Day

2

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Inn on the Alameda to Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo Via Chimayó

Approximately 40 miles with 1,460 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

Inn on the Alameda to Santuario De Chimayó

Approximately 28 miles with 1,300 feet of climbing

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HOTEL:

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INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day

3

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SHORT OPTION:

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INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

4

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SHORT OPTION:

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Approximately 32 miles with 900 feet of climbing

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HOTEL:

El Monte Sagrado

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INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch

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TODAY'S RIDE:

El Monte Sagrado to Vietnam Veterans Memorial Return

Approximately 45 miles with 3,300 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

El Monte Sagrado to Palo Flechado Pass Return

Approximately 35 miles with 2,500 feet of climbing

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TODAY'S RIDE:

El Monte Sagrado to Blueberry Hill Loop

Approximately 20 miles with 800 feet of climbing

TODAY'S ACTIVITY:

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Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

For us, the details matter most

Every moment of a Trek Travel bike trip has more than you could have ever dreamed. More romance. More scenery. More choice. It's the little additions to every Trek Travel cycling vacation that make it truly special. And that's how we help you create more memories.

What's Included

- 5 nights of accommodation at handpicked hotels
- Two experienced guides to provide local knowledge, support, and camaraderie
- Daily route support with both guides and our support van
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- 2 social hours of drinks and hors d'oeuvres
- Ride a Trek Domane SL 7 disc, Trek's newest Electric-Assist, or a Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid
- Up to three daily route options on riding days
- Snacks and drinks for each day's ride
- Trek Travel Bont rager cycling jersey to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Cinch sack day bag to keep
- Each bike is equipped with a Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer, flat pack, front and rear Bont rager Flare R lights, a Bont rager saddle and pedals (Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals)
- Bont rager WaveCel helmets
- All gratuities for drivers, local experts and hospitality staff
- All luggage transfers and transportation during your trip

- A personalized photo book of your trip
- Entrance fees for all activities, private tours and events

Gear

- Trek Domane SL 7 disc carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting or Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid bike
- Trek Electric Assist XM700+ also available in a limited quantity
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- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals
- Bontrager WaveCel helmet
- Bontrager men's and women's specific saddles
- Bontrager front and rear Flare R lights and a flat pack
- Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer
- Cinch sack day bag to keep
- Upgrade your bike to include carbon wheels (+\$200)
- Coupon valued up to \$500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Your coupon will be delivered via email prior to your trip.
- *For the most comfortable ride, you may choose to bring your own pedals, saddle, and helmet on the trip. Your guides will install your gear on the first day during your bike fit.*

THANK YOUR GUIDES, BY TIPPING

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guides are not included in your trip price. We recommend tipping 7.5-10% of your trip price for the guide team. Local currency is preferred and unless you want to tip separately, guides will divide tips amongst themselves. Please tip your guides at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism, guest care and service.

What's Not Included

- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip pick-up/drop-off locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
- On select trips some meals are not included. On these trips, Trek Travel invites you to explore the local cuisine at your leisure.

HOTELS



INN ON THE ALAMEDA

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Our home tonight is located steps away from historic downtown and Canyon Road yet just beyond the fray of tourists and traffic. Hailed by reviewers on Trip Advisor as one of the top boutique hotels in Santa Fe, you will enjoy comfortable and classy southwestern style rooms, attentive service, fantastic breakfast, plus all the amenities you'd expect. Enjoy the outdoor hot tub or relax in many of the outdoor gathering spaces within the elegant adobe walls. Inn of the Alameda is also an excellent location from which to base your Santa Fe wanderings before or after your Trek Travel trip.



OJO CALIENTE MINERAL SPRINGS RESORT AND SPA

OJO CALIENTE, NEW MEXICO

In the heart of the majestic New Mexican high desert, where artists like Georgia O'Keeffe found their inspiration, you will find a simple and elegant resort and spa built into the landscape and centered around natural thermal waters. The Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs Resort and Spa has been named one of the "coolest hotels in the West" and once you arrive you likely will not want to leave. The springs themselves have been a gathering place for Native Americans for thousands of years, and numerous hiking trails from the resort take you past relics of those societies. The resort itself began in 1868 as a bathhouse and the historic hotel where we dine was constructed in 1916. Today the resort offers comfortable accommodations, a



EL MONTE SAGRADO

TAOS, NEW MEXICO

This boutique hotel can truly be regarded as a luxury sanctuary. Set on a vast property beneath the sacred Taos Mountain and shrouded in old cottonwood and aspen trees, no comfort, amenity or standard of service is overlooked. Located three blocks from shops, galleries, museums and the historic Taos Plaza, it's an excellent location for exploring town. For those who simply cannot get enough spa relaxation, the Living Spa is for you. El Monte Sagrado is a unique property that employs sophisticated green architecture and global accents and is downright cool! From the spacious rooms to the lively Anaconda bar there is a little something for everyone here. *Please note: This is a luxury-level property.*

wide array of spa treatments, mineral pools of varying temperatures, delicious cuisine and is the perfect basecamp for our explorations of the area.



MEETING & DEPARTING

How To Get There

We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the trip start, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays. We recommend that you fly into the Albuquerque International Sunport (ABQ).

We recommend booking a seat on the Sandia Shuttle Express (www.sandiashuttle.com) for transportation from the Sunport (ABQ) to Santa Fe. This option is available for \$33 (each way) and you may request to be dropped off at the Inn on the Alameda (or another Santa Fe hotel, depending on where you booked your pre-night stay). If you plan to drive your own vehicle to the trip start and need a place to park it for the week the St. Francis Cathedral Basilica Parking Lot, located about a half a block from the first night's hotel, is the only walkable option. The cost is \$40-60/day (depending on demand). Call 505-995-8689 to discuss the daily rates for the dates you will need parking. Alternatively, a more affordable option is the Santa Fe Airport for \$3/day. However, the airport is 18 miles from the pickup/drop-off hotel and you are responsible for your own transportation to drop off and pickup your vehicle.

Before & After: Santa Fe, New Mexico

There are few places in North America quite like Santa Fe. It's a town of vibrant culture, color and texture, and offers a world class experience for any traveler. Santa Fe is the oldest Capital city in the US with buildings dating back to the late 1500's and a founding date of 1610 by the Spanish. Steeped in Native

Meeting Time And Location

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at Inn on the Alameda (303 E Alameda St, Santa Fe, NM 87501) at 11:30 AM on the first day of the trip. After meeting at the hotel you'll enjoy a fresh, delicious lunch at a downtown park and, after a brief orientation and safety talk, saddle up to begin the day's ride through the historic town of Santa Fe.

If you will be late for the pick-up or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your guides. You will receive an email a week before the trip start with their names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call our first hotel, Inn on the Alameda (888 984 2121), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details.

Departing Time And Location

Following a 1.5 hour shuttle from Taos we will say our farewells at 12:45 PM at the Inn on the Alameda in Santa Fe. From here you may choose to stay for more time in town or return to the Albuquerque Sunport via Sandia Shuttle or another transportation method of your choosing.

INN OF THE TURQUOISE BEAR

New Mexican and Southwestern history are alive and well at the Inn of the Turquoise Bear. This is the stomping ground and homestead for some of the region's, and America's, most culturally influential guests, including O'Keefe, Cather, Millay, Lawrence, Stravinsky, O. Henry and many others. The adobe walls trace back to the 1800s, when Witter Bynner, a local icon and celebrity persona, built his home as a venue for the area's most Gatsby-esque parties. Today it's a vibrant, peaceful and fascinating escape that stands as a colorful reminder of the artistic community it originally supported. Its 11 bedrooms all treat you to something truly Santa Fe, with the smell of piñon burning in your kiva fireplace, the 40-inch mud adobe walls, meandering stone walkways and colorful gardens, which inspired these literary and musical legends in their art.

www.turquoisebear.com | \$250

American, Spanish and Mexican History, Santa Fe has a unique character of earthen Adobe architecture that forms the organic grid of its charming streets. Many would say one night is not enough in Santa Fe as there is simply so much to see and do. It is regarded as the 3rd largest art market in the US, as well as one of the culinary meccas of North America, and is truly the cultural capital of the Southwest. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre and post-trip hotel.

ROSEWOOD INN OF THE ANASAZI

An authentic pueblo experience like this is hard to find. What other hotel boasts an Anasazi restaurant based on native heritage and fresh, seasonal ingredients? What other retreat can offer interior design that includes authentic, handcrafted textiles, paintings, carvings and baskets? There's no other hotel in the world with the same cultural look and feel as this one, only steps away from the city's historic plaza, and a short drive from Canyon Road and Bandelier National Park.

www.rosewoodhotels.com/inn-of-the-anasazi-santa-fe | \$550

VILLAS DE SANTA FE

Villas de Santa Fe provide maximum control and convenience with the heart of the true Southwest. Accommodations are comfortable and peaceful and come complete with a two-burner stove top, toaster, refrigerator, microwave, and even a dishwasher. But once you venture outside the Villas' walls the city comes alive with the adventures of Santa Fe and the Sangre de Cristo mountains, including hot air ballooning, river rafting, cycling, hiking and fishing in the background.

www.diamondresortsandhotels.com/Resorts/Villas-de-Santa-Fe | \$225

* Hotels listed above are local properties we love. We do not have special rates available.



FAQS

What Are The Daily Rides Like?

- Rider Type | 3 - Active
- Average Daily Mileage | 34
- Terrain | Undulating
- Average Daily Elevation | 1,790 feet
- Total Miles | 203
- Total Elevation | 10,720 feet

Averages and totals are calculated from our "Today's Ride" options.

The terrain in Northern New Mexico is hilly to mountainous, and the rides feature an average of about 50 feet of elevation gain per mile. Of course, shuttles are always available when you've had enough and our shuttle points are designed to facilitate skipping the rougher or more heavily trafficked sections of the routes. Keep in mind that the elevation above sea level here is between 5,500 and 7,000 feet with avid options reaching almost 10,000 feet. This elevation tends to add a bit of difficulty to the terrain. Please also note that many of the roads in this region have a "chip seal" surface, which is a type of pavement treatment that is more rough than typical asphalt. Our New Mexico trip

What are the options for a non-rider travel companion?

On most Trek Travel trips, we offer non-riding options for riders who want to take the afternoon off, or travel companions who want to spend little or no time in the saddle. Some of these options may need to be scheduled before your trip—please contact one of our Trip Consultants for more information. Expenses and/or related transportation to these activities may not be included in the trip price. Some non-riding options on this trip are:

- Hiking
- Museums
- Historical Sites
- Art Galleries
- Spa Treatments
- Mineral Hot Springs
- Shopping
- Hot Air Ballooning

Trip Changes

See itinerary for specific daily ride distances and elevation options. On all of our vacations, Trek Travel strives to find quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. At times routes, hotels, activities, etc. listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the trip experience.

is best suited for our Type 3 Riders. Those who wish to ride every mile but are concerned about their physical ability may want to try our electric bike option—you still get a workout but can climb alongside even the strongest rider. Type 4 Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer.