

# Spotlight on Santa Fe Holiday

**Highlights...** Walking Tour of Santa Fe Plaza • Georgia O’Keeffe Museum • Loretto Chapel • Santa Fe School of Cooking • Turquoise Trail • Allan Houser Sculpture Garden • Bandelier National Monument • El Santuario de Chimayo • Choice on Tour

**Stefan’s “Join the Fun” Group Package Includes: Collette Tours**

**December 3-8, 2023-**

**Group Package Includes:**

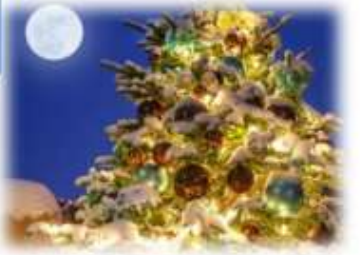
- Airfare
- Overnight Car Parking from Viera & Ormond
- Transportation to Orlando International Airport r/t with Gratuity to Driver Included
- Gratuity to your Tour Guide & Driver on your Tour
- Group Meet N Greet for Q & A
- Tour Package
- 8 Meals



6 days- 8 meals -4 Breakfast s- 2 Lunches- 2 Dinners



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Tour experiences



- Tour the Loretto Chapel and marvel at its iconic winding staircase.
- Visit the moving El Santuario de Chimayo, the most important Catholic pilgrimage site in the United States.
- Discover the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum and see thousands of works from this prolific artist.

#### Must-see inclusions

- Visit the Bandelier National Monument and discover gorgeous canyons and mesas.
- Amble through the Allan Houser Sculpture Garden.

#### Culinary inclusions

- Try your hand at making a tamale at the Santa Fe School of Cooking.
- Delight in an authentic New Mexican lunch in Chimayo.

#### 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.

#### 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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### 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. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

#### 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. Dinner is on your own tonight. Perhaps you’ll use your **included Uber voucher** and dine at a restaurant on Canyon Road. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

#### 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, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 6: Santa Fe - Tour Ends

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

### Experience It! Santa Fe in December

*December is one of the best months out of the year to visit Santa Fe. With a slight chill in the air “the City Different” transforms into a Southwestern winter wonderland replete with yuletide cheer. Unlike the frosty temperatures of the Northeast, Santa Fe’s winters are marked by brisk but temperate weather and occasional snowfall. If you’re lucky, your visit might include a snow shower where you’ll see a few inches of white powder blanket the sunbaked pueblos and adobes. Come nightfall, the historic Santa Fe Plaza is illuminated by the soft glow of hundreds of farolitos, or small paper lanterns, a traditional New Mexican form of a Christmas candle. Whether the dynamic art scene, the mesmerizing mesas and painted canyons, or the chance to spend time in a destination completely unlike your own entices you, Santa Fe is just as warm and welcoming as ever in December.*

### Your itinerary at a glance

Days 1 – 5

Drury Plaza Hotel, Santa Fe, NM

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

- **Single-hotel Stays:** Unpack just once and explore the world’s most iconic cities during Spotlights’ single-hotel stays. The leisurely pace offers you the chance to get to know these destinations like a local. Must-see cultural highlights are always included, plus there’s plenty of time to explore independently, creating your own unique adventure.

**Package Cost: Double \$2,929 or SOLO \$3,439**

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