



Santa Fe, New Mexico & the Indian Market

August 18 – 22, 2023



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Join WCU's Friends of the Arts on an adventure to the Santa Fe Indian Market!

Travel with a small group of Friends, led by George Brown and Denise Drury Homewood, to New Mexico for 5 days and 4 nights. Trip highlights will include the Indian Market, visits to museums and galleries in the greater Santa Fe region, and special lectures and insights from WCU alum (and fellow traveler), Luzene Hill. Our visits will be complemented by high-standard lodging near the plaza in Santa Fe (four nights), excellent local food and drink, and a trip pace intended to invite relaxation, inspiration, and conversation.

Special Pre-trip Feature: Included in the cost of travel is your invitation to a pre-travel talk with two-time WCU alum and award-winning multidisciplinary artist, **Luzene Hill**, about Santa Fe, the Southwestern Association of American Indian Art's (SWAIA) Indian Market, and the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA). An enrolled citizen of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and an artist who has exhibited at both IAIA's Museum of Contemporary Native Arts and the SWAIA Indian Market, Luzene will share her tips on what you need to know to make the most of your time in Santa Fe.

To learn more about the SWAIA Indian Market, please visit: <https://swaia.org>.

Trip Itinerary

Friday, August 18

Depart North Carolina & fly to Santa Fe. Welcome to the "City Different!" From its distinctive Pueblo architecture, acclaimed cuisine, and vibrant arts scene that we'll discover throughout our stay, there's so much to enjoy in this inimitable city.

Upon arrival, we'll have transportation from the Santa Fe airport to our hotel available for you. Check into our hotel for the next four nights: the Hotel Chimayó, located just off Santa Fe's central Plaza.

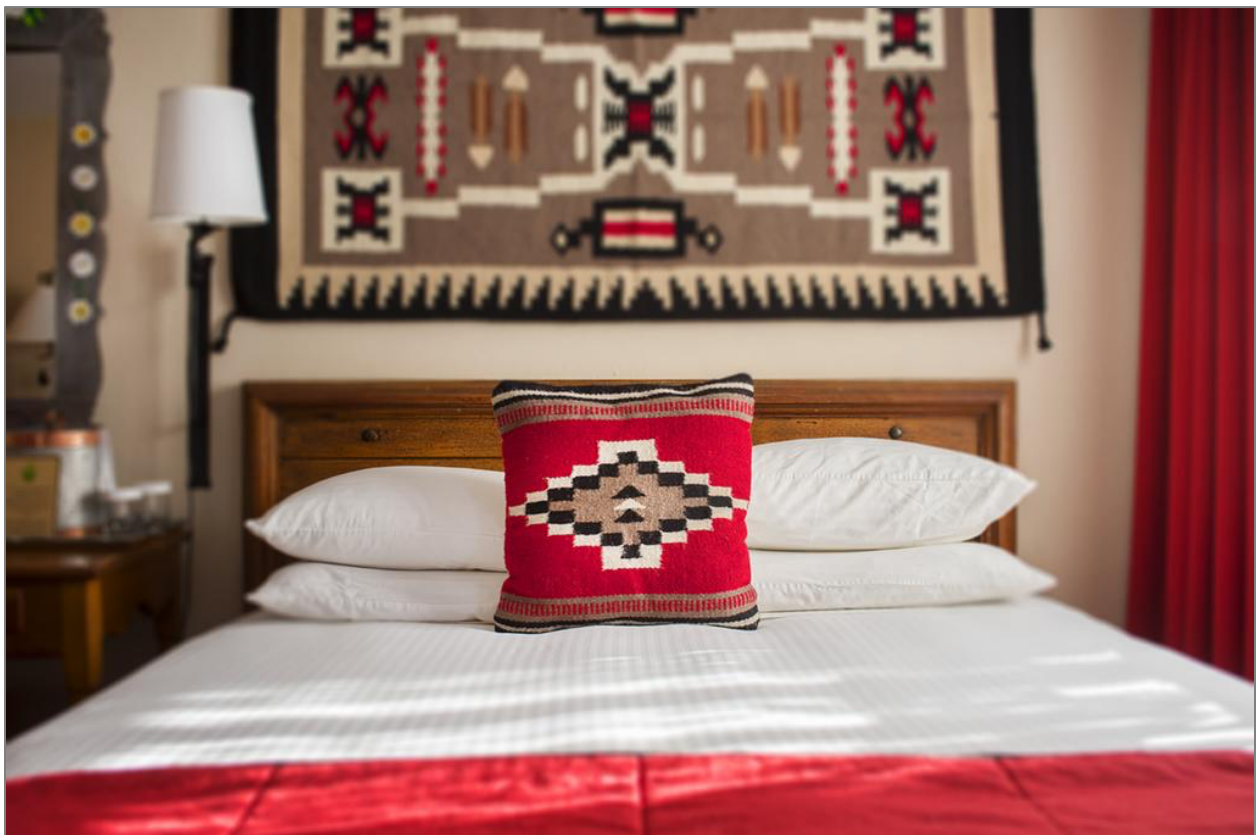
Rest and relax at our hotel this afternoon or enjoy soaking in Santa Fe's delightful ambiance. From our hotel, you can walk to local sites like the central Plaza and the historic Loretto Chapel, which is known for its "miraculous staircase" and local legend. Others may wish to explore the famed art galleries and boutiques found on nearby Canyon Road.

This evening, enjoy a festive group dinner together at Coyote Café & Rooftop Cantina to celebrate our arrival. Overnight, Santa Fe.

Saturday, August 19

After breakfast at our hotel, we'll meet in the hotel lobby and head to the Santa Fe Plaza to explore the acclaimed Indian Market.

Santa Fe's Indian Market is the largest juried Native American art show in the world, which takes place in and around the historic Santa Fe Plaza. Originally founded in 1922, this unique annual event recently celebrated 100 years and features approximately 1,000 Native artists from more than 200 tribal communities in North America and Canada. At your leisure, enjoy browsing the booths, engaging with the artists, and soaking in the atmosphere of this lively event that both preserves traditional designs and techniques, and celebrates the innovations of modern Native art.



This afternoon, those who wish to take a break from the Indian Market may enjoy a group visit led by Luzene Hill to the Institute of American Indian Arts Museum of Contemporary Native Arts. Included in this visit is a tour of the exhibition *The Stories We Carry* which features

contemporary jewelry created by more than 100 Indigenous artists across decades stewarded by the IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts (MoCNA) permanent collection.

This evening, we'll relax and enjoy chatting about the day's adventures over a group dinner.

Overnight, Santa Fe.

Sunday, August 20

This morning, we'll return to the Indian Market for further exploration.

This afternoon, those who wish may enjoy a group visit to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum to view the work of the celebrated modern artist, who was captivated by the landscapes and atmosphere of New Mexico.

This evening . . . gather for good food and drink, and just the right space to reflect and share about the day. Overnight, Santa Fe.

Monday, August 21

After breakfast at our hotel, we'll meet in the lobby to depart for our day's excursions.

This morning we'll meet and visit artists represented in the WCU Fine Art Museum's collection in their studios to learn more about their artistic practice.

In the afternoon we'll visit the renowned contemporary art space, SITE Santa Fe, and the Santa Fe Railyard Art District, including a special visit to the Blue Rain Gallery.

Enjoy one last group dinner together this evening. Overnight, Santa Fe.

Tuesday, August 22

After breakfast at our hotel, we'll return to the Santa Fe airport for our flights home, returning with new connections and fresh inspiration.

Hotel Details

Hotel Chimayó

Address: 125 Washington Ave, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Phone: (505) 988-4900

<https://www.hotelchimayo.com/>

Trip Price: \$3,525 / person (based on double room occupancy; single room supplement of \$1,021)

What's included?

- 4 nights lodging in the Hotel Chimayo, located near the central plaza in Santa Fe
- All touring / admissions, museum entrances, and artist studio visits
- Daily light breakfast in the hotel & 4 group meals
- Ground transportation by chauffeured van, including airport transfer between Santa Fe airport and our hotel
- Concierge / guide service provided by Explore Up Close throughout the trip

Price does not include airfare, other meals, alcohol, discretionary tipping, trip insurance (optional, but recommended).

Trip Registration:

Sign up for this trip online: www.exploreupclose.com/santa-fe

Questions about the trip or registration?

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