HAPPY TIMES TOURS & EXPERIENCES

OUT OF THIS WORLD NEW MEXICO (NEW MEXICO)

Trip Includes:

- Home pickup in Dane, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Jefferson, Ozaukee, Washington, and Waukesha, WI Counties and Lake County, IL
- Roundtrip Airfare MKE/Albuquerque (please call for other departure cities)
- Tour Spaceport America
- Tour White Sands National Park
- Visit Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge
- Walking Tour of historic Santa Fe includes visiting the historic Plaza, St. Francis Cathedral, the Loretto Chapel, and San Miguel Mission
- Bandelier National Monument & Frijoles Canyon
- See Ancestral Pueblo ruins and cliff dwellings
- Georgia O'Keeffe Museum
- Tour Ghost Ranch to see the scenes and actual locations of Georgia O'Keeffe's paintings
- See **Piedra Lumre** and **Pedernal** Mountain
- Guided Visit of O'Keeffe's Home and Studio
- Sandia Peak Aerial Tram
- Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum
- Walking Tour of Old Town Albuquerque and the historic Plaza area
- Motorcoach Transportation and the Services of a Happy Times Tour Director
- 14 Meals

PER PERSON RATES: Double Occupancy \$4999 Single Occupancy \$5655 Triple Occupancy \$4965

Full Payment Due: 2/17/2022

Optional Travel Protection Plan Per Person Rates: Double or Triple Occupancy: \$326 Please call for Single Occupancy



This unique New Mexico vacations is out of this world And includes a tour of Spaceport America! 7 Days: April 22 – 28, 2022

Day 1 D

Upon arrival in **Albuquerque**, we will check in to our hotel and enjoy a festive Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant well known for the finest in New Mexican cooking and true southwestern warmth and hospitality.

Day 2 B, L, D

Today we will travel to southern New Mexico and visit **Spaceport America**, where visitors should be ready for an authentic experience you cannot get anywhere else! Spaceport America, the world's first purpose-built commercial spaceport, was designed to make space travel accessible to all as air travel is today – and to be a place where visitors can have a hands-on, fun experience inside a real commercial space launch facility. Then we will continue to **Las Cruces**, the 2nd largest city in New Mexico, where we check into our hotel and enjoy a dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 3 B, L, D

Our morning destination is one of the newest National Parks. Established as a National Monument in 1933, and a National Park in 2019, **White Sands** has been a popular and unique southern New Mexico feature. Covering 275 square miles, White Sands is the **world's largest gypsum dune field**, and the park is able to protect approximately half of that. As a beautiful oasis in the desert, it is home to over 800 different species of animals, a vast network of varying ecosystems, and some of the most interesting geology and paleontology in the region. Next, a visit to the **Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.** Established in 1939 to provide a critical stopover for migrating waterfowl, the refuge is well known for the tens of thousands of cranes, geese, and ducks who winter here each year. We'll stop in Albuquerque for dinner and arrive in **Santa Fe**, New Mexico for a three night stay.

White Sands National Park



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Day 4 B, L

Start the day with a guided walking tour of **historic Santa Fe**, visiting such points of interest as the historic **Plaza, St. Francis Cathedral, the Loretto Chapel, with its famous "miraculous" staircase, and the San Miguel Mission**. Founded in 1610, Santa Fe was the last stop on the Camino Real, the fabled Royal Road that stretched from Mexico City to the northernmost reaches of the Spanish Empire. Today it is the heart and soul of the Southwest, and "Santa Fe Style" is synonymous with all the best the region has to offer. Its historic plaza, winding streets, covered arcades, hidden gardens and courtyards, and Pueblo-style architecture reflect the blending of Indian, Hispanic and Anglo cultures. Enjoy a hosted lunch before heading onto Bandelier **National Monument**. Bandelier is best known for its mesas, sheer-walled canyons and the ancestral Pueblo dwellings found among them. **Frijoles Canyon** is famous for its extensive Ancestral Puebloan ruins and cliff dwellings that date back to approximately 1100 AD. The Ancestral Puebloans farmed this canyon for over 400 years and lived in multi-storied stone and mud structures in caves carved out of the volcanic cliffs. Tonight, you will have the evening free to enjoy as you would like in Santa Fe.

Day 5 B, L

Enjoy a day dedicated to one of the most illustrious residents of New Mexico – Georgia O'Keeffe. We will start the day at The **Georgia O'Keeffe Museum** in Santa Fe. The museum is dedicated to perpetuating the artistic legacy of this important 20th century master and to the study and interpretation of American Modernism. It houses a permanent collection of more than 130 works of art. Continue to **Ghost Ranch for a guided landscape tour** of the area Georgia O'Keeffe loved, explored, painted, and lived in for over 50 years. Tour the landscape of Ghost Ranch and **see through your own eyes the scenes and actual locations of Georgia O'Keeffe's paintings.** The shining red and yellow cliffs of the **Piedra Lumre**, the **black trains of waterfalls against the canyon walls**, and her beloved **Pedernal Mountain** will surely dazzle and showcase the region that O'Keeffe loved so dearly. Following lunch, enjoy a guided visit of O'Keeffe's home and studio in Abiquiu, where she worked and lived. We'll return to Santa Fee where you will have the evening free.

Day 6 B, D

This morning we will travel back to Albuquerque. Upon arrival, we will take a ride on the **Sandia Peak Aerial Tram**, one of the world's longest free-span cable tramways! The 2.7 mile tramway ride to the top will take you through four of the seven life ones found in North America. Traversing these zones is equivalent to taking a trip from Mexico City to Alaska! Once atop Sandia Peak, at an elevation of 10,378 feet, you will marvel at the thousands of square miles of breathtaking scenery and panoramic views in all directions. Albuquerque is famous for its International Balloon Fiesta, when each October the skies above the Duke City are filled with the dazzling colors of hundreds of hot air balloons. Experience a taste of this great event when you visit the **Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum**. This spectacular site is the world's premiere facility dedicated to the art, culture, science, history, sport and spectacle of ballooning and features one of the finest collections of ballooning equipment and memorabilia in the world. Next, we'll take a walking tour of **Old Town Albuquerque and the historic Plaza area**. Old Town, the original center of Albuquerque was founded in the early part of the 18th century and includes **San Felipe de Neri Church** and many historic buildings that form an architectural record of this city's unique past. Enjoy some time on your own for lunch and shopping. This evening, we'll enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Today, we fly back to Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport with out of the world memories of our New Mexico vacation.

NOTE: Gratuities for the tour director and driver are not included in the price and are at the passengers' discretion. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change due to COVID restrictions that may be enforced without notice. Airfare baggage fees are not included. Air taxes are subject to change without notice. This tour is non-refundable for cancellations received on or after final payment date.





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