



New Mexico's White Sands, Caverns & Close Encounters

White Sands & Carlsbad Caverns National Parks, Albuquerque, Roswell, Las Cruces, Inn of the Mountain Gods

April 14-20, 2026 (7-Day Tour)

Tour Highlights

- ◆ Visit Carlsbad Caverns National Park and enter the largest cave chamber in North America to explore a subterranean wonderland filled with fantastic geological formations
- ◆ Visit White Sands National Park and explore the massive, wave-like dunes of glistening white gypsum crystals that have created the world's largest gypsum dune field
- ◆ Enjoy an overnight stay at the AAA Four Diamond, *Inn of the Mountain Gods*
- ◆ In Albuquerque visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History, Old Town and ride aboard the Sandia Peak Tramway
- ◆ Tour Historic Old Mesilla, the Chile Pepper Institute, and the Zuhl Museum while in Las Cruces, the New Mexico Museum of Space History and a pistachio farm while in Alamogordo, and the International UFO Museum while in Roswell



White Sands National Park



Carlsbad Caverns



San Felipe de Neri Church



Inn of the Mountain Gods

Tour Inclusions

- ◆ 6 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 12 Meals – 3 dinners, 3 lunches, 6 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional GTT tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing
- ◆ Admissions per the itinerary
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$1,999 per person
Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$500
Roundtrip group airfare from \$495 per person

Itinerary

Embark on a captivating 7-day journey through the heart of New Mexico's most unique landscapes and cultural treasures. Walk amongst the glistening white gypsum dunes at White Sands National Park and descend into the massive yet delicate caves at Carlsbad Caverns National Park. Experience the distinctive wine and colonial charm of Historic Old Mesilla while in Las Cruces. Explore the mysteries surrounding close encounters in Roswell. And discover ancient cultures, world famous Southwestern cuisine and renowned museums in Albuquerque on this true exploration of the "Land of Enchantment" – from the underground to the sky.

Day 1 – Welcome to New Mexico! (Tues., April 14)

Optional transfers from our departure points will have us at LAX this morning for a scheduled nonstop flight arriving in El Paso, Texas late this afternoon. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule (subject to change) to coordinate a flight arrival time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the hotel.* Upon arrival, we'll board a deluxe motorcoach and continue north to **Las Cruces**, New Mexico where we'll enjoy a two-night stay. Enjoy an included dinner at **La Posta de Mesilla**, serving up traditional New Mexican cuisine. (Dinner)

Day 2 – Las Cruces (Wed., April 15)

This morning we'll visit New Mexico State University and experience the Chile Pepper Institute and the **Zuhl Museum**, containing over 1,800 beautiful specimens of petrified wood, fossils and minerals. Join a local guide for a short walking tour of **Historic Old Mesilla**, rich in history and timeless charm. This afternoon we'll visit a local winery and taste southern New Mexico's distinctive local blends, featuring

Make a Booking

Fill out, mail or drop off reservation form to:

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Accommodations

- ♦ Nights 1-2 Drury Inn & Suites, Las Cruces, NM
- ♦ Night 3 Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero, NM
- ♦ Nights 4-5 Hampton Inn & Suites, Roswell, NM
- ♦ Night 6 Drury Inn & Suites, Albuquerque, NM

Optional Roundtrip Airfare

Airfare is available as an optional add-on as advertised on the front of this brochure. Because airfare generally increases closer to departure, it's best to purchase airfare as soon as possible to lock in the lowest price and best schedule.

Optional Airport Transfers

Optional LAX transfers from home are available for an additional charge.

Payment Information

- ♦ Full payment is due upon completion of reservation form.

Cancellation/Travel Protection

A travel protection policy (which includes cancellation protection and other benefits) is highly recommended and available through a third-party. A travel protection brochure will be provided with your payment receipt and invoice. Regardless of the reason, cancellations, credits and transfers of paid bookings require us to retain an administrative fee (ranging from \$100-\$600 depending on the date of cancellation) in addition to all non-recoverable fees paid to our tour suppliers on your behalf. Those guests who have purchased travel protection and must cancel for a covered reason, will be reimbursed by the travel protection company the balance of any non-refunded or credited monies (minus the premium itself). For more information, please contact Grace Cheng Braun at (310) 729-5221.

Tour Pace & Activity Level



Moderate amount of guided walking or at your own pace over slightly longer distances and periods of standing, for example on nature walks with rest time on coach at attractions.

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flavors only found in the Mesilla Valley. This evening we'll enjoy an included dinner at **Double Eagle**, the crown jewel of Historic Old Mesilla. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 3 – White Sands, Space & Pistachios (Thurs., April 16)

This morning we'll travel east into southern New Mexico's Tularosa Basin and **White Sands National Park**. We'll travel along the scenic Dunes Drive, which takes us into the heart of the world's largest gypsum dune field, where great wave-like dunes of gypsum crystals have engulfed 275 square miles of desert! Enjoy an included boxed lunch picnic and a leisurely stroll along the fully accessible and elevated Interdune Boardwalk, providing the easiest way to get out into the middle of this fragile and unique ecosystem. This afternoon we'll visit the **New Mexico Museum of Space History**, a Smithsonian Affiliate that celebrates the history, science and technology of space exploration, focusing on New Mexico's crucial role in America's space program. Later, we'll visit New Mexico's first and largest pistachio grove for a behind-the-scenes tour of a working **pistachio farm**. This evening we'll enjoy an overnight stay at the AAA Four Diamond **Inn of the Mountain Gods**, a premier mountain resort nestled amongst the picturesque Sacramento Mountains at 7,200 feet above sea level. Enjoy luxurious accommodations, multiple dining options and a Las Vegas-style casino. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 4 – Roswell (Friday, April 17)

After a late check out, we'll travel east this morning to **Roswell**, the quirky, alien-themed city known around the world as the location of a UFO "incident," in 1947. We'll visit the **International UFO Museum** which focuses on the "The Roswell UFO Incident" and what led many to believe the ensuing government cover-up. The museum features a variety of displays, including graphic representations of the crash debris, models of aliens, and mock-ups of alleged events, such as the famous alien autopsy scene. After an included lunch at a locals' favorite and a sweet treat from one of Roswell's most iconic sites, we'll begin a two-night stay in Roswell. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 5 – Carlsbad Caverns National Park (Sat., April 18)

This morning we'll travel south to **Carlsbad Caverns National Park**, perhaps the most famous and spectacular cave systems in the world! This UNESCO World Heritage Site beneath the Chihuahuan Desert was formed when sulfuric acid dissolved the surrounding limestone, creating huge, deep passages, up to 250 feet high! We'll have several hours at leisure to explore the Visitor Center, enjoy lunch on your own at the cafeteria and embark on a self-guided tour of the "Big Room." You may choose to descend the steep, 1 ¼ mile paved trail through the cavern's Natural Entrance and exit via an elevator. Or, simply ride the elevator 750 feet down to the "Big Room" and exit via the elevator as well. Either way, you'll have the opportunity to explore the "Big Room," the largest single cave chamber (by volume) in North America via the paved Big Room Trail (1 ¼ miles or ½ mile if you take the shortcut). This massive, eight-acre chamber has a 255-foot ceiling that is filled with spectacularly beautiful and delicate formations as well as huge columns, stalactites and stalagmites. We'll return to the hotel late this afternoon with the evening at leisure. (Breakfast)

Day 6 – Albuquerque (Sunday, April 19)

This morning we'll travel north to Albuquerque and enjoy time at leisure for browsing and lunch on own in historic **Old Town Albuquerque**. A visit to the beautiful **San Felipe de Neri Church** provides a deep connection to the city's Spanish colonial roots as well as a peaceful, historic counterpoint to the bustling shops, galleries and eateries in the Old Town Plaza. Later, we'll visit the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**, the world-class museum collectively owned by the 19 Puebloan Indian Tribes of New Mexico. Enjoy time at leisure to browse the center which tells the story of the Pueblo peoples' legacy, resilience, and history through their own voices, words, artistry, artifacts and traditional Native American dance. This evening we'll enjoy an included dinner at a locals' favorite. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7 – Albuquerque, Journey Home (Monday, April 20)

This morning we'll step aboard the **Sandia Peak Tramway** – for a 2.7-mile journey to the summit of Sandia Crest (elevation 10,378). Enjoy time at leisure at the summit to explore and (weather permitting) take in the spectacular panoramic views. After an included lunch at a beloved New Mexican institution known for its quirky environment and "ordinary food done extraordinary well," we'll visit the **National Museum of Nuclear Science & History**. This Smithsonian Affiliate provides a comprehensive and thought provoking look at the story of the Atomic Age with exhibits focused on the Manhattan Project, the Cold War, pioneers of the atom, and the diverse non-military uses of nuclear technology. Late this afternoon we'll arrive at the Albuquerque International Sunport for our scheduled nonstop return flight to Los Angeles. **Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule (subject to change) to coordinate a flight departure time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the airport.** Back in Los Angeles, those guests with pre-arranged transfers will be returned to their respective drop-offs. (Breakfast, Lunch)

While we strive to operate our tours as advertised, should we be forced to adjust the itinerary prior to departure or while on tour, these changes will be communicated and made only when absolutely necessary.

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\$1,999/traveler (based on Double occupancy)

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I want to purchase the SINGLE supplement: ☐ No ☐ Yes (\$500 additional)

I/we want the roundtrip Group Air: ☐ No ☐ Yes (\$495* may change after 12/19/25)

Please find payment of _____ for ____ # person(s).

NOTE: Group Air payment is due at time of payment.

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Amount to be charged: \$ _____ Signature: _____

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Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth (mm/dd/year): _____ Nickname: _____

Your Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Cell: () _____ (required for while on trip)

Your Email: _____ Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to You and His/Her Phone # : _____ () _____

(Complete If Applicable: If different address, roommate needs to complete a separate sign-up form)

Roommate's Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth (mm/dd/year): _____ Nickname: _____

Roommate's Cell: () _____ (needed for while on trip)

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