



NCOIL SPOUSAL/GUEST TOURS SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2011


FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 – PRIVATE COACH – TAOS PUEBLO – LUNCH

Please meet Sandy Feldman at 9:15 a.m. in the lobby of the Eldorado Hotel where we will depart via private mini-coach for a *not-to-be-missed adventure to Taos*. We will visit the Taos Pueblo, which is believed to have been constructed between 1000 and 1450 A.D. The Pueblo looks much as it did when the first Spanish explorers arrived in Northern New Mexico in 1540. After our tour and some shopping in the Native shops, we'll stop at a local landmark, Tiwa Kitchen, a restaurant owned by Ben White Buffalo and his wife Debbie Moonlight Flowers. This one-of-a-kind restaurant serves authentic Native American food, organically grown by the owners and cooked in traditional beehive wood-fired ovens. They plan to prepare a special Native-American buffet just for our group. From the large windows across the back of the restaurant, we'll enjoy a view of the Sangre de Christos Mountain Range. **Cost per person: \$80.00 and includes, private mini-bus, admission, tour guide, lunch, gratuities and taxes.** We'll be back at the hotel by 3:30 p.m. *Please note: If you wish to take photos, a special permit must be purchased when you arrive for \$6.00. (We could designate a photographer & share via e-mail.) No photos may be taken of the Natives without permission.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - SCENIC DAY TRAIN FROM SANTA FE- LUNCH – GHOST TOWN



Please meet Sandy in the Eldorado Lobby at 12:15 **sharp** for a short walk (3 blks.) to the train depot where we'll depart at 12:30 p.m. Our special train excursion will take us in the comfort via vintage rail cars that have been authentically restored to the almost ghost-town of Lamy. We'll travel through high desert scenery on a 4-hour round trip from the historic depot in Santa Fe to Lamy, a sleepy little village 18 miles southeast of Santa Fe and reminiscent of turn-of-the-century Wild West days! *A BBQ lunch awaits us in Lamy.* **Cost: per person \$35.00 includes train ride, lunch, soda/tea, tips and Lamy Railroad Museum.** Cash bar on board. Back to the hotel by 4:30 p.m.

 **Please register by November 8 so that we meet our minimum of 20 per tour.**
Any questions – please email Sandy at sandy@travelxperts.com!

Friday - Tour & Lunch _____ November 18, 2011 Number in party _____

Saturday – Scenic Train Ride _____ November 19, 2011 Number in party _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

***Please make your checks payable to:**

**Sandy Feldman
915 Folly Rd.
Box O-6
Charleston, SC 29412**

No refunds on day of event unless tour is cancelled due to inclement weather.



Taos Pueblo



Taos Pueblo is the largest multistoried Pueblo structure still existing. It is made of adobe walls that are often several feet thick. Its primary purpose was for defense. Up to as late as 1900, access to the rooms on lower floors was by ladders on the outside to the roof, and then down an inside ladder. In case of an attack, outside ladders could easily be pulled up. The homes in this structure usually consist of two rooms, one of which is for general living and sleeping, and the second of which is for cooking, eating, and storage. Each home is self-contained; there are no passageways between the houses. Taos Indians made little use of furniture in the past, but today they have tables, chairs, and beds. In the Pueblo, electricity, running water, and indoor plumbing are prohibited.

The pueblo wall completely encloses the village except at the entrance as a symbol of the village boundaries. Now rather short, the wall used to be much taller for protection against surrounding tribes. The river running through the pueblo serves as the primary source for drinking and cooking water for the residents of the village. In the winter, the river never completely freezes although it does form a heavy layer of ice. Because the river moves so swiftly, the ice can be broken to obtain the fresh water beneath.

Source: Wikipedia