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New Mexico is a land of contrast: where rugged terrain meets sophisticated sensibilities, orange earth and blue skies bring out the best in each other, artists and socialites have spent the past century rubbing elbows, an aura of days gone by still persists and always there's a feeling of freedom and a sense of removal from the rest of the world.

Onward Travel invites you to explore this dynamic state with us - from a lovely historic inn set amid an organic farm to downtown Santa Fe and the famous artists' colony of Taos, we'll be sure to see all of the can't-miss places that make New Mexico one of the country's most fulfilling tourist destinations. Along the way we'll take classes, from cooking to glassblowing, enjoy guided tours of cultural and culinary highlights, all amid the amazing scenery and architecture that typify The State of Enchantment. **So whether it's fine cuisine, architecture and design, or just a general sense of wanderlust that moves you.... this is the tour of New Mexico you've been waiting for.**

TRIP COST

\$2,125 per traveler | \$500 single supplement

\$75 early bird discount if registered by January 15, 2016

\$750 deposit due at booking | Balance due February 13, 2016

TRIP INCLUSIONS

To make the most of your time in New Mexico, this tour is mostly all-inclusive with a few meals on your own. Five nights accommodations, all activities, meals (with beverages), excursions and transportation as described in the itinerary, as well as all gratuities, are included in the trip cost.

TO REGISTER

Email katerina@onwardtravel.co for a registration form or visit bit.ly/NM2016

ABOUT NEW MEXICO IN APRIL

Mid to late April is a perfect time to visit New Mexico. It's just the very end of the "off season," so you won't have to worry about crowds. Expect sunny days with temperatures in the 60's, and crisp clear nights with dipping temperatures.

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Day 1: Wednesday April 13 ~ Arrival

Arrive at the Albuquerque International Sunport this afternoon and transfer to Los Poblanos Historic Inn and Organic Farm. Featured on the National Registry of Historic Places, Los Poblanos is set amongst 25 acres of lavender fields, enormous cottonwood trees, a working organic farm and lush formal gardens. Designed in 1932 by the region's foremost architect, John Gaw Meem, the "Father of Santa Fe Style," Los Poblanos is widely considered one of the most magnificent historic properties in the American Southwest. You will love spending the next two nights here!

Relax this afternoon, stroll the grounds, or borrow a complimentary cruiser bicycle and take a spin. Our group will meet in the early evening for a welcome drink from the selection of thoughtfully prepared craft cocktails served in the Sala Grande living room. Then, we'll enjoy our first dinner together at La Merienda, the on-site restaurant featuring upscale Rio Grande River Valley Cuisine that is rooted in seasonal organic ingredients from the Los Poblanos farm, as well as from longstanding relationships with local farmers and herdsman.

Dinner is included.

Day 2: Thursday April 14 ~ A Day on the Farm

Wake up relaxed today. Each morning at Los Poblanos you will enjoy a made-to-order gourmet breakfast in the dining room at your leisure. Late morning we'll embark upon a private tour of the property in which we'll learn about the synchronicity that exists there - whether between the architecture and the stunning natural surroundings or the beehives and the chef's homemade chocolate... there are connections everywhere at Los Poblanos and pure delight in simple details.

After the tour, Executive Chef Jonathan Perno will instruct our group in a cooking class, followed by a delicious lunch. Perno has worked at many prestigious restaurants across the country, traveled and cheffed his way through Europe, and studied organic farming in San Francisco. His commitment to sustainable locally sourced cuisine runs deep and today we will have the opportunity to appreciate his thoughtful perspective as he teaches us how to prepare traditional New Mexico style dishes.

This afternoon and evening are yours to relax and enjoy the historic grounds, buildings, restaurant and bar at Los Poblanos.

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Day 3: Friday April 15 ~ Introducing Santa Fe

This morning we'll depart Los Poblanos after breakfast for the one hour drive north to Santa Fe. Founded in 1607 at an elevation of 7000 feet, it is not only the United States' oldest state capital but it's highest. Santa Fe is consistently rated one of the world's top travel destinations for its confluence of scenic beauty, long history (at least by US standards), cultural diversity, and extraordinary concentration of arts, music and dining.

We'll begin our visit to Santa Fe with a guided tour of the International Folk Art Museum, a quintessentially Santa Fe experience, and arguably the world's best collection of its kind. The museum is located on Museum Hill, so stick around and visit another collection, walk the scenic 2-mile Santa Fe trail back downtown to the hotel, or head back via taxi to relax or shop this afternoon. For the next two nights we'll stay at The Old Santa Fe Inn, an artsy and centrally located family-owned hotel that prides itself on offering "hospitality from a simpler time."

This evening we'll gather for a drink together before we set out for dinner at legendary fine dining destination Cafe Pasqual's. Cafe Pasqual's is truly a delight for all the senses - it's located in a traditional adobe building with a festive dining room lined with hand-painted Mexican tiles and murals, but it's the food that has made it a landmark since its opening in 1979 by chef Katharine Kagel. Partaking in her eclectic and creative cooking, from locally sourced high quality ingredients that she's been faithful to since before it was "in," will be a real treat tonight.

Breakfast and dinner are included.

Day 4: Saturday April 16 ~ Exploring Art & Cuisine in Santa Fe

The Old Santa Fe Inn has a hot breakfast buffet, complete with a make your own breakfast burrito bar (it's New Mexico after all!), so be sure to enjoy it today and tomorrow. Then we'll head over to Liquid Light Glass Studio, owned by Elodie Holmes, a glassblower for over three decades. Since we are surrounded by art in Santa Fe it only seems right that we make some ourselves. Elodie and her assistants will introduce us to the art of glassblowing with demonstrations and explanations before we get hands-on and everyone makes their own glass paperweight. It's a souvenir and a memory you'll enjoy for years to come.

After our glassblowing class, we'll set out to learn about the food and history of the city on an A Taste of Santa Fe food tour. A Taste of Santa Fe is a walking progressive lunch tour, led by a local professional food lover, through the heart of historic downtown that will be sure to inspire your palate and your mind! You'll also be equipped with an excellent lay of the land by the end of the tour, which will come in handy as you spend the rest of the afternoon and evening exploring Santa Fe as you wish.

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Day 5: Sunday April 17 ~ A Day in Taos

Bid farewell to Santa Fe this morning as we make our way north to Taos, the legendary artists' outpost located in the New Mexico desert. As we near Taos, we'll make a couple of stops on the periphery of town. First is the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge, built in 1963 it is the 7th highest bridge in the country and of steel frame construction. From here the views over the Rio Grande Gorge are breathtaking.

Then we'll stop at the Millicent Rogers Museum for a guided tour. Millicent Rogers was an extraordinary woman... an oil heiress, fashion icon, art collector, champion of Southwestern art and culture and an activist for the civil rights of Native Americans. Today her outstanding collection of Native American, Hispanic, and Euro-American art, with a specific emphasis on northern New Mexico and Taos pieces, is housed outside of town in a breathtaking setting created by architects Claude J.K. and Elizabeth Anderson and later remodeled and expanded by Nathaniel A. Owings.

After the Rogers museum we'll make our way to the center of Taos where you can explore the numerous art museums, galleries, shops, restaurants and cafes set around a historic plaza and get a feeling for this place that has attracted free-thinking creatives for a century. We'll leave Taos in the mid afternoon, and make our way back to Albuquerque where we'll check in to The Fairfield Inn & Suites ABQ Airport.

When we think of Southwestern food, Mexican and Spanish influences may be the first to come to mind, but this is also the land of the classic chophouse. For our farewell dinner this evening we'll enjoy a festive meal at one of Albuquerque's best restaurants, Antiquity, where the old-school, upscale menu will make you feel like you've gone back in time. A perfect place to raise a glass and toast to the fantastic week we've had exploring this enchanting state!

Breakfast and dinner are included.

Day 6: Monday April 18 ~ Departure

Grab a quick breakfast at the hotel before taking a complimentary shuttle back to ABQ Sunport for your return flight home...

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