

Savor Santa Fe

A culinary & cultural experience

Sunday, April 23-Thursday, April 27, 2023



DAY #1

Sunday, April 23

Arrive and check in at The Drury Plaza Hotel, a Drury Hotel flagship property, located in the heart of downtown Santa Fe. This historic Santa Fe landmark was purchased by Drury Hotels in 2007. Mindful of the role the property played in Santa Fe history, the developers spent several years of archeological research before beginning renovations. In many instances, they were able to preserve the original architecture and history of the location.

Stroll through the plaza to our dinner destination, the Gruet Winery Tasting Room. Family owned and run, the winery specializes in Pinot Noir and Chardonnay based sparkling wines and a small collection of still wines. The tapas style dinner tonight will be catered by Santa Fe caterer, Open Kitchen and conclude with a chocolate tasting by Kakawa Chocolates.

Return to The Drury, stop by your room, and grab your after-dinner cocktail, then join everyone on the hotel rooftop to enjoy the starlight sky and engaging conversations.



Kakawa Chocolate House is a specialty chocolate company located in the beautiful high desert town of Santa Fe. Their passion is authentic and historic drinking chocolates elixirs. Kakawa supports local organic farming, promotes the history and anthropology of chocolate, and, most importantly, produces a huge variety of delicious chocolate creations of the highest quality.





Day #2

Monday, April 24

Complimentary Breakfast is included every morning from 6:00 am – 9:30 am. Choose to sleep in or rise early. Either way, you may have some free time this morning to “people watch” and enjoy a second cup of coffee on The Plaza or work in a walk/run thru the streets of Santa Fe.

Heritage Lunch Tour

One could spend weeks in Santa Fe and never see the same thing twice, but for our short journey we will begin with a narrated walking tour through the rich culinary history of Santa Fe from pre-colonization to modern day. Our tour guide, Lauren Slaff, Managing Director of Wander New Mexico Food Tours will guide us through the historic plaza and state capital district. Learn the poignant aspects of The City Different’s 412+ year history and unique architecture.

Our tour concludes with a “Heritage” focused 3-course meal with wine pairings at Joseph’s Culinary Pub (JCP). Chef/owner Joseph Wrede will be opening his restaurant specifically for our CLJ and will be onsite to present the heritage menu courses and answer questions about Santa Fe’s colorful culinary history and current trends.



Farm-to-Table Dinner Excursion

This evening our journey will take us about 45 minutes north of Santa Fe into the Jemez Mountain area. Acclaimed Chef & proprietor of picturesque Farm-to-Table Restaurant & Inn NOSA, Graham Dodds will lead the group on a private tour of one of renowned artist Ra Paulette's carved sandstone caves. Then we will join chef for a 5-course tasting menu highlighting local and seasonal ingredients and paired with local wines.

Oh! And the setting will be amazing as we dine while gazing at a stunning sunset over the majestic Jemez Mountains.



Set in the scenic Ojo Caliente River Valley overlooking the majestic Jemez Mountains is the secluded and serene NOSA restaurant & inn. NOSA is an acronym for "NORth of SAnTa Fe" and also an old Spanish word for "ours" which speaks to the communal nature of a place to gather, dine and rest.



DAY #3

Tuesday, April 25

After a busy first full day, enjoy a leisure morning. Complimentary breakfast in the hotel is served from 6 am – 9:30 am.

Palace Avenue Arts Gallery Tour

If you are interested in the art of Santa Fe, join us in the lobby at 9 am for a curated tour of Palace Avenue Arts. Located inside The Drury Plaza Hotel, this gallery is the largest in downtown Santa Fe, featuring over 300 artworks available for purchase or viewing. Whether you are a “looker” or a “buyer” this art is truly stunning and a great way to start your day.

Santa Fe Railyard Progressive Tasting Tour

This morning we explore Santa Fe’s Railyard Arts & Culture district beginning with a comparative tasting of Mexican vs New Mexican cuisines. Hosted by Sarah Carswell, the 3rd generation owner of La Chozza and its sister restaurant, The Shed, we will enjoy two savory courses and the famous “Santa Fe Silver Coin” margaritas.

Next, stroll through Santa Fe’s Farmer’s Market and learn about the history and unique aspects of the market. And for dessert, we will stop at La Lecheria to enjoy a craft ice cream tasting and production tour with chef/proprietor of La Lecheria, Joel Coleman.

Conclude the afternoon with a tour and tasting of Santa Fe’s stylish new distillery, Altar Spirits, led by Master Distiller, Caley Shoemaker. Caley is known for creative cocktails and we will taste a few of her latest creations.

Santa Fe, New Mexico's capital, sits in the Sangre de Cristo foothills. It's renowned for its Pueblo-style architecture and as a creative arts hotbed. Founded as a Spanish colony in 1610, it has at its heart the traditional Plaza. The surrounding historic district's crooked streets wind past adobe landmarks including the Palace of the Governors, now home to the New Mexico History Museum.



Harvey House Dinner

We are on the road again to Las Vegas...New Mexico that is.

Take a step back in time to when hospitality visionary Fred Harvey brought the first hotels and fine dining venues to the new railroad stations ushering in the era of the first "civilized" travel in the great western United States.

Dinner will be a multi course menu with pairings hosted by Chef Sean Sinclair, in the impeccably restored Harvey House Hotel Castañeda.

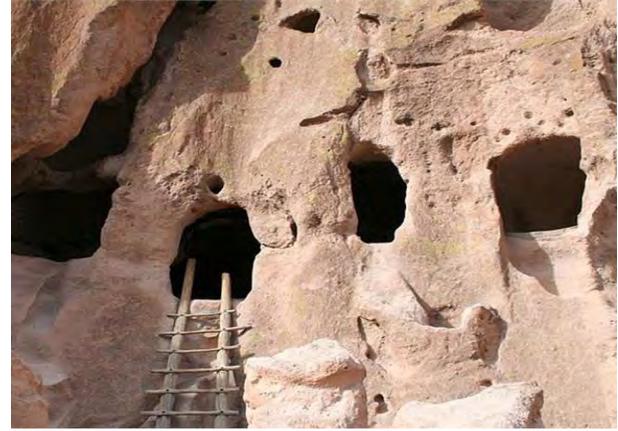
The Castañeda was built in 1898 and was Fred Harvey's first trackside hotel – the beginning of America's first hospitality empire. The hotel is roughly 30,000 sq ft, plus a 500 foot long arcade wrapping the entire east facade and courtyard. There is also a basement under the north wing for kitchen supplies, under the south wing for boilers and mechanical equipment, and a huge attic, which was uninsulated and never used. The Santa Fe Railway mainline ran directly in front, connecting Las Vegas New Mexico to Chicago and Los Angeles.



DAY #4

Wednesday, April 26

Today after breakfast we will depart the hotel for a cultural trip to Bandelier National Monument. Bandelier National Monument protects over 33,000 acres of rugged but beautiful canyon and mesa country as well as evidence of a human presence here going back over 11,000 years. Petroglyphs, dwellings carved into the soft rock cliffs, and standing masonry walls pay tribute to the early days of a culture that still survives in the surrounding communities.



After an easy hike and fresh outdoors, we'll return to Santa Fe for a visit in the plaza and margarita sipping and appetizers at El Callejon and Del Charro Saloon. Guests will be provided a curated list of shops and galleries to visit prior to returning to our hotel to freshen up for our final dinner.

Sazon Restaurant

For our final dinner, Chef Fernando Olea, Santa Fe's James Beard award winning chef, will host us at Sazon Restaurant, one of the city's most celebrated and beautiful venues. Our menu includes an 8 course Chef's Degustación with spirits and wine pairings.



A leisurely walk back to the hotel and a final nightcap on the rooftop will give everyone time for one last look at the Santa Fe night sky and to reflect on our time together in this enchanted city.

Originally from Mexico City, Chef Fernando Olea, Best Chef of the Southwest 2022 James Beard Award Winner, has been entralling diners in Santa Fe since 1991 with his unique interpretation of contemporary and traditional Mexican dishes.

Chef Olea creates sophisticated flavors using Old Mexico's indigenous and culinary traditions alongside ingredients from around the world. His menu is deliberately small, featuring fresh and locally sourced produce and meats when possible.



DAY #5

Thursday, April 27

Enjoy breakfast between 6 am – 9:30 am this morning then plan to depart at your leisure or continue your stay in New Mexico, the land of enchantment. There are so many unique things to see and do here, plan to stay an extra few days if your schedule allows.

PRODUCERS' NOTE: At the time of printing, November 2022, the dates of the trip are accurate. Please note the trip producer reserves the right to make any changes they feel will enhance the trip or make it more enjoyable for the group

