



Enchanting New Mexico in Depth!

☀ OPPENHEIMER'S LOS ALAMOS, WHITE SANDS & MANHATTAN PROJECT ☀

SANTA FE AND THE TURQUOISE TRAIL ☀ CARLSBAD CAVERNS ☀ GHOST TOWN OF MADRID

BANDELIER CLIFF DWELLINGS ☀ LORETTO CHAPEL ☀ SANTA FE SCHOOL OF COOKING



OCTOBER 16TH - 23RD, 2026

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



Join TRIPS' expert guide David Beach as we transport you to the "Land of Enchantment" on the 100th Anniversary of Route 66!

Along the scenic Turquoise Trail, you'll explore the eerie ghost town of Madrid before traveling up to Santa Fe, forever a top U.S. destination! Visit the Loretto Chapel with its miraculous staircase, delight in the sheer culinary fun of the Santa Fe School of Cooking, explore the starkly beautiful Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, and stroll and shop the historic Plaza at the end of the famed Old Santa Fe Trail, ringed by buildings in the Pueblo, Spanish and Territorial styles reflecting its diverse past. Also explore mystical Taos nearby and its fascinating Standard Oil heiress' Millicent Rogers Museum, while elsewhere you'll marvel at the astounding Carlsbad Caverns and endlessly fascinating "Oppenheimer" Manhattan Project sites at Los Alamos and White Sands. Add to all that the stunning views from the Sandia Peak Tram and dazzling Turquoise Museum in Albuquerque - and you'll discover all the very best of stunning New Mexico!

Itinerary

October 16, 2026 - Welcome to Enchanting New Mexico!

Your journey to the "Land of Enchantment" begins today as you fly to El Paso, where you'll be met by your tour director and travel on to your hotel in **Carlsbad**. After checking in and some relaxation time, join us to celebrate your arrival with a festive **New Mexico welcome dinner!**

Overnight: Carlsbad, NM

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October 17, 2026 - Carlsbad Caverns & White Sands Nat'l Parks!

After breakfast, you'll take a scenic drive through the Sonoran desert to world-famous **Carlsbad Caverns** to choose your own adventure - either walking some distance with your tour director to the Caverns' scenic natural entrance and descending by stairs, or instead going down by elevator for your self-guided tour along all or part of the 1.5 mile long trail. You'll descend more than 700 feet below the Earth's surface to walk among **otherworldly rock formations** in a cavern system so massive, with some of the deepest, largest and most unique caverns ever found, that it's been called the "**Grand Canyon with a Roof!**" After lunch on your own at the Caverns, you'll travel to **Alamogordo** on a picturesque ride through the **Bear Mountains**. After check-in, you'll join your ranger guide on a **sunset stroll at White Sands National Park**, where the sunsets are often truly spectacular! Rising from the **Tularosa Basin**, the glistening white sands of New Mexico form the **world's largest gypsum dunefield** - enormous wave-like dunes of blazing white sand engulfing 275 square miles of desert. You'll cap off your day in high Southwestern style with a **special surprise evening event** right there at White Sands!

Overnight: Alamogordo, NM

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October 18, 2026 - Atomic Site and World's Largest Pistachio!

This morning after breakfast, you'll relive a critical moment in history as you pass **Holloman Air Force Base** while being regaled about Holloman's **White Sands Trinity Site** where the very first atomic bomb was tested as part of the **Manhattan Project**, as so thrillingly depicted in

the movie "Oppenheimer!" Then you'll stop at the popular home of "**the world's largest pistachio,**" Pistachio Land, where you'll enjoy today's **lunch and wine tasting**. Afterward, you'll continue on to Albuquerque and arrive late afternoon, with your evening free to relax and dine on your own somewhere enticing by the hotel.

Overnight: Albuquerque, NM

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October 19, 2026 - Albuquerque's Old Town and Turquoise!

Begin your Albuquerque day with a morning ride on the **Sandia Peak Tram** with its sweeping panoramic views of the city and mountains where you might also spot some wildlife. Up on the peak, you can opt for a scenic hike that goes to **Kiwanis Cabin**, an impressive mountaintop 1930's CCC structure built from rough stones and wood. You'll then have free time to enjoy lunch on your own at one of Albuquerque's most unusual food halls, followed by a tour with free time to get to know **Albuquerque's Old Town**, "The Jewel of the American Southwest!" Within its tree-lined plaza and charming old buildings, you'll find quiet hidden patios, winding brick paths, gardens and balconies in these ten blocks of historic adobe buildings. After shopping and exploring in the main plaza you'll visit the **Turquoise Museum** with its impressive collection. You'll uncover the mystery of turquoise, delve into its rich history, and learn of the different mines, specimens, and stories of colorful characters. This **rich repository of turquoise** specimens from over 100 mines make this museum a New Mexico must-see! Later you'll head out to enjoy dinner at **El Pinto**, Albuquerque's most famous classic restaurant with delightful outdoor seating!

Overnight: Albuquerque, NM

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October 20, 2026 - Santa Fe's Turquoise Trail & Cooking School!

After breakfast and check-out, you'll travel north to the marvels of **Santa Fe**, riding through the beautiful **Santa de Cristo Mountains** along the historic **Turquoise Trail**. Today's first stop is the real-life **ghost town of Madrid**, looking just like a classic ghost town should! With empty

ramshackle houses that once housed 3000 miners and their families, the only signs of life today are the artists and filmmakers who love to depict this atmospheric town. Continue on to **Santa Fe**, the oldest capital city in North America and today a magical, exuberant place celebrating a long, unique past. After lunch on your own downtown, you'll enjoy free time to explore and shop in the main plaza of Old Santa Fe where you can make a special stop at the famed 1878 **Loretto Chapel and its "miraculous" spiral staircase!** You'll also have admission to visit on your own the **Georgia O'Keeffe Museum** honoring New Mexico's most famous artist, and you might choose to stroll through the bustling **Indian Market** for native arts and crafts sold directly by the artisans who created them! Tonight's dinner celebrates New Mexico's rich food history at the renowned **Santa Fe School of Cooking**, where you'll experience one of their popular demonstration-style classes. Presented as a show that's entertaining and informative, it always ends in a delicious meal you've watched the chef prepare! You can follow along with the recipes while the chef shares cooking techniques and the **unique food history of New Mexico**, and explains how the exotic ingredients are used.

Overnight: Santa Fe, NM

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October 21, 2026 - Mystical Taos or More Santa Fe: Your Choice!

This morning after breakfast, you can choose to stay all day on your own to **further explore amazing Santa Fe**, or you can opt instead to head out for the day with your tour director to picturesque **Taos**, a longtime artists' colony with a magical, mystical quality! Taos' plaza is much like a **mini-Santa Fe** with its many boutiques and galleries, and historic small-town charm. You'll visit the 3-room adobe home (and nearby gravesite) of **Western legend Kit Carson**, purchased for his bride Josefa in 1843 and now exhibiting pioneer artifacts and firearms. You'll then have free time to enjoy lunch on your own and shopping at the plaza. This afternoon, you'll explore the **Millicent Rogers Museum**, named for the famed **Standard Oil heiress** and fashion icon, and known as the "Jewel of the Southwest." Featuring 15 galleries on the art, culture, and history of Taos and the Southwest, and founded in 1956 with Millicent Rogers' personal

collection, the museum has since grown to over 7,000 objects, including its namesake's **prized jewelry collection** and exhibits of Native American jewelry, pottery, textiles, crafts and devotional art spanning thousands of years from the earliest Native Peoples to the present day! Returning to Santa Fe, you'll have this evening free to dine and take in more of the intriguing shops and sights in the charming square near your hotel.

Overnight: Santa Fe, NM

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October 22, 2026 - Oppenheimer's Los Alamos and Bandelier!

You'll venture out after breakfast on your riveting tour of mysterious **Los Alamos**, the famed "Birthplace of the Atomic Bomb!" Nestled in an area of natural beauty as the gateway to three national parks, it's best known as home to the once-controversial community laboratory that ushered in the atomic age. You'll visit **Robert J. Oppenheimer's home** and the **Bradbury Museum**, bringing to life all facets of the momentous Manhattan Project. Continuing on to astounding **Bandelier National Monument**, you'll discover ancestral Pueblo dwellings scattered across a **vertical landscape of broad mesas and steep-walled canyons**, not unlike the more famous Mesa Verde! You can choose to walk Frijoles Canyon's easy main loop trail of just over a mile to the remains of these ancient homes, and like past dwellers you may even climb ladders into a few small carved rooms! Or you could take a more challenging hike to Alcove House, climbing four ladders and stone stairs up to where the ancient Pueblo people built homes in a natural recess from the cliff's face! On your way back to Santa Fe, you'll first tour the quaint old adobe **Chimayo Chapel**, a sacred church that's long said to have been the site of miracles, and then enjoy your **farewell dinner** at a nearby hidden gem that provides a picturesque, colorful and delicious local dining experience!

Overnight: Santa Fe, NM

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October 23, 2026 - Adios to Colorful New Mexico!

After breakfast, you'll travel back to the Albuquerque airport for your flight home. **Your days of in-depth exploration in the "Land of Enchantment" won't soon be forgotten!**

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**Please note that itineraries are subject to change.

Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Roundtrip airfare to El Paso and from Albuquerque (checked baggage fees are not included)
- 7 nights hotel accommodations in Carlsbad, Alamogordo, Albuquerque and Santa Fe with breakfast daily
- **5 dinners and 1 lunch, including the Santa Fe School of Cooking, El Pinto, and a special surprise evening event!**
- All sightseeing and admissions as listed in the detailed itinerary including Carlsbad Caverns, Sandia Peak Tram, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, Loretto Chapel, Ghost Town of Madrid, Oppenheimer Home and Museum + more!
- Private, deluxe motor coach throughout your tour
- **Services of Expert Tour Guide/Director David Beach**
- TRIPS ticket wallet and luggage tags
- Portage of 1 suitcase per person
- All government taxes and fees

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IN DEPTH**



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