

ISRD16 Companions' Program: Welcome to The Real Santa Fe

Sunday – May 7, 2017

Welcome Reception Come to the opening reception, get acquainted, pick up your gift bag, and talk about the week to come! Your gift bag will include many bits of information about the city and state, and some special things just for you. While there, enjoy roof top views of Santa Fe UNESCO's first U.S. designated "World Creative City." Don't forget to add your name to the basket for the door prize drawings to be held each day.

Monday – May 8, 2017

Morning Gathering in the Ballen Ball Room – Bring your coffee (there is a kiosk in the lobby) and meet other participants, discuss the plans for the day, and learn what we mean by *The Real Santa Fe*. There will be the first of many door prizes for participants (you must be present to win). This will be an intense day, offering a taste of many aspects of Santa Fe life and history.

*** Santa Fe Tour with the Loretto Line** – With a fleet of open air trams, the Loretto Line has been offering tours of Santa Fe for twenty five years. Cruise through historic Santa Fe while the driver/guide explains the sights and a bit about the history of New Mexico's lovely capital city. There are no stops but plenty to see including: The Downtown Plaza, The Palace of the Governors, Saint Francis Cathedral Basilica, The State Capital, the Old Santa Fe Trail Monument, Canyon Road, and The Santa Fe River. This tour will help orient you to the historic parts of the city and quickly gain an understanding of the area.

***Walking Tour of The Saint Francis Cathedral Basilica** – Only steps away from The La Fonda, the cornerstone for this monumental Cathedral was placed in 1869 by Bishop Lamy well before New Mexico achieved statehood. Even without the towers that were originally planned but never built, it dominates the Santa Fe skyline. In fact, city ordinance dictates that no building may be taller! Learn how a Cathedral in the Romanesque Revival style of architecture came to be built in Santa Fe. Recently renovated, the Cathedral combines the old and the new, including what is believed to be the oldest statue of Mary in the United States, La Conquistadora.

Lunch at Casa Sena – Across the street from the Cathedral is one of the oldest homes in Santa Fe. It has been converted into small shops and a delightful restaurant. We will dine on the beautiful tree shaded patio, enjoy a relaxing lunch and learn a bit about Santa Fe architecture from the earliest days. You will have the opportunity to taste local chile and learn why "red or green?" is the state question in New Mexico. Door prize drawing. (Cost: \$14 \$22, excluding beverage)

Shopping in Santa Fe – We will begin by talking a bit about shopping in *The Real Santa Fe*. Our first stop will be ***The Rainbow Man in Old Santa Fe*** where you will have the opportunity to view vintage squash blossom necklaces, concho belts, antique blankets, Pueblo pottery, Navajo and New Mexican Folk Art, as well as contemporary New Mexican jewelry. Learn how to spot a bargain, when to suspect a fake, and how to know what you are getting when you shop. We will also visit a store which sells locally gathered honey and mead (tastes of both available) as

well as candles and a range of locally made products. Other shops along the way include a Christmas Store, a toy shop, a paper store and many more.

*** Afternoon Tea at La Fonda** – After shopping, you will be ready for a rest and a cup of tea in the Ballen Ball Room. We will be tasting candy made from chocolate, chile and pinon; learning how to use a molinillo to make frothy Mexican hot chocolate; and discussing the upcoming day's plans. Door prize drawing.

Tuesday – May 9, 2017

Morning Gathering in the Ballen Ball Room – Bring your coffee and visit with fellow companions while we discuss the plans for the day. Door prize drawing.

Palace of the Governors Blanket Traders – Native American Artisan's Program – On our way to the museum, we will pass the traders who line the sidewalk in front of the Palace of the Governors. Known as one of the best places to buy Native American made Jewelry in New Mexico, vendors must be registered members of New Mexico tribes or pueblos. Strict guidelines ensure that the jewelry they sell is authentic. If you are interested in buying, most accept cash only.

***Georgia O'Keefe Museum** – This is the newest museum in Santa Fe and has rapidly become one of the most popular in the city. Georgia O'Keefe was a painter who began her career in the traditional realist style common in the early 20th century. She had already begun to develop her signature abstract style when she made her first trip to New Mexico in 1929, where she fell in love with the stark landscape and the uneven lines of adobe architecture. She returned frequently to paint during the next twenty years and then moved permanently to New Mexico after purchasing a home in the remote town of Abiqu. She frequently roamed the mesas seeking inspiration and painted the scenes she saw on giant, colorful canvases. Georgia O'Keefe left a legacy of many paintings. Although her eyesight failed, she never lost her vision and continued long after to work through assistants. Ms. O'Keefe died in Santa Fe in 1986. The museum archives contain almost a thousand pieces of her work along with photographs of the artist, her studio and the landscape she loved. (The museum is approximately 8 blocks from the hotel)

Burro Alley (Time permitting, Lensic theater Lobby) You will no longer find either burros or the wood they once carried into town to sell, but they are commemorated with bronze statues in the quiet back alley. The **Lensic** was a movie theater built in the 1930's by a self made entrepreneur who wanted to give something back to the citizens of Santa Fe. It was named after his six children: Lila, Elias John, Nathan, Sara, Mary Irene, and Charles. The theater serves as a performing arts center for the city. Although we are not likely to be able to see beyond the lobby, it is worth a quick visit as we will be close by.

Lunch -- Los Magueyes Mexican Restaurant This small restaurant in Burro Alley features both Mexican and New Mexican foods (there is a difference!). It's a good place to escape the crowds (and the prices) on the plaza. Door Prize Drawing. (Cost: \$10 13)

***New Mexico History Museum and the Palace of the Governors** – These two museums adjoin and encompass half a downtown city block. We will discuss the options over lunch and you can visit the galleries of your choice from the combined museums. **The Palace of the Governors**, built in the 17th century, housed the first Spanish territorial government and is the oldest continually used public building in the country. Unfortunately, the interior is undergoing

renovation and some of the exhibits have been removed, you can still view most of the building. The ***New Mexico History Museum*** holds both permanent and special exhibits that chronicle the growth of the state, from its earliest days as a rough and tumble territory served only by wagon trains to a modern state capital.

Palace of the Governors Blanket Traders (optional) and Señor Murphy Candymaker At the end of the day, we will pass through the West portico of the Palace of the Governors and visit the Blanket Traders once again (if desired). We will make a quick stop at Señor Murphy's which is in the hotel building. After the samples from Monday's tea, you will know why this is a New Mexico favorite.

* **Afternoon Tea at La Fonda** – Meet in the Ballen room for another cup of tea, more New Mexican treats, and look at tomorrow's plans. We will discuss and finalize plans for Breakfast in the morning. Please be sure to let us know if you will be joining us tomorrow. Door Prize Drawing.

Wednesday – May 9, 2017

Meet in the lobby before having breakfast together. We will discuss further plans and options for Thursday activities. Door Prize Drawing.

La Fonda Art and History Tour The La Fonda Hotel was a Harvey House during its earliest days. Learn about the tradition of the Harvey Girls and the Harvey House model of hospitality. Learn the back story of the hotel and learn about the fabulous art collection collected by and exhibited throughout the hotel.

Wednesday Social Event -- Museum of International Folk Art – See the announcement on the ISRD16 web page. There are several other museums you may visit, but don't miss the banquet at the Museum of International Folk Art. A portion of the museum will be open in the evening for that event. Come early to visit other galleries and the museum shops. Your badge will wave the cost of admission to the museum from 2 5 PM. (Cost for companions: \$75)

Thursday – May 9, 201

Morning Gathering in the Lobby -- This will be a fun day, offering a taste of many aspects of Santa Fe life and history. Door prize drawing.

Loretto Chapel – Bishop Lamy brought the Sisters of Loretto to Santa Fe to establish a girls' school in the mid 1800's. The Chapel of Loretto, built for the sisters' use, was modeled after King Louis IX's Sainte Chapelle in Paris. The building is narrow and tall. The only access to the high choir loft was by a treacherous ladder. The problem was finally solved by miraculous circular staircase built by an unknown carpenter. His identity and how he constructed the staircase remains a mystery even today.

Oldest House in America – this small home also includes a shop featuring jewelry, pottery, rugs, and native American flutes. Visit the home, learn it's mysteries and find out more about the native flute you've been hearing throughout the week.

San Miguel Chapel – This tiny parish church, built in 1710, is the oldest continuously operating church in the nation. Hides painted (circa 1630) by some of the early Franciscan friars still hang in the chapel. It is tradition to ring the church bell (which is now displayed within the chapel) as a guarantee that you will one day return to this beautiful city. The frame holding the bell

contains innumerable “Milagros” – the small, metal symbols of the petitions offered by the visitors to the chapel. If you wish, you can purchase a milagro and add your own to the collection.

Lunch -- Café Pasqual’s – This Santa Fe jewel features many local dishes with a twist, as well as many standard favorites. (Cost: \$16 \$20, excluding beverage)

Café Pasqual’s Gallery – We will make a quick visit to this hidden away gallery to learn about stove top pottery made in New Mexico from “micacious” clay. I will have a sample available in one of our afternoon teas. Learn about how these are made and finished by hand and what is special about them.

Afternoon Options: Canyon Road Canyon road is the largest art gallery district in the country outside of New York City. The road follows the original path of the Santa Fe Trail. Gone are the cowboys and ox drawn carts. What you will find in their place is an eclectic collection of galleries representing artisans from throughout the country and the world. At the terminus of the gallery area is an inviting tea room. One option for getting there is to take the “Santa Fe Pick up” – a free shuttle service – to the top of the hill and walk down avoiding what would be a moderately steep uphill climb. Visitcanyonroad.com

Meow Wolf Meow Wolf is the newest addition to the Santa Fe art scene. It is described as an “immersive, multimedia experience” unlike any you have ever seen. Enter the *House of Eternal Return* and where you can (and should) crawl into the refrigerator to find yourself in a closet. You can play a tune on giant dinosaur bones, or even explore a maze of walkways leading to – well, we won’t spoil the surprise. We promise that you will be astounded, amazed and stupefied, perhaps. But you will leave smiling! (Admission \$18.00) Meowwolf.com

Tower Lobby Bar – When you return, join us in the La Fonda Tower Bar for amazing views of the city different. Remember, nothing can be taller than the Cathedral but the views of Santa Fe are spectacular. Enjoy margaritas, wine, ice tea, chips and salsa or guacamole. You will be glad you came. Bring your camera. Door Prize Drawing.

Friday – May 10, 2017

We will discuss option for this morning’s activities, but nothing is scheduled. Gather for coffee then head out for some last minute shopping, explore the plaza, or just pack and relax. Final door prize drawing.

Another option is the ***American Indian Art Institute Museum*** across the street from the hotel. This gallery features contemporary Native American Artists and highlights contemporary Native American art of many types.