



## NEW MEXICO

# The Enchanted Circle Santa Fe and Taos

### MULTI-SPORT ROAD BIKE TOUR

 Road Biking  Hiking  Rafting  Hot Springs

 Families with Older Kids  
Families with Younger Kids  
Private Tours and Custom Tours  
Solos, Couples & Friends

 Departure: Santa Fe, NM

 Tour Offered: Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep

 Departs On: Sunday

 Duration: 6 Days

 Lodging: First-Class Camping or Casual & Luxury Inns & Restaurants

 Fitness Level: 1-3

 Technical Level: 1-2

 Elevation Range: 5,000 - 9,000 ft.

It's often said Europe has too much history, while America simply has space. Yet, trekking along the Rio Grande and New Mexico's highest peak, Mount Wheeler brings the vestiges of 700-year old civilizations into sharp relief. In addition to exploring ancient adobe and cliff-dwelling settlements, we drop into Old Spanish colonies, more modern art colonies, and smart mountain resorts.

This area represents a distinct overlay or confluence of ecological zones: The Great Plains in the East, the Chihuahua Desert and Sierra Madre to the South, and the Sonoran Desert and Colorado Plateau to the West. Given those varied attributes, the land naturally lends itself to multi-sport touring: outstanding road cycling and hiking options beckon at each compass point. While the nearby Rio Grande offers excellent whitewater rafting.

Along the way we savor a diverse tapestry of culture, architecture, not to mention art, reflective of the state's three distinct traditions: Indian, Spanish and Anglo. From tone to tempo now: while the state bird is the Roadrunner, don't expect that kind of pacing on this trek.

High Desert to high Alpine, interpreting rock paintings and petroglyphs to drinking in slot canyons and expansive mesas, our Land of Enchantment trip truly has something for everyone.





# THE ESCAPE ADVENTURES EXPERIENCE

For over 25 years, the hallmark of an Escape Adventures tour is personalized, hands-on service, before, during, and after each trip.

## OUR PEOPLE

Our Trip Leaders are the best in the business. Trained personally by the owners, our WFR certified Leaders understand the areas you ride and the safety of the group.

## OUR COMMITMENT

We don't just preach environmental awareness, we live it. We recycle 90% of our waste and run our LEED Platinum facilities with solar and wind power. Additionally, our facilities are net zero energy (we produce more energy than we consume) which makes us the only commercial outfitter in the world who is net positive energy.

## OUR FOOD

Our Leaders prepare meals on the trip with an emphasis on fresh, local and organic foods, ensuring you have the fuel you need to ride, and a delicious, meal at the same time.

## OUR SUPPORT VEHICLES

We provide a support van and trailer for every 9 guests on all of our trips so you can count on us to be there when you need us.





## DAY 1 | Vadito

Meet-up in Santa Fe. Shuttle to the village of Vadito. At 7400-ft, we ride the High Road Scenic Byway. Our tempo allows us to truly revel in the winding road through the Sangre de Cristo range, through badlands and wind-etched hoodoos.

We then travel to Taos, where we visit frontiersman Kit Carson's home, as well as the unique shops and smart galleries that line the historic town center.

Total Easy Mileage | 14.4 Miles

Feet Gain | 202

Total Moderate Mileage | 26.6 Miles

Feet Gain | 1619

First-Class Camping: Taos | Luxury Inn: El Monte Sagrado



## DAY 2 | Taos

Today we raft the mighty Rio Grande through the Box – a scenic, deep cut canyon in the vast New Mexico desert. This river trip is as perfect as they come. The beginning is calm with many chances to perfect your technique and work together as a team to negotiate the many rapids ahead. The last five miles become more intense and the rapids come in much quicker succession. Brace yourself in and paddle hard through these steep and visually stunning rapids! You are almost guaranteed to spot Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep leaping across boulders below the cliffs or enjoying a drink from the river as well as river otter and a large variety of birds of prey as you float through this spectacular canyon.

Rafting Day 2 | The Box

First-Class Camping: Taos | Luxury Inn: El Monte Sagrado





## DAY 3 | Rio Grande Gorge

Departing Taos, we ride southwest towards the settlement of Pilar: an old Hispanic pueblo and camp for Jicarilla Apache. Cross the Rio Grande before turning into the Rio Grande Gorge. Inside the gorge we trend north through the National forest to Ojo Caliente mineral springs – our residence for the next two nights.

Total Easy Mileage | 11 Miles      Easy Feet Gain | 68  
Total Moderate Mileage | 28.3 Miles      Moderate Feet Gain | 1928  
Total Seasoned Mileage | 44.8 Miles      Seasoned Feet Gain | 2413  
First-Class Camping & Casual Inns: Ojo Caliente Hot Springs



## DAY 4 | Ghost Ranch

Today's destination is Ghost Ranch, a 21,000-acre retreat/fine arts campus amidst soaring red cliffs. Ghost Ranch was originally part of a 1766 land grant to Pedro Martin Serrano from the King of Spain. The grant was initially called Piedra Lumbre (shining rock). The subsequent Ghost Ranch designation or the more local Rancho de los Brujos owes to persistent paranormal activity plus accounts of hangings throughout the Ranch's history. A hike to Chimney Rock crowns our afternoon followed with a shuttle back to our base at the Ojo Caliente hot springs.

Total Easy Mileage | 19 Miles      Easy Feet Gain | 364  
Total Moderate Mileage | 45.6 Miles      Moderate Feet Gain | 1996  
Total Seasoned Mileage | 91.2 Miles      Seasoned Feet Gain | 3728  
First-Class Camping & Casual Inns: Ojo Caliente Hot Springs





## DAY 5 | Bandelier

Trek to the Tsankawi Ruins: an isolated-detached section of 33,677-acre Bandelier National Monument. After exploring the ruins, an ancestral Pueblo site/archeological preserve we saddle up. Pedaling 11-miles through the town of White Rock, then into the main section of Bandelier, we stop for lunch in the canyon, lorded over by soaring cliffs and mesas. After lunch we hike along the river, through the impressively preserved ruins. After a stop in the visitors' center we commence our day with a short stop in Chimayo's historic Church and a shuttle to Santa Fe.

Total Easy Mileage | 14.3 Miles      Feet Gain | 901  
 Total Hiking Mileage | 2.6 Miles      Feet Gain | 252  
 First-Class Camping: Santa Fe | Casual Inns: The Inn on the Alameda



## DAY 6 | Santa Fe

Our last day, stroll through Santa Fe Plaza or join a finale ride down Artist Drive from the top of Aspen Basin Ski Area.

Total Easy Mileage | 16 Miles      Feet Gain | 850  
 Total Seasoned Mileage | 31 Miles      Feet Gain | 4968



### Road Bike Tour Fitness Levels

	Level	Hours of Activity	Total Elevation Feet Gain	Road Cycling Miles	Hiking Miles
Easy	1	1-3	1000	10-20	1-5
	2	2-4	2000	20-30	5-8
Moderate	3	3-5	3000	30-45	8-10
Seasoned	4	4-6	4000	45-75	10-12
	5	5-7	5000	75+	12-16+

# THE IMPORTANT STUFF

## Daily Activities

Day	Activity	Easy		Moderate		Seasoned	
		Miles	Feet Gain	Miles	Feet Gain	Miles	Feet Gain
1	Road Biking	14.4	202	26.2	1619		
2	RAFTING ALL DAY -THE BOX						
3	Road Biking	11	68	28.3	1928	44.8	2413
4	Road Biking	19	364	45.6	1996	91.2	3728
	Hike Ghost Ranch	2.5	633				
5	Hiking Bandelier Alcove House & Tsankawi	2.6	1.6	252	236		
	Road Biking	14.3	901				
6	Road Biking	16	850			31	4968



## Multi-Sport Tour Fitness Levels

Multi-Sport Activities						
Level	Hours of Activity	Hiking Miles	Rock Climbing	Canyoneering	Rafting/Canoeing	
Easy	1	1-3	1-5	Low Angle Large Handholds	Hiking/No Ropes	Relaxed, Slow Moving Water
	2	2-4	5-8	Level 1 PLUS Small Handholds	Level 1 PLUS Occasional Ropes	Level 1 PLUS Easy Rapids Wide Channels
Moderate	3	3-5	8-10	Level 2 PLUS Steep Angles	Level 2 PLUS Easy Rapels	Level 2 PLUS Waves, Up to 4' Narrow Channels
Seasoned	4	4-6	10-12	x	Level 3 PLUS Complex Ropes, Multiple Rapels	Level 3 PLUS Long Rapids
	5	5-7	12-16+	x	x	Level 4 PLUS Spinning, Large Waves

# HOW TO PREPARE

## MULTI-SPORT

As an adventurous person, feel free to do whatever you can before the trip. You can leave these specialty sports up to us. Except for biking and hiking, no experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and an open mind ready to try some new adventures. Your level of fitness also affects how much you enjoy your tour. Check your specific itinerary for an idea of your average daily mileage and level of strenuousness, then train appropriately.



## ROAD BIKE

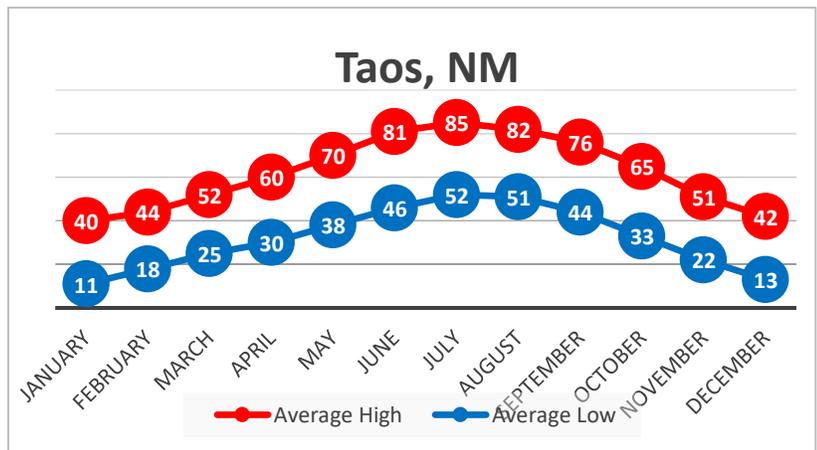
For optimal physical preparation, we recommend that you ride at least several hours per week during the month preceding the tour. During the tour you will be on your bike every day, and we can assure you that an unprepared bottom is a sore one! If you can't ride your bike, or don't own one, take a spin class at your local gym a few times a week.

## HIKING

To prepare for the tour, we recommend that you hike, jog or run at least several hours per week during the month preceding the tour. Walk/run in the shoes and sock you are bringing on the trip. This will help prevent blisters and sore feet.

## WEATHER

Weather predictions in this area are often unreliable due to the elevation, so it is best to be prepared for cold nights and inclement weather. Please use the following locations when checking the weather online: **TAOS, NM**



## PACKING

Luggage is limited to one small soft-shelled suitcase or medium/large sized duffel bag (no heavier than 40 pounds). We also suggest bringing one daypack or small backpack for valuables. Please ensure your luggage container is water repellent.

A complete list of what we consider essentials for every trip, as well as items that can be rented from Escape Adventures, is available at [www.escapeadventures.com/packing-lists/](http://www.escapeadventures.com/packing-lists/)

# BICYCLES AND GEAR

Make your trip as comfortable as possible on the body, as simple as possible for traveling, and hassle free on tour. By choosing to rent a bike from us, we will fit you with the newest, highest quality gear in the industry. Escape Adventures provides only high-end bicycles. All of our bikes are equipped with carbon fiber frames and disc brakes designed for a smooth, comfortable ride.

## Specialized Roubaix Disc



Specialized has perfected the road bike. Ride confidently and comfortably for longer distances.

## Specialized Sirrus



Our most popular bike for moderate road bike tours is the proven Sirrus. This bike is suited for a wide range of cyclists.

## Specialized Como eBike



For those of you who have wanted to join a bike tour but feared your fitness would hold you or the group back, fear no more.

## Co-Motion Periscope Tandem



Our tandem is ideal for getting you and your partner or child out together, Tandem is available on request at an additional charge.

## Specialized Allez 24"



The Allez Junior is specifically designed for younger riders looking to keep up (or pass) Mom and Dad. The Allez gives all the performance they need to go fast!

## Specialized Hotrock 20" & 24"



Escape Adventures is one of the only tour companies to provide a specific selectin of kid's bikes for touring. Your child will feel confident on the Hotrock.

# BIKE GEAR

## Garmin Edge Explore GPS

All of our road bike trips include a Garmin GPS device to help you navigate through each day safely and smoothly. You'll know how far, fast, and high you've ridden on the flats or climbs or on your way through each day. Simply turn it on and start riding. No paper maps needed!



## Be Seen, Be Safe

When you are on the road in the daytime, it is important to us to make sure you are seen from all directions. We offer the best daytime lighting by our partner NiteRider. Each road bike is equipped with a LUMINA MICRO 550 AND SABRE 80 COMBO with a Lumen Output: 550 and Run Time: 1:30 – 20:00 hrs.



## TRIP COST INCLUDES

All meals starting with lunch on the first day through lunch on the last day, Specialized road bike rental, support vehicles, snacks, first-aid, bike maintenance, community gear, and a custom sublimated Limited-Edition Jersey.



## TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

Airfare to and from departure point, lodging before or after the tour, personal camping gear (if applicable), or gratuities to Escape Adventures Trip Leaders. Tips to the Trip Leaders are given at your discretion and based on the quality of your experience. We suggest 10-20% of your trip cost to be divided between all Trip Leaders.

## MEALS

Our Trip Leaders prepare all of your meals on our camping trips. On inns tours our Trip Leaders prepare all of your picnic style lunches and breakfasts and dinners are served in the best local restaurants.



## TRIP AMENITIES

First-class campers will enjoy well-maintained public campgrounds. Inns on this tour are chosen for comfort, scenery, and proximity to our activities. Cell service for this tour is spotty, Verizon is the best service to have for this area.

## KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

We are always seeking opportunities to enhance this itinerary. We'll notify you of any changes prior to departure; other changes may be communicated on the trip by your Trip Leaders.

This is a general itinerary and may vary. Escape Adventures reserves the right to make changes due to weather, local conditions, government intervention, or any other unforeseen reasons that may affect the quality of the trip and/or safety of the participants. Accommodations are subject to change.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs Resort & Spa  
50 Los Banos Drive, Ojo Caliente, NM 87549  
(888) 939-0007

[www.ojocaliente.ojospa.com](http://www.ojocaliente.ojospa.com)

A unique resort destination in Northern New Mexico, Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs Resort & Spa has been a gathering place, healing mind, body, and spirit naturally for centuries. Diverse lodging options range from quaint rooms in the historic hotel to amenity-rich cliffside suites. Casual dining experiences blend local flavors with global cuisine, featuring fresh ingredients from the Ojo Farm



El Monte Sagrado  
317 Kit Carson Rd, Taos, NM 87571  
(575) 758-3502

[www.elmontesagrado.com](http://www.elmontesagrado.com)

El Monte Sagrado means "The Holy Mountain." The word "Sagrado" also means "sanctuary." Indeed, a stay at El Monte Sagrado Living Resort and Spa offers a luxurious and lush retreat from a hectic world. El Monte Sagrado embodies the best that New Mexico has to offer: a timeless, rich blend of cultures. Native American, Mexican, Spanish, and the cultures of the American West are celebrated in beautiful spaces, alongside the indomitable spirit of the peoples, past and present, who have shaped our landscapes.



The Inn on the Alameda  
303 E Alameda St, Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(888) 984-2121

[www.innonthealameda.com](http://www.innonthealameda.com)

Santa Fe's rich arts, culture, and history are what drew Joe Schemps to the city in the early 1970s. He was looking for a unique community where he could make an impact through historic preservation and philanthropy. In the early 1980s, he purchased the site of the Inn on the Alameda with the desire to create a space with beautiful gardens, cozy rooms, and a place to showcase the best of Southwestern culture, hospitality, and relaxation. The best of Santa Fe is just a short stroll from the Inn on the Alameda. We are in the heart of the city, just steps from the city's best restaurants, galleries, and attractions



## FIRST-CLASS CAMPING



There is nothing better than rolling into camp to freshly made chips and salsa, homemade guacamole and Dutch oven enchiladas. Then making your way to the inviting campfire, sharing your favorite anecdote or image from the day's activities while marshmallows roast. Enjoy a small-batch local beer before retiring to your tent where inside a sturdy raised cot, fluffy sleeping bag, and a plush full-size pillow await.

We choose well-maintained public campgrounds with scenic vistas. The majority feature indoor facilities and showers. However, in more remote backcountry camping scenarios, we'll provide portable toilets and private solar showers.

## CAMPING GEAR RENTALS



Camping gear may be rented or you may bring your own. Our camp gear package includes a three-man tent with ground tarp, sleeping bag, bag liner, full size pillow, raised cot and self-inflating ground pad.

# GATEWAY CITY: ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque, New Mexico's largest city, sits in the high desert. Its modern Downtown core contrasts with Old Town Albuquerque, dating to the city's 1706 founding as a Spanish colony. Old Town is filled with historic adobe buildings, such as San Felipe de Neri Church, 5 museums, and shops selling Native American handicrafts. Nearby, The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center traces the area's tribal history.



## ALBUQUERQUE AIRPORT

Albuquerque International Sunport  
2200 Sunport Blvd, Albuquerque, NM 87106  
(505) 244-7700

[www.abqsunport.com](http://www.abqsunport.com)

Take the Escape Shuttle from Albuquerque, call for pricing. The shuttle leaves from the Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at 8 a.m. on the first day of the tour. We will return to Santa Fe around 2 p.m. on the last day, and to Albuquerque around 3:30 p.m.



## ALBUQUERQUE HOTELS



Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel  
2910 Yale Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106  
(505) 843-7000

[www.marriott.com/sheraton-albuquerque-airport-hotel](http://www.marriott.com/sheraton-albuquerque-airport-hotel)



Best Western Airport Albuquerque  
2400 Yale Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106  
(505) 242-7022

[www.bestwestern.com/best-western-airport-albuquerque](http://www.bestwestern.com/best-western-airport-albuquerque)

# DEPARTURE CITY: SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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.



## MEETING AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION

### MEETING LOCATION

INN ON THE ALAMEDA  
303 E Alameda St, Santa Fe, Nm 87501  
Phone: (888) 984-2121  
<https://www.innonthealameda.com/>

### DEPARTURE TIME

9:30 AM on the first day of the tour

### RETURN TIME

Around 2:00 PM on the last day of the tour



## SANTA FE HOTELS



Las Palomas  
460 W San Francisco St, Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(505) 982-5560  
[www.laspalomas.com](http://www.laspalomas.com)



El Rey Court  
1862 Cerrillos Rd, Santa Fe, NM 87505  
(505) 982-1931  
[www.elreycourt.com](http://www.elreycourt.com)

# CANCELLATION POLICY

In order to keep our tours affordable and provide proper notice to our lodging partners, we must adhere to this timeline, no exceptions. After our refund deadline has passed, we cannot provide a refund for any reason, including circumstances beyond your control such as weather-related travel delays, family emergency, or injury. There is also no partial refund if you arrive late to your tour or depart early. Insurance agencies, however, offer a full or partial refund in many circumstances if you purchase travel insurance to cover your tour. Payment in full is due 60 days prior to trip departure.

IF YOU CANCEL YOUR TRIP	YOU WILL RECEIVE
Up until 60 days prior to trip departure	100% of what you have paid minus a \$200 processing fee per person
59-45 days prior to trip departure	50% of what you have paid minus a \$200 processing fee per person
45-30 days prior to trip departure	15% of what you have paid minus a \$200 processing fee per person
29-0 days prior trip departure	No Refund

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance to protect against extenuating circumstances such as illness and injury-believe us, they do come up! We have a special arrangement with TravelGuard insurance so that you may purchase reasonably priced travel insurance at the same time you place your tour reservation. For a detailed description of the TravelGuard policy we offer, visit our website or call 866-385-4839 and ask about product 007715.

## TRANSFER POLICY

If you would like to change to a different tour or departure date after signing up, we will be happy to transfer you on a space available basis up until 60 days prior to your tour. Please provide your transfer request in writing - email is sufficient. Please note, a \$25 transfer fee will be deducted from your previous payments for each transfer, and if you later choose to cancel your tour, the cancellation deadlines will apply to the date of the originally scheduled tour.

## TOUR CONFIRMATION

Escape confirms tours 60 days prior to tour departure; prior to this time, tours may be cancelled due to low enrollment. After your tour is confirmed, it will not be cancelled for low-enrollment, but in rare cases may be cancelled due to weather, government intervention, unsafe trail conditions, or any other reason that would affect the quality of the scheduled tour or the safety of its participants. If we are forced to cancel your tour, we will provide a 100% refund and work to add you to another trip that works for you.

## TRAVEL PLANS

We advise you to avoid non-refundable flights and other travel arrangements and are not responsible for the costs of such arrangement in the event your tour is cancelled. The travel insurance offered in conjunction with our tours covers the cost of your tour but does not cover additional costs such as travel to and from your tour departure location, and hotel stays prior to or following your tour. Please consider purchasing additional insurance coverage.



## SIMILAR TRIPS FROM ESCAPE ADVENTURES

### BRYCE, ZION & GRAND CANYON ROAD BIKE TOUR

- Families with Older Kids  
Private Tours and Custom Tours  
Solos, Couples & Friends
- Departure: St. George, UT
- Tour Offered: May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep
- Departs On: Sunday
- Duration: 7 Days
- Lodging: First-Class Camping or Casual Inns
- Fitness Level: 3-5
- Elevation Range: 4,000 - 10,000 ft.

Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, and the Grand Canyon, are a trio of nature's finest. 3 national parks, one tour!



### ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROAD BIKE TOUR

- Private Tours and Custom Tours  
Solos, Couples & Friends
- Departure: Durango, CO
- Tour Offered: Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep
- Departs On: Monday
- Duration: 5 Days
- Lodging: Casual Inns
- Fitness Level: 3-5
- Elevation Range: 6,000 - 11,000 ft.

Breathe the crisp mountain air, as picturesque roads lead you through a sea of Rocky Mountain peaks rising all around you.

