

The Enchanted Circle Multisport Adventure

The Basics

State: New Mexico Activities: Biking, Hiking, Whitewater Rafting, & Sightseeing

<u>Duration</u>: 6 days/5 Nights<u>Season</u>: Spring/Fall<u>Type</u>: Camp or Inns<u>Elevation</u>: 5312-11,000<u>Airport</u>: Albuquerque, NM

Meeting Information

Location: The Inn of the

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Address: 303 E Alameda St, Santa Fe NM 87501

<u>Time</u>: 9:30am

Phone:

* Take the Escape Shuttle from Albuquerque (\$75 Round-trip). The shuttle leaves from the Albuquerque Grand Airport Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at 8am on the first day of the tour.

*We will return to Santa Fe around 2:00pm on the last day, and to Albuquerque around 3:30pm

Bike Rentals Santa Cruz & Specialized Camping Rentals

- Three-man tent with fly and ground tarp
- 30 degree sleeping bag
- Camp Pillow (BYO pillowcase)
 Cot
- Sleeping pad Bringing or shipping your own gear? See our shipping policy.



oin us for a magical multi-sport adventure in New Mexico's Enchanted Circle. The Rocky Mountains of northern New Mexico will truly enchant you with six days of rich cultural and scenic high mountain adventure.

We begin our tour high atop the mountains, taking in views from Garcia Park at 10,000 feet. Descending down, we follow secluded trails as they meander through remote forests and beautiful meadows. Occasional ponds, dams, and even sharpened trees make clear we're in beaver country. More riding and hiking follows in the days to come as we explore this rugged and scenic land. Whitewater rafting in the Rio Grand and visits to downtown Taos and ancient ruins at Bandelier National Monument round out this 3-sport adventure tour of New Mexico.

Trip Amenities and Meals

Cell phone service is available only in downtown Taos or Red River.

Camping & Inns: Camping at Garcia Park (Night 1) is primitive with no running water. At Red River (Nights 2&3) we use an improved campground with pit toilets. While there are no shower facilities, solar showers will be available. Our last night we stay at a comfortable inn near downtown Taos. All meals are prepared by your experienced guides.

All Inns: Inns are chosen for comfort, scenery, and proximity to our activities. We'll stay at a comfortable lodge in Red River and a conveniently located inn in Taos, walking distance from artsy downtown. Meals are in local restaurants while in Red River. Meals day one and four, while in Taos, are prepared by your guides except for night five where we dine out. All picnic lunches are prepared by your guides.

Daily Itinerary

Specific Trip Tips

- Albuquerque, New Mexico, is the closest city with a major airport and car rentals. We recommend that you fly into Albuquerque and drive or take our shuttle to Santa Fe.
- Please arrive in New Mexico at least 12 hours prior to your departure time in order to have time to rest before the tour.
- For camping tours: The campsite at Garcia Park is over 10,000 ft. Please keep this in mind when packing nighttime gear

What sets us apart?

Our People: Our guides are the best in the business, hands down.

Our Commitment: We don't just preach environmental awareness, we live it! We recycle 90% of our waste, fuel our support van with recycled vegetable oil, and we are the world's 1st carbon-neutral outfitter.

Our Food: Our guides lovingly prepare meals for 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-including dessert!

Offset Your Airfare

We've got your trip covered, but use our online <u>Carbon Calculator</u> to offset your travel to and from the trip

Day 1 | Biking - Garcia Park

After arriving in Taos and having a pre-trip meeting, we shuttle to the high Sangre de Cristo Mountains in the Carson National Forest, ascending through aspen and pine to the top of Garcia Park at 10,000ft. We have lunch in this wonderful alpine meadow overlooking the Wheeler Peak Wilderness. Afterwards, we begin our mountain bike adventure with a 17-mile ride, descending nearly 2,800 feet along the Rito de la Olla. Be careful to avoid sensory overload as you view spectacular wildflower meadows, listen to the rippling creek, and ride a rolling mixture of singletrack and doubletrack! After the ride we take a short hike to view reconstructed Indian pueblos at Pot Creek before shuttling to our accommodations for the night.

Total Moderate Mileage | 17 miles Elevation Gain 850

Camp | Garcia Park ft Inn | Historic Taos Inn

Terrain | Double track & Jeep Road, No Van Support

Day 2 | Biking & Hiking - Red River

Although this Colorado-like ski town sits in some of the most rugged mountains we've ever seen, the biking and hiking in Red River is fun and easy. We explore the high meadows and hills of the Enchanted Forest Cross Country Ski Area where our morning will be spent hiking seven miles of peaceful trails to the top of Old Red River Pass at 9,854 feet. After stopping for lunch, we'll get on our bikes and descend 1,000 feet in just five miles on a mellow switchback trail that everyone will enjoy! The remainder of our afternoon will be spent exploring the small community of Red River.

Total Mileage | 7 miles hiking, 5 miles Easy biking 13 miles Moderate biking

Elevation Gain 1500 ft Elevation Gain 543 ft Elevation Gain 1606 ft

Camp | Red River
Terrain | Doubletrack, No Van Support

Inn | Golden Eagle Lodge

Day 3 | Hiking - Mt. Wheeler Wilderness

We head south via a short shuttle into the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) Mountains to begin a beautiful hike to an expansive ridge overlooking the base of Mt. Wheeler (el. 11,000 feet). For the most adventurous of the group, we continue on to the majestic Lost Lake, which is set in a beautiful glacial valley with the towering Mt. Wheeler as its backdrop. In the early summer, the valley is filled with a kaleidoscope of brilliant wildflowers and in the fall, the aspens don their brilliant golden glow. We return to Red River for the evening.

Total Mileage Hike to Wheeler Peak | 9 miles Total Mileage Add-On to Lost Lake 5.5 miles Camp | Red River

Elevation Gain 3133 ft Elevation Gain 1759 ft Inn | Golden Eagle Lodge

Day 4 | Biking & Hiking - Confluence Overlook

Today begins with a fun 28-mile, 3,350-foot descent (mostly) along Cabresto Creek! We'll ride to a spot that overlooks the confluence of the Red River and the Rio Grande. Then a hike takes us down to the rivers' edge where you can size up the river before tomorrow's rafting!

Total Mileage | 28 miles Fire Road + 1 mile hike **Camp** | Cebolla Mesa

Inn | Historic Taos Inn

Day 5 | Rafting - Rio Grande River

After an early breakfast, it's time to turn in our bikes for life jackets! An unbelievable morning of white water rafting awaits us on the Rio Grande River. We travel 16 miles on over 60 Class III and IV rapids! You will be amazed by the wildlife, historic and prehistoric sights, and towering 800-foot walls that surround you as the river guides us through this remarkable landscape. After our adventure on water, and a fun riverside lunch, we relax back in Taos. Stroll into town to shop the multitude of galleries and boutiques, or just hang out back at the Inn. We all gather together again for a scrumptious guide prepared dinner alfresco in the garden of the Adobe Wall Inn.

Camp | Cebolla Mesa Inn | Historic Taos Inn

Day 6 | Bandelier National Monument

After breakfast, we shuttle to Bandelier National Monument. Here we hike through designated wilderness area and explore the well-preserved Frijoles Canyon Ruins. The ruins were created by a prehistoric Puebloan people called the Rio Grande Anasazi during the late 1100s and expanded upon until the 1500s, when they were mysteriously abandoned. After lunch we will shuttle back to Santa Fe to bring our tour to an end.

Total Mileage | 6 miles hiking

Trip Cost Includes: Two guides, all meals starting with lunch on the first day through lunch on the last day, support vehicle, snacks, first-aid, bike maintenance, community gear, and a souvenir shirt.

Trip Cost Does Not Include: Airfare to and from our departure point, lodging before or after the tour, personal camping gear, rental bike, or gratuities to Escape Adventures guides. Tips to the guides 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 the guides.

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 unforeseen reasons that may affect the quality of the trip and/or safety of the participants. Inns are subject to change.

Please see our website for cancellation policy.

For additional information please do not hesitate to call one of our experienced trip planners, and visit the Pre-Trip Information section of our website. Please call 800-596-2953 Monday-Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Pacific time.