




NEW MEXICO CYCLING THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT ROAD BIKE TOUR

Luxury Inns, eBike Available

 Road Biking  Hiking

-  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, Casual Inns, or
Luxury Inns & Restaurants
-  Fitness Level: 2-4

New Mexico: A Cyclist's Land of Enchantment. From the origin of ancient civilizations to the birthplace of atomic energy, New Mexico's unique influence spans millennia. Its colorful history and landscape have inspired so many elite artists and writers, including Georgia O'Keefe and D.H. Lawrence.

You too, will be fascinated by New Mexico's compelling blend of history and scenic beauty as you cruise through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains on our high desert and alpine road bike tour. Our days are spent cycling the flanks of Wheeler Peak, the state's highest point found in the southernmost stretches of the Rocky Mountains. As we head north from Santa Fe, the terrain is relatively flat and descends to cross the Rio Grande. The terrain is rolling along the way from Ghost Ranch to Tres Piedras. The Enchanted Circle is at minimum 6000 feet in elevation with several high climbs to over 9000 feet. Downtime is spiced by visits and warm interactions within the small communities between rides, melting pots of Old European ethnicities and Far West tribes. Superb New Mexican cuisine highlights every stop.



Originally this tour was tailored to the seasoned cyclist due to the elevation and climbs. But now we offer this tour with the use of our new ebike from Specialized which makes the climbs easier and faster giving you more time to enjoy local hospitality.

If you seek something different, this tour offers as much deep regional history as flavor, if not a totally off the map destination.



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 | Taos

After meeting in Santa Fe, we will shuttle to our starting point in the Carson National Forest. Our ride, which starts near Vadito and makes its way along High Road Scenic Byway, will be fairly leisurely today as we acclimate to the elevation and take in beautiful mountain scenery. Upon arriving in Taos, we will visit frontiersman Kit Carson's home, as well as the many shops and galleries which line the historic town center.



Total Easy Mileage | 26 Miles

Feet Gain | 1619

Casual Inn: Taos Inn | Luxury Inn: El Monte Sagrado

First-Class Camping | Taos

DAY 2 | Red River, The Enchanted Circle

Our ride starts with a climb along a scenic river into the foothills of Wheeler Peak Wilderness. Next we pass the Angel Fire Ski Mountain, Eagles Nest Lake, and over Bobcat Pass (the highest point on the trip) before descending into the little town of Red River. Red River is a town like no other. Nestled in the Carson National Forest, high in the southernmost tip of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, it's a cozy escape we know you will enjoy. Walk along Main street of this quaint ski town in the afternoon and enjoy a tasty ice cream cone from the General Store.



Total Easy Mileage | 5 Miles

Feet Gain | 633

Total Moderate Mileage | 47 Miles

Feet Gain | 4340

Casual Inn: Best Western Rivers Edge | Luxury Inn: El Monte Sagrado

First-Class Camping | Red River



DAY 3 | Ojo Caliente

Get ready for the longest ride of the tour. At 90 miles, today's ride goes from Red River through Questa and on to Ojo Caliente. The ride highlights the Sangre De Cristo and Jemez mountains within the Santa Fe and Carson National Forests. Though our ride is long, it is also quite fascinating as we pass over the famous Rio Grande Gorge Bridge, through four vegetation zones, and along mesas lined with copper colored hills. Our day ends with a soak in beautiful Ojo Caliente mineral hot springs.

Total Moderate Mileage 40 Miles	Moderate Feet Gain 2150
Total Seasoned Mileage 90 Miles	Seasoned Feet Gain 3548
Casual / Luxury Inn Ojo Caliente Mileral Springs Resort	
First-Class Camping Ojo Caliente Valley	



DAY 4 | Ghost Ranch

Today we will explore the outskirts of the Ojo Caliente and Chama River Valleys as we ride to Ghost Ranch. The 21,000 acres that comprise Ghost Ranch were part of a land grant to Pedro Martin Serrano from the King of Spain in 1766. The grant was called Piedra Lumbre (shining rock). The name Ghost Ranch, or the local name Rancho de los Brujos, was derived from the many tales of ghosts and legends of hangings in the Ranch's history. After lunch under the cottonwoods we will stop by the Ranch's Museum and hike to chimney rock through scenery made famous by western painter Georgia O'Keefe. After our hike we'll shuttle back to our base at Ojo Caliente.

Total Moderate Mileage 45 Miles	Moderate Feet Gain 1996
Casual / Luxury Inn Ojo Caliente Mileral Springs Resort	
First-Class Camping Ojo Caliente Valley	





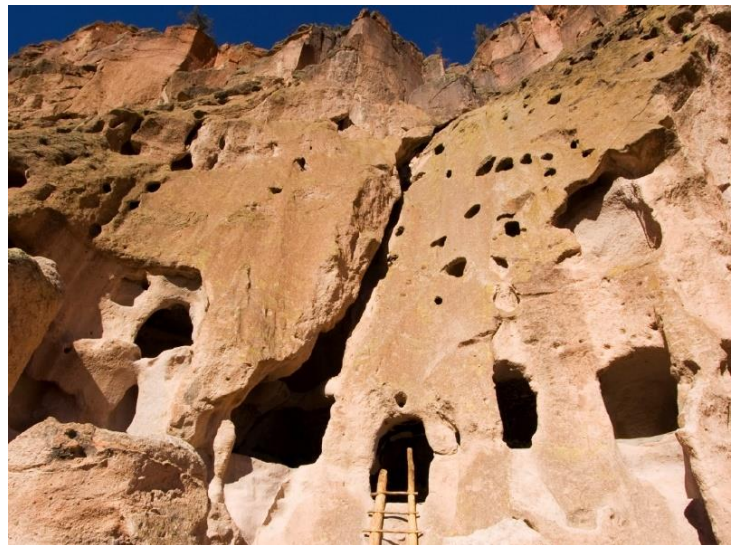
DAY 5 | Bandelier National Monument

Today we will ride out to the Frijoles Canyon Ruins set in stunning Bandelier National Monument. Along the way we will ride through Espanola and past Los Alamos, birthplace of the atomic bomb. We will arrive in Bandelier for lunch in the canyon, followed by a hike along the river and through the well-preserved ruins. These homes were created by a prehistoric Puebloan people called the Rio Grande Anasazi during the late 1100s and expanded upon until the 1500s, when it was mysteriously abandoned. After a stop in the visitor's center we will shuttle back to Ojo Caliente.

Total Easy Mileage | 23 Miles

Feet Gain | 307

Casual Inn: Inn of the Governors | Luxury Inn : La Fonda on the Plaza
First-Class Camping | Ojo Caliente Valley



DAY 6 | Santa Fe

After a quick shuttle we'll return to the High Road for our final ride through the quaint old villages of northern New Mexico. Our ride will end at the historic church of Chimayó. Believed to be built on sacred earth with miraculous healing powers, the legendary shrine El Santuario de Chimayo is probably the most visited church in New Mexico. We will have lunch here then shuttle to Santa Fe where you can enjoy the old town feel and visit its many historic attractions.

Total Moderate Mileage | 32 Miles

Feet Gain | 4078



Daily Activities

Day	Activity	Easy		Moderate		Seasoned	
		Miles	Feet Gain	Miles	Feet Gain	Miles	Feet Gain
1	Road Biking	26	1619				
2	Road Biking	5	633	47	4340		
3	Road Biking			40	2150	90	3548
4	Road Biking			45	1996		
5	Road Biking	23	307				
6	Road Biking			32	4078		

Road Bike Tour Fitness Levels

Level	Hours of Activity	Road Cycling		Multi-Sport Activities			
		Total Elevation Feet Gain	Road Cycling Miles	Hiking Miles	Rock Climbing	Canyoneering	Rafting/Canoeing
Easy	1	1000	10-20	1-5	Low Angle Large Handholds	Hiking/No Ropes	Relaxed, Slow Moving Water
	2	2000	20-30	5-8	Level 1 PLUS Small Handholds	Level 1 PLUS Occasional Ropes	Level 1 PLUS Easy Rapids Wide Channels
Moderate	3	3000	30-45	8-10	Level 2 PLUS Steep Angles	Level 2 PLUS Easy Rapels	Level 2 PLUS Waves, Up to 4' Narrow Channels
Seasoned	4	4000	45-75	10-12	x	Level 3 PLUS Complex Ropes, Multiple Rapels	Level 3 PLUS Long Rapids
	5	5000	75+	12-16+	x	x	Level 4 PLUS Spinning, Large Waves



HOW TO PREPARE

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.

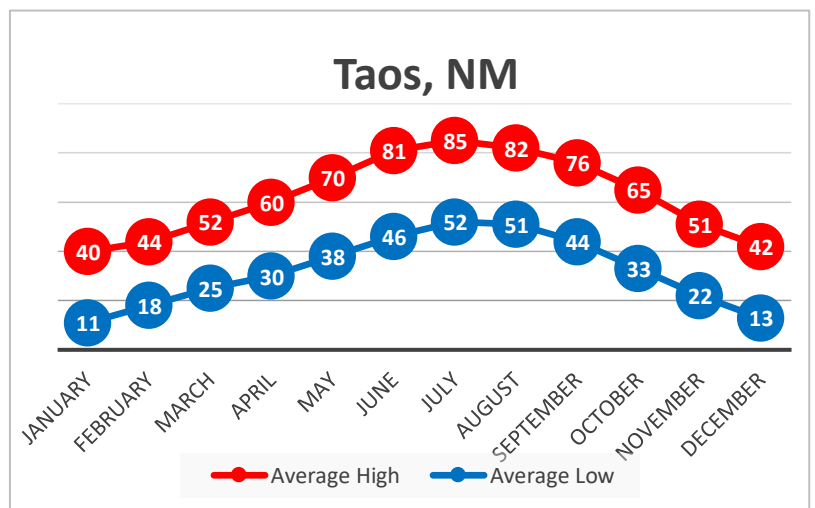
HIKING

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 repellant.

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/

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.

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 Creo eBike



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. The new Turbo eBikes from Escape Adventures now allow you to travel further distances and explore new areas. The pedal assisted technology also allows beginner and novice riders to join in on more challenging routes and terrain.

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 – CASUAL INNS (subject to change)



THE HISTORIC TAOS INN
125 Paseo Del Pueblo Norte, Taos, NM 87571
(575) 758-2233
<https://www.taosinn.com/>



BEST WESTERN RIVERS EDGE
301 W River St, Red River, NM 87558
(575) 754-1766
<https://www.bestwestern.com/>



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



INN OF THE GOVERNORS
101 W Alameda St, Santa Fe, NM 87501
(505) 982-4333
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317 Kit Carson Rd, Taos, NM 87571
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100 E San Francisco St, Santa Fe, NM 87501
(505) 982-5511
<https://www.lafondasantafe.com/>

FIRST-CLASS CAMPING



There is nothing better than rolling into camp to fresh 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

The Albuquerque International Airport is a class C public international airport and is just 3 miles southeast of downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico. It is the largest civil airport in New Mexico.



ALBUQUERQUE HOTELS



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

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

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, 9:30 AM, RETURN 5PM
303 E Alameda St, Santa Fe, Nm 87501
Phone: (888) 984-2121
<https://www.innonthealameda.com/>

Shuttle available (\$75 pp) from the Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel at 8am.
2910 Yale Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106
505-843-7000 Return by 6:30 pm



SANTA FE HOTELS



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



El Rey Court
1862 Cerrillos Rd, Santa Fe, NM 87505
(505) 982-1931
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











DEATH VALLEY & RED ROCK ROAD WINTER ESCAPE!

-  Families with Older Kids
-  Private Tours and Custom Tours
-  Solos, Couples & Friends
-  Departure: Las Vegas, NV
-  Tour Offered: Feb, Mar, Apr, Oct, Nov
-  Departs On: Monday
-  Duration: 5 Days
-  Lodging: First-Class Camping or Casual Inns
-  Fitness Level: 2-4
-  Elevation Range: 0 - 5,000 ft.

While big swathes of North America deals with snow and icy roads, we consider our great fortune: to enjoy exemplary outdoor wintertime adventure in the heart of the Mojave Desert, from Death Valley National Park to Red Rock Canyon.



HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK BIKE TOUR HOT SPRINGS & FOUR LAKES

-  Families with Older Kids
-  Private Tours and Custom Tours
-  Solos, Couples & Friends
-  Departure: Little Rock, AR
-  Tour Offered: May, Jun, Sep
-  Departs On: Monday
-  Duration: 5 Days
-  Lodging: Casual Inns
-  Fitness Level: 2-3
-  Elevation Range: 0 - 2,000 ft.

Canvassing no less than four superb Arkansas State Parks, including Hot Springs National Park, our five-day stage shades more than 200-miles, predominantly on scenic roads; sweeping through Lake Ouachita, Lake Greeson, DeGray Lake and Lake Hamilton, as well as the Little Missouri wild and scenic river.

