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Arizona & New Mexico Rail Journey

May 29 - June 5, 2024

Season: May, June

September & October

TOUR RATING: EASY

Both Arizona and New Mexico owe much of their early development to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. Our Grand Canyon Train Tour will explore the railroad's role at the south rim of Grand Canyon and along its main line between Flagstaff, Arizona and Santa Fe, New Mexico. A night's stay at the La Posada, the storied Fred Harvey hotel in Winslow will be included, as will visits to sites in Canyon de Chelly National Monument and the Navajo Nation. To round out the week, a day aboard the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad (co-owned by the states of New Mexico and Colorado) has been arranged.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by train into Grand Canyon National Park
- Experience Southwestern hospitality in hotels and restaurants established by Fred Harvey
- Visit Canyon de Chelly National Monument and sites in the Navajo Nation
- Cross between New Mexico and Colorado eleven times in ruggedly beautiful country on Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad

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DAY
1

Arrivals in Flagstaff, AZ

Arrive in Flagstaff, Arizona, by 3:00 pm to meet in time for orientation meeting and dinner.

Meals included: Dinner

DAY
2

Ride the Train to Grand Canyon National Park, Walk along the Rim

This morning, Grand Canyon Railway takes us to Grand Canyon, where rails from Williams arrived in 1901. The Fred Harvey Company and Santa Fe Railway encouraged the creation of Grand Canyon National Monument in 1908 and the authorization of Grand Canyon National Park in 1919. Santa Fe and Fred Harvey built lodging and provided services at the south rim, starting with El Tovar Hotel in 1904. Architect and Decorator Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter designed many Santa Fe and Fred Harvey buildings all over the Southwest. Hopi House, for Navajo and Hopi art and crafts at Grand Canyon, was her first. Starting there, we take a leisurely, 45-minute walk along the canyon rim to the National Park Service geology museum at Yavapi Point.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
3

More of Grand Canyon, Stay at the last Harvey House

Today we travel the East Rim Drive to Desert View Watchtower, a Colter design completed in 1932. We stop at overlooks on our return. Then, visit the Colter-designed Lookout Studio and other historic buildings along a 20-minute round-trip walk of the rim trail. After lunch we board our afternoon train to Williams, then drive to Winslow. We stay at La Posada Hotel, a Harvey House beside Santa Fe's tracks. The hotel and depot were designed in 1930 by Mary Colter. Starting 1926 Santa Fe Railway and the Fred Harvey Company offered escorted motor-tours to national park sites and Native American communities. These "Indian Detours" appeared first on routes among the Harvey hotels and Santa Fe stations at Albuquerque, Lamy, and Las Vegas, New Mexico. As Harvey opened new hotels and Santa Fe inaugurated faster, air-conditioned trains; and with improved roads and a growing National Park System, the tours reached across New Mexico and Arizona into Colorado, Utah, California, and Texas. They operated until 1968.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
4

The Navajo Nation

Taking advantage of La Posada's location (and 5 years of automotive improvements) the 1931 Indian Detour program announced tours within the Navajo Indian Reservation (equal in size to the state of West Virginia) with visits to trading posts and scenic wonders such as Canyon de Chelly and Monument Valley. In Ganado, Arizona, we visit Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site to learn more about the Navajo people and the traditional role of traders and trading posts in the Navajo economy. We will visit Canyon de Chelly National Monument, stopping at overlooks on the rim, in preparation for tomorrow.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
5

Into Canyon de Chelly & Window Rock

This morning, we visit the floor of Canyon de Chelly where successive peoples have resided for more than 5,000 years. Unlike 1930s Indian- detour participants we won't be on horseback. The Navajo guides use four-wheel drive to escort visitors among the homes (contemporary and ancient) of Native American residents. Afterward we visit Window Rock, seat of Navajo tribal government, to see the Navajo Nation Museum, Window Rock Navajo Tribal Park, and the memorial to Navajo veterans of the US armed forces.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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Ride the Route of the Chief

Today we ride Amtrak's Southwest Chief east from Gallup, along 200 miles of the Santa Fe (now BNSF) Railway, with occasional glimpses of Native American villages along the way. Starting at Isleta Pueblo, 12 miles from downtown Albuquerque, the railway is in the Rio Grande Valley for about 50 miles.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**DAY
7**

Ride the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad

This morning we drive an hour to Chama, New Mexico, for our 5 1/2 hour journey on a vestige of a onetime Santa Fe Railway rival, the narrow-gauge Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. Its original intent was to link Denver with a Pacific port by building south into Mexico. Beaten to Raton Pass by the Santa Fe Railway, the D&RG turned westward. One of its lines was preserved in 1969 as the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. Still narrow gauge and steam powered. It climbs 10,022-foot Cumbres Pass and travels alongside 600-foot-deep Toltec Gorge, crossing and re-crossing the state line eleven times on its way to Antonito, Colorado. We return to our hotel at dinnertime.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**DAY
8**

Departures from Santa Fe/Albuquerque

After breakfast transfer to the Amtrak station or depart for Albuquerque International airport.

Meals included: Breakfast

Pricing

TRIP COST	PAYMENT TERMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4,895 each based on double occupancy • Single Supplement: \$898 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,500 deposit due to hold space • Balance due 90 days prior to departure (can be auto-collected if you pay by credit card)

TRIP PRICE INCLUDES	TRIP PRICE EXCLUDES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging as outlined in lodging section below based on double occupancy • Meals as noted in itinerary above • Snacks and beverages • Train tickets and museum admissions for all included activities • Commentary by trip rail expert • Services of professional tour manager • Ground transportation for all included events during the trip & portage service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre & post tour travel • Optional activities • Alcoholic beverages • Trip insurance – highly recommended

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Lodging

Residence Inn, Flagstaff – 1 night

Located in the heart of beautiful Downtown Flagstaff. Surrounded by great restaurants and breweries in a bustling local area, with the conveniences you need. Stay connected with complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi.

El Tovar Hotel or Kachina Lodge (TBD) – 1 night

El Tovar is the historic crown jewel of Grand Canyon National Park and rooms have one queen bed. Kachina Lodge has rooms with partial canyon views and two queen beds. Both hotels sit just a few steps away from the canyon rim.

La Posada Hotel – 1 night

Set in a restored railroad hotel built in 1929 by the Santa Fe Railway, this low-key southwestern-style hotel lies next to the Winslow Amtrak station. The warm, individually decorated rooms offer free Wi-Fi. Many rooms feature handmade Ponderosa pine beds, handwoven rugs, and/or original 1930s mosaic-tile baths with cast-iron tubs.

Thunderbird Lodge, Chinle – 1 night

The historic Thunderbird Lodge is the only hotel in Canyon De Chelly. Navajo owned and operated, the charm and comfort of the lodge, and friendly Navajo staff, add to your visit to Navajoland.

Hilton Garden Inn, Gallup – 1 night

Conveniently located walking distance from stores, restaurants, and free Wi-Fi.

Abiquiu Inn – 2 nights

Abiquiu Inn is located north of Santa Fe and southwest of Taos, in beautiful Abiquiu (pronounced A-bih-kyoo) NM, near the former home of famed painter, Georgia O'Keeffe & amidst some of the most pristine southwest panoramas in the world.

Terms

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cancel for any reason the following refund schedule applies:

- 91+ days prior to trip start: A \$1,000 fee per person will be deducted from any refund.
- 61-90 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 25% of trip cost
- 31-60 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 50% of trip cost
- 0-30 days prior to trip start: No refund

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We recommend travel insurance. For more information and to purchase, go to <http://my.travelinsure.com/bsaselect>

WAIVER

All participants must complete our waiver online at <https://www.smartwaiver.com/v/bsahike2022/>

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