

## Santa Fe Tour—April 24-29, 2016

The Friends of the SaddleBrooke Libraries is sponsoring a spring tour to Santa Fe, New Mexico, from April 24th through 29th, 2016. The tour will begin with a night at the historic La Posada Hotel in Winslow, Arizona. Built in 1929, La Posada was the last great railroad hotel for the Fred Harvey Company. After years of neglect, the hotel and gardens have been restored to their former glory. The stay in Winslow will also include a short walking tour and a visit to the Snowdrift Art Space.

On the second day the tour will journey to Santa Fe for four nights at the Hotel Santa Fe, Hacienda and Spa, Santa Fe's only Native American owned hotel. The hotel is located in historic downtown Santa Fe and in the heart of the vibrant Santa Fe Railyard District with museums, galleries, shops and restaurants just outside the door. The hotel provides a free shuttle service in its distinctive purple London taxis to locations throughout Santa Fe. for your convenience during your free time.

The third day will start with a walking tour lead by a knowledgeable scholar of Santa Fe history and culture. The walking tour will be an introduction to Santa Fe's many attractions which tour participants will be free to visit after lunch at the Terra Cotta Bistro. Free time in the afternoon will allow for self-guided visits to museums or to indulge in a little shopping. The group will reassemble for dinner at La Casa Sena.

The destination on the fourth day is Taos lead by our guide, Alan Osborne from Southwest Seminars. Alan is a scholar of American Indian history, Spanish borderlands frontier history and Mexican-American territorial history. The visit to Taos will begin with a tour of Taos Pueblo with an opportunity to meet the many artisans who create and show their arts and crafts in the pueblo. A picnic lunch will be served at the spectacular Rio Grand Gorge Bridge followed by a visit to Hacienda de los Martinez, one of the few remaining "great houses" from the Spanish Colonial period.

On the return trip to Santa Fe, we will travel the High Road to Chimayó. Founded in the late 17th century, the village is famous for the beautiful Santuario de Chimayó chapel. In addition to a tour of the chapel, there will be time to visit rug weaving studios, art galleries and shops followed by dinner at Rancho de Chimayó.

The last day in Santa Fe will begin with an illustrated lecture on Georgia O'Keefe and the art of the Santa Fe. The rest of the day tour participants will be free to choose from a variety of activities including a trip to Museum Hill with its four unique museums, visits to art galleries on Canyon Road and in the Railyard District, shopping around the Plaza or indulging in a spa treatment at the Hotel Santa Fe. The tour directors will be available to lead activities for those with a special interest. Our final dinner in Santa Fe will be at Santacafé which specializes in serving unique American cuisine with a southwestern flair.

The sixth day of the tour will feature a scenic drive through New Mexico and Arizona on the journey home to SaddleBrooke.

The fee for the Santa Fe tour is \$1,500 per person, double occupancy. The fee includes transportation, accommodations, meals as specified on the itinerary, local tour guide services and tour directors' services. A portion of the fee is a donation to the Friends of SaddleBrooke Libraries. For reservations, contact Barry Swartzberg by email, [bswartzberg@hotmail.com](mailto:bswartzberg@hotmail.com) or call (520) 825-0463.