

Remarkable Women of TAOS & Northern New Mexico

Sample 6 Day/5 Night Tour

Taos...there's a powerful yet sublime energy and freedom about it that compels the highly creative to make it home, and none more so than the truly remarkable women who have called Taos their own. Its transformative influence speaks as compellingly to today's woman as to those who have made it home for 15 generations. Experience that transformation for yourself with a visit in 2012.

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In 2012, celebrate not only the State's Centennial but join in on the year-long Celebration of the Remarkable Women of Taos and Northern New Mexico with an extraordinary 6-day/5-night program of museum exhibits, special events and learning programs that will introduce you to the rich tapestry of women—Native American, Hispanic and Anglo—who journeyed from all corners of the world to make Northern New Mexico, and especially Taos, their home. Encompassing both historic and contemporary figures, you will come away with a deep appreciation of the flowering and freedom that is Northern New Mexico's gift to these women courageous and adventurous enough to embrace her. You can turn this sample itinerary into a paid tour organized for you by contacting the agents on the back.

Day 1

- **AM – Arrive Albuquerque Sunport by 1pm**
- **Transfer to hotel or Bed and Breakfast:** Select yours at www.santafe.org/accommodations.
- **PM • International Folk Art Museum. *New Mexican Hispanic Artists 1912-2012* Docent Tour—** highlighting New Mexican artists of the 20th and 21st centuries. www.internationalfolkart.org, (505) 476-1200
- **Plaza Stroll, shopping**
- **Dinner at Santa Café**
A fine dining icon of Santa Fe since 1983, Santa Café specializes in serving unique American cuisine with a southwestern flair. Hailed by notable locals, frequent visitors to Santa Fe, and numerous celebrities, the chef, staff and management pride themselves on creating an atmosphere and dining experience that will stay with you for a lifetime. www.santacafe.com; (505) 984-1788

Day 2

- **Breakfast at your Hotel**
- **AM • Santa Fe, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum.** Contemporary art and modernism fascinated world-famous artist Georgia O'Keeffe. This namesake museum spotlights her work, but also showcases the work of many other established artists. www.okeeffemuseum.org; (505) 946-1000
- **Lunch at The O'Keeffe Café in Santa Fe**
Adjacent to Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, O'Keeffe Cafe is one of the top museum restaurants in the USA. Reviewed nationally by Rachael Ray, Chef Leo Varos offers an eclectic contemporary cuisine emphasizing French techniques and ingredients sourced from around the world. www.okeeffecafe.com; (505) 986-2008.
- **PM • Puye Cliffs Tour, Santa Clara Pueblo –** This 3 hr guided Tour explores one of northern New Mexico's most awe-inspiring cultural attractions featuring cliff & cave dwellings, early Pueblo architecture, an original Harvey House and a stunning panorama of the valley. Be touched by this special place between the earth and sky. www.puyeciffs.com; (505) 927-2731
- **Depart for Taos;** Check in at your choice of 37 hotels or Bed and Breakfast inns at www.taos.org/hotel-search.



GEORGIA O'KEEFFE

- **Aperitifs –** tour of Grand Bohemian Gallery at El Monte Sagrado www.elmontesagrado.com; (800) 828-8267
- **Dinner at Graham's Grille.** Award-winning chef and hostess Lesley B. Fay. Honest, creative, wholesome food with a southwestern flair. Great prices. Friendly service. A hip, fun place. www.grahamstaos.com; (575) 751-1350
- **An Evening at the Taos Center for the Arts –** depending on current offerings or **SOMOS Summer Writer's Series** (depending on programming and timing) www.tcaos.org; (575) 758-2052 and www.somostaos.org; (575) 758-0081

Day 3

- **Breakfast at your hotel**
- **AM • Mabel Dodge Luhan House –** Docent Tour (Judi Jordan or by appointment) Experience Mabel's home and feel her spirit. www.mabeldodgeluhan.com; (575) 751-9686
- **AM • E.L. Blumenschein Home – *Out of the Background – The Women Artists of Early New Mexico* or current exhibit, Docent Tour.** Located on historic Ledoux Street the E.L. and Mary Greene Blumenschein Home and Museum is maintained much as it was when the artist and his family were alive. The home is filled with a superb collection of the Blumenschein family's art, a representative sampling of works by other famous Taos artists, fine European and Spanish Colonial style antiques, and the family's lifetime of personal possessions. The home beautifully illustrates the lifestyle of Taos artists in the first half of the twentieth century. www.taohistoricmuseums.com/el-blumenschein-home; (575) 758-0505
- **Lunch at a local restaurant of your choice:** www.taos.org/categories/view/dining



MABEL DODGE LUHAN



AGNES MARTIN



BEATRICE MANDELMAN

- **PM • Harwood Museum – *Agnes Martin: Before the Grid Exhibition* or *Bea Mandelman: Centennial Exhibition*, Docent Tour** It has been the Harwood family home, a leading example of the Pueblo/Spanish architectural revival and restoration movement in New Mexico, the town's first library and southwestern art exhibit space and finally a part of the University of New Mexico thanks to the generosity and devotion to community of artists by Burritt and Elizabeth Harwood. Today, this world renowned institution is a focus for education and learning as well as a repository for some of the most notable examples of mid-century art in the Southwest. (575) 758-9826; www.harwoodmuseum.org

- **Art Stroll on Ledoux –** Inger Jirby Gallery, RANE Gallery, 203 Fine Art Gallery and more.
- **Private Dinner and Behind the Scenes Tour at the Millicent Rogers Museum –** Also view *Millicent Rogers and Her Circle Exhibition*, Docent or Director-led Tour. Established as a memorial to Standard Oil heiress and philanthropist Millicent Rogers whose inspiration, patronage and collections form the core of its holdings, the Museum opened in 1956. Founded by Millicent Rogers's family, the Museum has become one of America's important resources for the study of southwestern art and design. www.millicentrogers.org; (575) 758-2462



MILLICENT ROGERS

Day 4

- **Breakfast at your Hotel**
- **Spa day at El Monte Sagrado or Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs.** Lunch on property
With a full menu of services, The Living Spa at **El Monte Sagrado** is a haven of serenity, inviting guests to experience a truly transformative event. The nurturing environment and the tranquility of the facility will enable you to recapture lost time and rejuvenate your mind, body and spirit. Deemed sacred by indigenous Native Americans of Northern New Mexico, **Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs** has been a gathering place and a source of healing for hundreds, even thousands of years. Come retreat to a secluded refuge. Relax with a massage and signature Milagro Wrap. Rejuvenate in the legendary waters. www.elmontesagrado.com; (800) 828-8267 www.ojocalientesprings.com; (800) 222-9162
- **Walk the Sacred Labyrinth at El Monte Sagrado or Ojo Caliente**
Now that you've relaxed body and soul, find the inner peace and insights that walking a labyrinth can bring. Other area labyrinth tours available. www.taos.org/labyrinth_tour
- **Transfer to Taos Ski Valley**
For an afternoon chair lift ride and dinner at **Rhoda's, The Bavarian or The Blonde Bear Tavern** at Edelweiss. Learn about the vital role Rhoda Blake and her companions played in the founding of Taos Ski Valley from her granddaughter, Adriana Blake. Go early and hike to Williams Lake. www.taoskivalley.com/business-directory/dining-nightlight/

Day 5

- **Breakfast at Bent Street Deli**
The New York Deli, Taos style. Imaginative and light to filling breakfasts utilizing only the freshest local produce and ingredients. www.johndunnshops.com/BentStreetDeli.html; (575) 758-5787
- **AM • Taos Pueblo Tour**
Taos Pueblo is the only Native American community designated both a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and a National Historic Landmark. The multi-storied adobe buildings have been continuously inhabited for over 1000 years. www.taospueblo.com; (575) 758-1028
- **Taos Art Museum/ Fechin House**
Guided tour that will also include a short presentation on Alexandra and Eya Fechin. The Taos Art Museum is housed in the studio and home that portrait artist Nicolai Fechin built for his family between 1927 and 1933. Fechin, born in Kazan, Russia in 1881, carved and molded the adobe building into a fascinating, harmonic marriage of Russian, Native American, and Spanish symbolism. www.taosartmuseum.org; (575) 758-2690
- **Lunch at Doc Martin's or Caffé Renato, Former home of Mabel Dodge Luhan**
Doc Martin's Restaurant is an acclaimed dining establishment located in a registered historic landmark. A Taos tradition, the restaurant has earned multiple awards for their fabulous Regional New American fare featuring fresh local food with a splash of the southwest, incorporating chiles and produce sourced from regional farms and gardens. With over 400 wine selections, the world class wine list has earned Wine Spectator's "Best Of" Award of Excellence for 22 consecutive years. www.taosinn.com/restaurant.html; (575) 758-1977

Caffé Renato is a popular European style Cafe on La Plaza De Las Flores known for its good food and relaxing patio and indoor dining atmosphere. (575) 758-0244

- **D.H. Lawrence "Forbidden Paintings" tour at Hotel La Fonda de Taos**
Followed by tour of La Hacienda de los Martinez and *Cultural Threads* – *Nellie Dunton and the Colcha Revival in New Mexico*, Docent Tour www.lafondataos.com; (800) 833-2211 or www.taosmuseums.org/view/hacienda-martinez; (575) 758-1000
- **Free time for browsing, shopping in Taos Historic District or hiking.**
- **Dinner at El Meze** – Last remnants of a fortified hacienda dating to the 1840's, the Cardenas Torreon is the only historic standing watchtower remaining in Taos Valley and is now an award-winning Spanish-themed restaurant. www.elmeze.com; (575) 751-3337.

Day 6

- **Breakfast at Hotel**
- **Check out of Hotel**
- **AM • Taos Institute of Glass Arts** – talk and art glass blowing demonstration Taos Institute for Glass Arts, Inc. expands the understanding and appreciation for the Contemporary Glass Art Movement through classes, workshops, lectures, demonstrations, special events and exhibitions. TIGA is a comprehensive community access glass center, serving and integrating the needs of artists, students, collectors, architects and designers. www.tiganm.org; (575) 613-6484
- **Visit to the Historic San Francisco de Asis Church** – Tour and Mystery Painting Built in 1815, this iconic church in Ranchos de Taos, made famous by Ansel Adams and Georgia O'Keeffe is the most painted and photographed church in the world. It is surrounded by a plaza of adobe homes and shops that date to the same period, many lovingly restored. (575) 758-2754
- **Lunch at the Trading Post Café**
Just up the hill from San Francisco de Asis Plaza, amidst vigas, wrought iron furniture and local art you may watch acclaimed Chef René prepare flavorful dishes from around the world from his open air kitchen. Have a seat at the bar and watch the action up close or in one of three dining rooms, two with fireplaces. There is also a beautiful back patio surrounded with flowers and sculpture. A favorite of Modernist painter Agnes Martin. www.tradingpostcafe.com; (575) 758-5089
- **Depart Taos**

** *Substitute following tour options as desired for Afternoon 1 and Morning 2:*

- * **Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and program**, eliminating International Folk Art Museum
- * **Visit to Chimayo** with tour and lecture on hand weaving traditions and talk by author Patricia Trujillo-Oviedo on her new book *Images of America, Chimayo*. www.chimayo.us
- * **Lunch at Rancho de Chimayo** www.ranchodechimayo.com (505) 984-2100
- * **Museum Association of Taos Combination Admission Tickets** available for \$25. www.taosmuseums.org or at any of the participating venues.



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Notable Taos landmarks and tours to consider:

Rio Grande Gorge and Bridge

The Rio Grande Gorge Bridge is the second highest cantilever bridge in the U.S., towering 650 feet above the river. There are viewing areas on both sides with ample parking and turn-around areas. There is a well-maintained rest stop near the western side of the bridge. The view from the center of the bridge is not for those with a fear of heights, but it is one of the most spectacular sights to be found anywhere.

Greater World Earthship Biotecture Tour

An Earthship is a radically sustainable home made of recycled materials. They create electricity from the sun and wind, collect water from rain and snow melt (and use it four times!), manage sewage in botanical planter treatment sites, generate cooling from the sun and the earth and even grow food for their owners both inside and outside. Earthships can be built in any climate, anywhere in the world and allow their owners to live in harmony with the environment, complete with security and modern amenities. www.earthship.com; (575) 751-0462 or biotecture@earthship.com.

Guided Walking Tour

Take a two-hour guided walking tour of the Plaza area and immerse yourself in the rich history of Taos! Call (575) 751-9877 to schedule your tour. \$15 per person.

Trolley Tour

During May through October, the Historic Taos Trolley Tour departs from the Taos Visitor Center at 10:30 am and 2 PM (Plaza pickups 15 minutes later) for a 3 ½ hour tour of Taos Plaza, Taos Pueblo and a photo stop at the San Francisco de Asis Church. \$33 for adults, \$10 for children. Fares include entry fees. On Sunday and Monday, the History and Culture Tour visits the Millicent Rogers Museum, Taos Plaza and the Hacienda de los Martinez. (575) 751-0366

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Each agent above has a customized itinerary and scheduled tour dates available throughout 2012. Check their websites or www.taos.org for dates and pricing.

Tour Operators:

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