

We've planned A GREAT TRIP for you!



Essence of Southern

NEW MEXICO

\$469 pp dbl
\$619 single



November 15-18, 2010
4 Days, 3 Nights

This Tour will Include:

- Self-guided Walking Tour of Deming
- Visit White Sands National Monument
- Visit San Miguel Mission, Socorro
- Visit Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge
- Visit VLA -- Very Large Array Radio Antennas
- Tour of Acoma Sky City Pueblo and Cultural Center

Bring a jacket - cool weather - we'll be walking, so wear comfortable shoes

High Altitude Advisory



BRING YOUR CAMERA!!

Tour Details on Back!



Includes:

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- Escort
- Baggage Handling
- 3 Nights Accommodations
- 3 Breakfasts
- 1 South of the Border Dinner
- All Admissions & Tours Listed
- Bottled water & snacks
- Driver & Escort gratuities

Bus Departs: 7:30 am* **Bus Returns:** 7:30 pm*

*Approximate times; you will be notified of actual departure time and location at least 2 days prior to the trip.

\$100.00 due at signup; balance due 10/1/10
Insurance \$36pp dbl \$56 sing

Be sure to bring your photo I.D. Travel insurance is available and highly recommended--ask for details. Promenade Travel Services reserves the right to modify itinerary as needed. We also reserve the right to cancel the trip if less than 15 people are booked within two weeks of departure. Cancellations made within 45 days or less are subject to cancellation penalties.

*Prices quoted are for cash or check - credit cards can be used on tours over \$200 but will incur an additional fee.

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Our first stop will be Deming, where we'll take a walking tour of the city's downtown commercial district. Many of the buildings retain much of their historic integrity and are on either the State or National Historic Register. Step into the past as you view these remnants of the past including the Deming Museum and Customs House, the Luna County Courthouse, and many others from centuries ago.



The second day, after breakfast, we'll head for the White Sands National Monument. One of the world's great natural wonders, the glistening, cool white gypsum sands form great wave-like dunes that have engulfed 275 square miles of desert and created the world's largest gypsum dune field. This unique landscape is preserved, along with the plants and animals that have successfully adapted to this environment. We'll have a tour of this amazing area with a step-on ranger guide.

Then it's on to Old San Miguel Mission -- founded in 1598, this is one of the Oldest Catholic Churches in the United States. **San Miguel de Socorro** was built on the ruins of the old Nuestra Señora de Socorro mission. The old mission was built around 1626, but was destroyed in 1680 during the Pueblo Revolt. As it stood in the first decade of the 17th century, San Miguel Church was of pure Pueblo style of architecture, but in restorations made after the rebellion of 1680 and through subsequent repairs, many deviations have been made.



The next day, we'll depart very early for Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. Named for the people who often camped in the riverside forest, today it is known as one of the most spectacular refuges in North America. To provide food, water, shelter, and space for wildlife, several management techniques are used at Bosque del Apache NWR. Local farmers grow crops on the refuge for wintering waterfowl and cranes. Farmers plant alfalfa and corn, harvesting the alfalfa and leaving the corn for wildlife. The refuge staff also grows corn, winter wheat, clover, and native plants as additional food. We're going at this early hour to experience the "morning flight" of the myriad of birds as they start their day -- a truly unforgettable sight!

Then we'll travel on to The Very Large Array, one of the world's premier astronomical radio observatories, consists of 27 radio antennas in a Y-shaped configuration on the Plains of San Agustin fifty miles west of Socorro, New Mexico. Each antenna is 82 feet in diameter. The data from the antennas is combined electronically to give the resolution of an antenna 22 miles across, with the sensitivity of a dish 422 feet in diameter.



And finally, on the last day, following breakfast we'll enjoy a tour of the Acoma Sky City Pueblo and Cultural Center. Tribal Members lead the walking tours, sharing Acoma's unique Native American history and culture in the type of oral presentation that their people have been passing down for centuries. We'll experience this remarkable ancient pueblo village atop a 367-foot sandstone bluff with time to shop for beautiful Native American jewelry and Acoma pottery. This will be a great culmination to our tour, providing us many memories as we head home.