Proposal for Watkins College

The Plaza, the heart of old Santa Fe, hasn’t changed much since the Spanish settled here 400 years ago. But surrounding the Plaza is an increasingly cosmopolitan city which offers contemporary art spaces, great restaurants and a park by a pair of trailblazing architects.

Date: October, 2015. 4 days, 3 nights. This trip is for 4 guests.

Accommodation: La Posada de Santa Fe, once a sanctuary for the likes of Will Shuster and Georgia O'Keeffe, La Posada keeps its creative tradition strong, employing an on-site curator who oversees over 600 pieces of art. Many of these pieces are on display in and around the main house, a converted nineteenth-century mansion. Guests stay in adobe casitas fringing the mansion, where they have easy access to La Posada’s spa, bar, and poolside café. 3 nights, with breakfast.

Inclusions

• El Rito Studio Tour: Meet more than 25 artists who live and work in this sleepy village that was an early Spanish settlement, located about an hour's drive northwest of Santa Fe. The annual open studio tour features everything from blacksmithing, fiber arts and pottery to santos and retablos.

• Georgia O'Keeffe's House and Studio. This new evening tour includes extras beyond the information about and views of the home and studio presented in the general tours. Behind the scenes guests will see O'Keeffe's workroom and storage space, the room behind the famous Black Door, and O'Keeffe's fallout shelter.

• Santa Fe Railyard Farmers Market and Artisan Market dates back a half-century, but it moved to a permanent building in 2008. Everything sold here, including dried chilies, yogurt and grass-fed meats, is produced in northern New Mexico. The market is part of a bustling district that includes the new Railyard Park by the architect Frederic Schwartz and the landscape architect Ken Smith.

• Museum of International Folk Art, the museum's holdings represent diverse cultures and constitute the largest collection of international folk art in the world.

• Car rental for 1 day