



**SaddleBrooke Hiking Club
Santa Fe Trip
October 2–4, 2018**

Santa Fe, “the city different” is a premier destination offering world-class museums, cuisine and shopping in a uniquely beautiful setting. The trip will include a wide cross-section of hikes at all levels of difficulty in a variety of locations. There are many things to see and do for nonhikers as well.

Walt Shields is the overall trip organizer and Ray Peale is organizing and managing the hikes.

Schedule

Monday, October 1: drive to Santa Fe

Tuesday – Thursday, October 2 -4: hikes, explore Santa Fe

Friday, October 4: return or stay on for the Albuquerque
Balloon Festival

Driving to Santa Fe

The distance is 475 miles from SaddleBrooke requiring approximately 8 hours driving time. The shortest and most scenic route is the following:

US 77 to Globe

US 60 through the Salt River Canyon to Show Low

US 60 via Springerville to Quemado

NM 36 and NM117 to I 40 to Albuquerque

I 25 to Santa Fe

Lodging

The Lodge at Santa Fe will serve as our “headquarters” hotel. All hikes will leave from The Lodge. It is a typical Santa Fe style inn in a quiet setting located on a hill overlooking the city and mountains and is convenient to a number of our hikes. It is not far from the historic square and offers a free shuttle service. We are pleased to have negotiated a group rate of \$129/night inclusive of taxes and resort fees, which is very reasonable for Santa Fe at this time of year. The rate will apply for 3 days prior to and after the hiking trip for those wishing to stay longer. Complimentary parking and 15% off of food and beverage at the onsite restaurant is included.

Reservation Procedure for the Lodge at Santa Fe

Participants should call the Lodge reservations at 505-992-5850, tell them you are with the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club and are reserving under group #B04B17.

It is recommended to call as soon as possible to reserve a room of your choice, king bed or two queens. We are currently holding a block of 25 rooms at the group rate, which we can increase if needed, but we encourage booking as early as possible. There is no booking deposit, and cancellation without penalty is accepted up to 24 hours.

Once your reservation is made, email Walt Shields at waltshields@mac.com and provide him with your name(s), where you will be staying, email(s) and a cell contact number(s).

A master list will be kept to provide participants and guides contact information and a mail list will be generated for future updates.

Alternative Lodging and Camping

There are a number of exclusive, expensive and quaint lodges close to the square for those wishing to make their own accommodations and numerous camping facilities in the area. The closest RV/campground to the Lodge at Santa Fe is Black Canyon on Artist Rd, part of the Santa Fe National Forest. Reservations are available and we encourage you to make them now through www.recreation.gov.

Hiking Venues

- October 2: Santa Fe Ski Basin area and Hyde Park Road
- October 3: Bandelier National Monument and Valles Caldera National Preserve
- October 4: The Village of Pecos and Pecos River Valley

A complete list of hikes and their guides will be published 3 months prior to the trip at which time hikers can sign up directly with the guides for the hikes they wish to take.

Pre-trip Potluck

A pre-trip potluck will be held at least a week before the trip. Guides will review their hikes and answer questions. Sign up sheets will be available for review and late changes accommodated.

Group dinner on the trip

We are planning a group dinner for the middle evening of October 3 at a local venue.

Miscellaneous

The Lodge has a restaurant for breakfast (not included). For dinners we encourage you to enjoy the excellent cuisine of Santa Fe. A list of recommended restaurants along with other activities will be sent to participants prior to the trip. The Lodge is a pet friendly hotel. We encourage you to stay beyond the scheduled hike days, as there is so much to enjoy in the area including the Albuquerque Balloon Festival.

Weather

October average high is 67, average low is 35.

Plan on bringing layers for hiking the higher elevations of the ski basin and possible rain.

Contact Walt Shields, waltshields@mac.com or Ray Peale, ray.peale@gmail.com with any questions.

Useful Links

www.santafe.org (general information and alternative lodging)

www.lodgeatsantafe.com (headquarters hotel)

Let's go to Santa Fe!