Your Travel Director

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General Information

Price $2,377 per person, based on double occupancy, plus air. Price includes four nights of lodging, premier seating for three nights of opera, two lectures, a city tour, a group excursion to Bandelier National Monument and the Bradbury Science Museum, daily breakfasts, one buffet dinner, and all transfers. Single supplement $512.

Airfare is not included in this package price. Upon receipt of your deposit, our travel agent will assist with your flight arrangements if you wish, regardless of your point of origin. If you plan to make your own air arrangements, please contact us beforehand to confirm available space on this trip.

You are welcome to extend your stay in Santa Fe. Please let us know if we can assist with your plans to stay beyond our travel dates.

Lodging information: lafondasantafe.com
Performance information: santafeopera.org
Program information: Doug Whittle, 608-263-7787 or Kim Seymour, 608-262-3731.

More information: uwtravel.org

If you have a disability and desire accommodations, please advise us ahead of time. Requests are confidential.

This program is offered by UW-Madison in cooperation with UW-Extension.

~ Live and Learn ~
Opera lovers REJOICE! Your trusted travel friends at UW-Madison are returning to one of North America’s most historic and celebrated destinations to experience one of the most stunning opera venues in the world: the open-air Santa Fe Opera House!

This trip is a must for the opera lover
With tickets to productions of Mozart’s Don Giovanni; Gounod’s Romeo and Juliet, and Puccini’s La Fanciulla del West, everything is already taken care of; all you have to do is enjoy yourself.

Your visit will be enriched through special events, including a private talk with Ms. Desiree Mays, author of the Opera Unveiled literary series; and a second lecture by Ms. Mays following a delicious buffet dinner on the opera house grounds before the performance of La Fanciulla del West.

Explore the beauty of Santa Fe
Your opportunities to enjoy yourself are almost limitless. In addition to the evenings of opera, learn about this fascinating city’s past on a guided walking tour of historic Santa Fe. You will tour historic Plaza. You will also visit Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Each morning begins with a hearty breakfast at the beautiful and historic La Fonda Hotel on Santa Fe’s colorful central Plaza, and ends at the peerless Santa Fe Opera House under beautiful desert skies.

This is a first-class opera and educational travel opportunity to a delightful and cultured city. If you are an opera lover and have not yet made the pilgrimage to Santa Fe for their exquisite treatment of this art form, you owe it to yourself to join us!

The Santa Fe Opera
August 14-18, 2016

Itinerary

Sunday, August 14
Morning—Travel by air to Albuquerque, then transfer by coach to the beautiful La Fonda Hotel on Santa Fe’s historic Plaza.

Afternoon—After settling in, join the group for your educational seminar with Ms. Desiree Mays as she introduces you to the subtleties of the operas you will attend.

Evening—Tonight is unscheduled so that you may enjoy dinner in one of Santa Fe’s many outstanding restaurants, and unwind after your day of travel.

Monday, August 15
Morning—Step outside into a glorious high-desert morning for your walking tour of historic Santa Fe. After the tour, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy as you wish.

Evening—Tonight you have a premier seat for Mozart’s extraordinary Don Giovanni.

Tuesday, August 16
Morning—Join the group for a field trip to Bandelier National Monument and the Bradbury Science Museum at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

You have ample free time to relax, shop, visit Santa Fe’s world famous art galleries on Canyon Road, or delve deeper into the city’s history at its many museums and historical sights.

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Wednesday, August 17
Morning—Enjoy a day to yourself getting to know Santa Fe. Shop downtown or peruse the art galleries along Canyon Road; visit Santa Fe’s justifiably famous Museum Hill; or explore the city’s colonial past.

Evening—Your weekend of opera concludes with a lecture and dinner buffet before attending the opera that Puccini himself considered his finest work: La Fanciulla del West.

Thursday, August 18
Morning—Transfer to Albuquerque for your flight home.

Thank you very much for your registration. We look forward to enjoying the opera and Santa Fe with you in August!