



Transportation

The bus for this trip is provided by A&S Fun Tours of El Paso (www.asfuntours.com). The bus is manufactured by Van Hool of Belgium, a well known tour bus manufacturer. It will accommodate 59 passengers but we are limiting this tour to 50 people to retain a refreshment area in the rear of the bus. The bus has a toilet, good air conditioning, an audio and DVD system, and comfortable seating.



Trip Cost

The cost for this four day trip is \$390 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 per person is required upon signing up for this trip. The remaining \$290 will be due no later than Tuesday, September 3, 2013. This does not include tips and gratuities. An additional fuel charge may be required depending on fuel costs at the time of the trip.

The trip cost includes transportation, lodging, five meals, and entry fees at the Acoma Pueblo Sky City, the Chasers club at the International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, the Cumbres & Toltec train trip, and the Taos Pueblo visit. All other meals will be at the traveler's expense, designated on the itinerary as "OYO" (on your own).

Limited medical assistance will be provided as needed during the trip. People with special needs or possible needs must identify those needs prior to the trip.

Celebrating Life Bus Tour October 8-11, 2013

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the men's prostate cancer group of
Southern New Mexico



This is an open invitation to all who would like to join with us on this trip. It is not just for cancer survivors. This trip is NOT a fund raising event. Trip costs have been kept low to simply cover the cost of the trip. Join us and share how you celebrate life!

Main Events

International Balloon Fiesta - Wednesday, October 9, 2013

We will rise early on this morning and depart Los Lunas at 4:30 a.m. for the Balloon Fiesta so we can see the morning mass balloon ascension. We will be hosted by the Chasers' club. Their ticket gives you guaranteed seating in a private outdoor patio located next to the launch field, where you can enjoy a hot food item along with cookies and refreshments. The Chasers' Lounge is located on the north end of the field with a deluxe view of the launch site. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. Live entertainment will feature Albuquerque bands. Following this, we will go to Chama with lunch on the way. Please check out the trip itinerary.



Cumbres & Toltec Railroad - Thursday, October 10, 2013

This narrow gauge railroad goes back to the 1800's. Its route goes from Chama, NM to Antonito, CO. The route weaves back and forth across the boundary between New Mexico and Colorado. We will depart from Chama on October 10 at 10:00 a.m., have a wonderful buffet lunch at Osier, about halfway on the trip, and arrive at Antonito, CO about 3:30 p.m.

The timing of this trip was selected in order to enjoy the beautiful fall mountain foliage. Bring your cameras! An open gondola car is available for those who wish to have an unencumbered view to see and take pictures. Docents are available to answer your questions.



Additional Stops

Acoma Pueblo

The Acoma Pueblo is one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements in the US and dates from A.D. 1150.

The inhabitants have lived on a high mesa called Sky City for centuries and have an interesting history to share.

We will tour their Sky City and visit their Cultural Center and museum.

Ghost Ranch

Many things are going on at the Ghost Ranch these days, but we will stop there on our way to Chama to learn about its rich history and take a short escorted walking tour of its grounds. It was frequented by a mix of outlaws and famous personalities including the artist Georgia O'Keeffe who lived there for awhile.

Taos

At the end of our train ride we will go to Taos and overnight at the El Pueblo Lodge near the downtown area.

The evening will be yours to roam on your own and enjoy an evening dinner at a restaurant of your choosing.

The next morning after breakfast at the lodge, we will tour the very old Taos Pueblo before going on to Santa Fe.

Santa Fe

We cannot do it justice, but we will stop in the downtown area where you can tour the interesting sites, have lunch on the square, if you choose, and possibly do some shopping at the many interesting shops and vendors there.

About mid-afternoon we will head back to Las Cruces.

Trip Itinerary

Tuesday, October 8

- 07:30 Assemble for trip
 - 08:30 Depart Las Cruces
 - 08:30-11:45 Travel to Los Lunas
 - 11:45-12:30 (45 minutes??) Lunch in Los Lunas OYO*
 - 12:30-13:45 (1 hr and 15 minutes travel from Los Lunas to Acoma Pueblo)
 - 13:45-15:45 Acoma Pueblo Tour
 - 15:45-17:00 Travel back to Los Lunas Overnight at the Western Skies Inn & Suites
- Dinner this evening is OYO – Several restaurants nearby

Wednesday, October 9

- 04:30 Depart Los Lunas for International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque
- 04:30-05:30 Travel to Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
- 05:30-10:00 Balloon Fiesta- Chasers Club with seated viewing, food, entertainment
- 10:00-11:45 Travel to Ohkay Owingeh Casino Resort Hotel- Lunch stop
- 11:45-13:15 Lunch OYO
- 13:15-13:45 Travel to the Ghost Ranch
- 13:45-15:00 Visit at the Ghost Ranch (shop and museums)
- 15:00-16:00 Travel to Chama (overnight at the Branding Iron Motel)
- 16:00-18:00 Free time
- 18:00-20:00 Group dinner at the High Country Restaurant and Saloon

Thursday, October 10

- 07:30-09:00 Group breakfast at the High Country Restaurant
- 09:00-09:45 Motel check out and free time
- 09:45 Assemble at the Chama train station
- 10:00 Cumbres & Toltec Train Departs Chama for Antonito, CO (Train ticket includes buffet lunch at Osier train stop about half way)
- 10:00-15:30 Travel by train to Antonito, CO (our bus will pick us up there)
- 15:30-16:45 Travel by bus to Taos
- 16:45 Check in at the El Pueblo Lodge
- 17:00 Free time - dinner is OYO

Friday, October 11

- 07:30-08:30 El Pueblo Lodge breakfast – self serve
- 08:30-08:45 Travel to the Taos Pueblo
- 08:45-10:00 Taos Pueblo
- 10:00-11:30 Travel to Santa Fe
- 11:30-15:30 Lunch OYO in town square area and shopping /sightseeing
- 15:30-19:00 Travel back to Las Cruces

*OYO = On Your Own



Request a Reservation

for the Celebrating Life Bus Tour October 8-11, 2013

If you are interested in joining us on this bus tour or if you want more information please call one of the following US TOO board members for a Registration Form.

Ron Childress

Home: 575-522-1083
Cell: 602-312-9289

or

Neil Mathis

Home: 575-525-3294
Cell: 575-642-2616

OR

Fill out this form and mail it to:

US TOO Bus Tour
ATTN: Neil Mathis
4855 River Heights Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88007

US TOO Celebrating Life Bus Tour Registration Form Request

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Number of other people accompanying you:

