Santa Fe Culinary Tour 2018
Itinerary dates: June 6 – 10, 2018 Tour
Leader: Beth Whitman

HIGHLIGHTS
- Experience a **hands-on tamale-making class**
- Take a **guided walking tour of downtown** and learn about Native American history
- Experience a **Native American blessing** from the governor of a nearby pueblo
- Be treated to a **massage at a local spa**
- Tour the **Santa Fe Farmer’s Market** and **Santa Fe Railyard Artisans Market**
- Suitable for **vegetarians and meat eaters** alike
- Returning WanderTours participants receive a **5% discount** on land costs

Please note that participants should be able to walk at least a mile at a reasonable pace (25 minutes).

The tour begins on Wednesday afternoon. Arriving via Albuquerque, participants will make their own way to the hotel in Santa Fe. Airport shuttles are available. A rental car is not necessary.

**ITINERARY**
Day 1
**Wednesday, June 6, 2018**
**Meals: Dinner**

We will begin this exciting long weekend with a **1.5-hour guided walking tour** of the historic downtown **Santa Fe Plaza**, beginning at 3:15 pm.

With a local expert leading the group, we’ll walk through more than **400 years of history, art and culture**. Our personal guide will present an extraordinary introduction to Santa Fe and provide an entertaining, humorous, and accurate portrayal of the “City Different.” We will visit the **historic Plaza**, the **Palace of the Governors**, and also learn about the **St. Francis Cathedral**.

After our walking tour, we’ll head back to the hotel for a special **Native American blessing** by the governor of a local pueblo. This sacred event will be the perfect start to our time in Santa Fe.

We’ll then have **dinner at Vinaigrette**. Salads star at this bistro. Owned by entrepreneur Erin Wade, Vinaigrette is the first of several restaurants owned by this dynamic woman.

Overnight at **Hotel Santa Fe**.

⭐ **HIGHLIGHT!** You’ll not only enjoy a wonderful overview of Santa Fe today, but we’ll begin the trip with a **beautiful, traditional ceremony** that few people get to experience.
Day 2
Thursday, June 7, 2018
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Today we’ll have breakfast at nearby Sage Bakehouse. Afterward, we’ll head north and go to Tower Gallery in Pojoaque to visit with renowned Santa Clara Pueblo sculptor, Roxanne Swentzell. Though best known for her rounded sculptures of Native American women, Roxanne is also dedicated to preserving the ancient foods of the Native Americans. We’ll watch a brief documentary about how she’s teaching people on her pueblo about the foods they can grow and make on their land.

Next we’ll take the beautiful “High Road” to Taos to get to Chimayo, located in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. We’ll stop at El Santuario de Chimayo, the most important Catholic pilgrimage site in the Southwest, where we can also shop for some of the best chile powders on the planet. We’ll then enjoy a delicious lunch at Rancho de Chimayo Restaurante and Hacienda, located in a century-old adobe home and one of New Mexico’s most popular places to dine.

Tonight dinner will be on your own to give you a chance to enjoy any one of the many fantastic restaurants in town.

Overnight at Hotel Santa Fe.

⭐ HIGHLIGHT! Spending time with Roxanne at the gallery will be a real treat today. We’ll have a chance to not only see her sculptures at the gallery but also learn about Native American foods and culture—perfect preparation for our Native American-inspired dinner on Saturday night.

Day 3
Friday, June 8, 2018
Meals: Brunch

We’ll start the day with a three-hour hands-on class at the Santa Fe School of Cooking to learn the intricacies of making tamales. We’ll have a chance to try at least three different types (two meat-based and one sweet or savory). Each highlights a special tamale-making technique. We’ll then make our own and receive some bonus tips from the chef while the tamales cook!

After our meal, we’ll have a chance to wander to the plaza and stop at a spice shop that features fantastic blends including chili, mole and other powders and rubs.

After lunch, you’ll enjoy a massage or spa treatment (your choice) either at our hotel or at one of the nearby spas. Santa Fe is filled with opportunities for a little pampering and this will be a chance for you to take advantage of some “me” time.

Once again dinner will be on your own to give you a chance to enjoy any one of the many fantastic restaurants in town. Consider visiting the galleries on Canyon Road which may have special openings tonight or try a margarita at a rooftop bar to catch the sunset.

Overnight at Hotel Santa Fe.

⭐ HIGHLIGHT! Tamales are an important part of New Mexican cooking. Today, not only will we get to enjoy a variety of these delicious treats, but each of us will take away detailed instructions and new cooking skills so we can prepare them at home.
Day 4  
Saturday, June 9, 2018  
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

This morning, we’ll walk to nearby Santa Fe Farmer’s Market where we’ll sample fresh breads, cheeses and produce with plenty of free time for browsing and shopping as the market is also home to some wonderful artists and craftspeople. It’s also a great place to find spices, food and souvenirs.

If you’ve got room for a treat, we’ll head up to Kakawa Chocolate House, which specializes in a historic chocolate delicacy—drinking chocolate. You’ll get to sample many flavors including chili-infused chocolate. Yum!

The afternoon is free for exploring and shopping.

In the evening, we'll enjoy a four-course dinner of Native American foods in the home of local chef, food photographer and historian Lois Ellen Frank. Lois will show us around her home and garden, and we'll learn about more of the flavors that make up the unique and multicultural patchwork of Santa Fe’s culinary scene.

Overnight at Hotel Santa Fe.

⭐ HIGHLIGHT! Tonight expect an excellent meal, but we'll also learn about the history of pre-contact food in the region and how food has evolved. Lois is a Native foods historian and winner of the James Beard Award for her latest cookbook, Foods of the Southwest Indian Nations.

Day 5  
Sunday, June 10, 2018  
Meals: Breakfast

Though there will be no formal meeting time, breakfast at the hotel is included so that we'll have a chance to say our goodbyes before departing today. You may also have time to wander the Plaza and do any last-minute shopping. We’re happy to book additional hotel nights for you if you’d like to continue your stay.

** Itinerary subject to change without notice.