

Santa Fe Women-only Culinary Tour 2024

Dates: May 29 – June 2, 2024

Trip Leader: Beth Whitman

HIGHLIGHTS:

- A hands-on **tamale-making class**
- **Wine tasting** in the Plaza
- Time at the **Georgia O’Keeffe Museum**
- Time at the **Santa Fe Farmer’s Market**
- **Guided walking tour** to learn about Santa Fe’s colorful history and cuisine
- Visit to pilgrimage site, **Chimayo**
- Suitable for **vegetarians and meat-eaters alike**

The adventure starts in Santa Fe on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. If you’d like to arrive early, we can arrange additional hotel nights prior to the tour.

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Day 1 – Santa Fe

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Meals: Dinner

We will begin this exciting long weekend with a **blessing ceremony** by a local tribal elder. This brief spiritual blessing will be held in a beautiful outdoor space at the hotel and is truly a unique way to start our time together!

We’ll then meet our guide at the historic downtown Santa Fe Plaza for a **2.5 hour guided walking tour** that includes a stop for a **margarita** and local treats. Expect to walk about two miles total during our tour.



Afterward, we’ll make our way back to our hotel and enjoy a wonderful meal at the hotel’s restaurant, which specializes in **Northern New Mexico** cuisine.

Overnight at [Hotel Santa Fe](#) or similar in Santa Fe.

Day 2 – Santa Fe
Thursday, May 30, 2024
Meals: Breakfast, Wine, Snacks, Dinner

We'll enjoy a lovely breakfast at a nearby restaurant and then, afterward, make our way to the **Georgia O'Keeffe Museum**, located near the Plaza. This small gallery is dedicated to the preservation of the works and artistic legacy of Georgia O'Keeffe, who made New Mexico home for the latter part of her life. Your entry is covered but your **time is your own** so you can spend as much or as little time here as you like.



We'll then reconvene in the early afternoon for a **wine tasting** (with light appetizers served!) at the **Gruet Winery & Tasting Room**. Here, we'll enjoy a flight of wine and learn about the 400 year history of winemaking in New Mexico.

In the late afternoon, we'll roll up our sleeves and take a **tamale making class** at the Santa Fe School of Cooking! Whether you love cooking or just tolerate it, **you'll LOVE this class** that's taught by dynamic teachers. You'll also love the fruits (well, corn) of our labor for dinner as we'll enjoy both the meat and veg versions of this traditional meal.

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Day 3 – Santa Fe
Friday, May 31, 2024
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Today, we'll have breakfast at nearby Sage Bakehouse, where **strong coffee, fresh breads and tasty treats** are served to locals and tourists alike.

Afterward, we'll take the beautiful "High Road" to the pilgrimage town of **Chimayo**, located in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Along the way, we'll stop at the **Nambe Trading Post**. This tiny shop features treasures created by local artists, as well as a museum that displays **western costumes** created by Emmy winning designer, Cathy Smith (Dances with Wolves, Geronimo and many other films).

We'll then head to **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 (seriously!). We'll then enjoy a delicious lunch at nearby **Rancho de Chimayo Restaurante and Hacienda**, located in a century-old adobe home and one of New Mexico's most popular places to dine.

By late after, we'll return to Santa Fe.

Dinner will be on your own tonight. BUT, a very special event was just announced and, if you like, you can attend the city's **Taco War** which will take place near our hotel. **Pay one price and sample tacos** (and cocktails) to your heart's delight. If tacos aren't your thing, you can choose from one of the many fantastic restaurants in town (we'll give you suggestions!).



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Day 4 – Santa Fe
Saturday, June 1, 2024
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

This morning, we'll walk to the nearby **Santa Fe Farmer's Market** for the big Saturday market. We'll snack on pastries and sample some of the locally produced items from the region's many vendors. There will be plenty of free time for browsing and shopping as the market is home to some wonderful artists and craftspeople. It's also a great place to find spices, food and souvenirs.



After we've sampled from the market, (assuming you have room for a treat), we'll head to **Kakawa Chocolate House**, which specializes in a historic chocolate delicacy—drinking chocolate. You'll get to sample many flavors including chile-infused chocolate. Yum!

You'll have the afternoon for exploring and shopping.

In the late afternoon, we'll head south of Santa Fe to the home of James Beard Award winner, **Lois Ellen Frank**. Lois is a chef, Native foods historian and photographer, and culinary anthropologist. She will first show us around her garden—from which she picks ingredients for our meal—but will then present us with a magnificent five-course dinner of Native American foods. This is an unforgettable evening for all. ❤️

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Day 5 – Santa Fe
Sunday, June 2, 2024
Meals: Breakfast

Though there will be no official meeting time, breakfast at the hotel is included so that we'll have a chance to say our goodbyes. Depending on your departure time, you may also have a chance 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.**