

# *New Mexico* | SANTA FE, ABIQUIU, AND TAOS HIKING

CULTURE AND SCENERY OF THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT | 8 DAYS

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## TRIP ITINERARY



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# New Mexico

## SANTA FE, ABIQUIU, AND TAOS HIKING

Thank you for your interest in this fantastic journey to New Mexico. We have hand-crafted this tour from our own experience and hope you fall in love with the area—as we have!

### THE INSPIRATION FOR THIS JOURNEY

New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment, captivates the soul with expansive desert landscapes, deep river gorges, red rock canyons, fiery food, rich history, and unique adobe architecture. We begin this immersive experience in the artistic and vibrant town of Santa Fe, with centuries of blended Native American and Spanish culture, art of all genres, and the forested Sangre de Cristo Mountains beckoning us for a hike through the glow of the aspens in autumn. From here we head North through the countryside to the charming town of Abiquiu and the former home of artist Georgia O’Keeffe. Continuing onward, we reach Taos, a relaxed and eccentric town where we see nature’s inspiration in the art galleries and Native American pueblo architecture, all set amid the backdrop of towering mountains.

Our daily hikes are balanced with relaxing soaks in geothermal springs, visits to ancient sites, Southwestern art, and lively meals featuring fire-roasted red and green chiles. At day’s end we return to our charming accommodations to relax by the warm glow and captivating scent of pinon pine ablaze in kiva fireplaces.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Traveling back in time at Bandelier National Monument where Ancestral Pueblo dwellings are scattered across a landscape of broad mesas and steep-walled canyons
- Following in the footsteps of Georgia O’Keeffe at her Ghost Ranch retreat
- Hiking through golden aspen groves, Ponderosa pines, unique rock formations, and canyons that weave through the high desert landscape
- Indulging in the unique and diverse traditions of the Southwest with a cooking class and visits to exclusive spas and thermal baths

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# TOUR OVERVIEW



## THE BASICS

Duration:	8 days
Tour start/end:	Santa Fe, NM
Accommodations:	7 nights in boutique hotels
Trip rating:	1      2+ <b>3</b> 4      5 Easy . . . . . Strenuous
Land cost:	\$4,695 per person
Single Supplement:	First two reserved on each departure: \$1,025 (Must reserve at least 120 days ahead) Additional singles: \$525



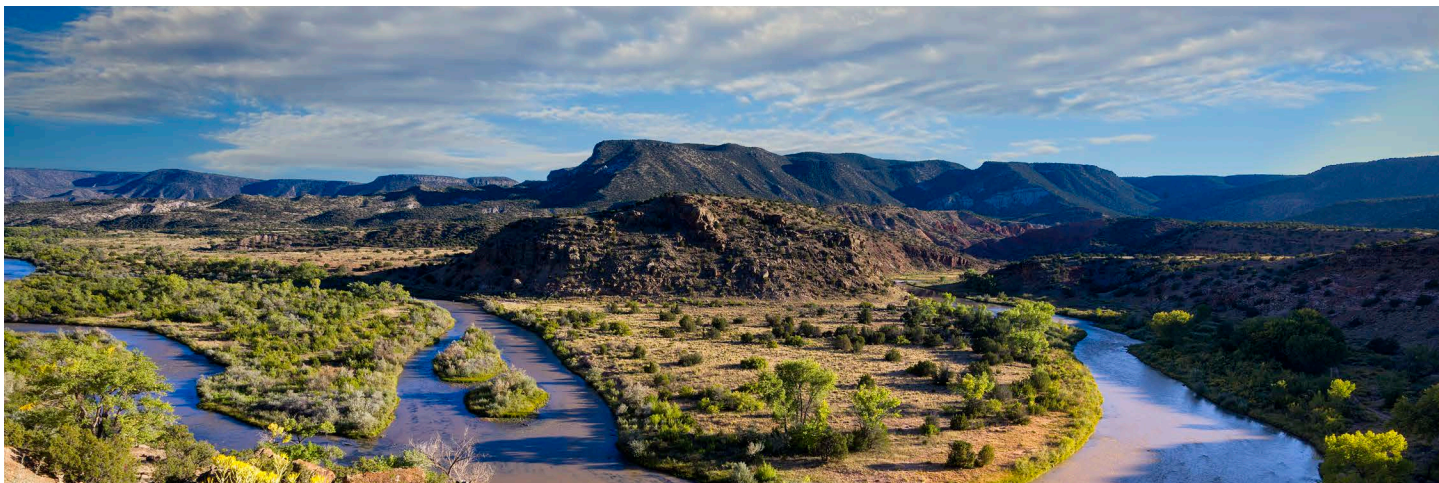
## WHAT'S INCLUDED

Just pack your bags—we've got you covered! When you're on a Boundless Journeys adventure, every detail is taken care of for you, so you can relax and truly experience each moment. Put your wallet away, leave your travel books behind, fold up your maps, and BE there. Your Boundless Journeys adventure includes:

- Expert leadership
- All accommodations
- Meals as noted in the itinerary and local wine and beer with included dinners
- All activities as noted in the itinerary (spa treatments at additional expense)
- Private ground transportation and one drop-off at the airport in Albuquerque or Santa Fe
- All gratuities except those for your guide(s), which are at your discretion

International airfare is not included in the price of your trip. Please contact your local travel agency or the airlines directly to make any arrangements you may need. If you would like assistance with booking your flights or other travel plans, please contact Boundless Journeys directly at 800-941-8010 for a referral to our partners who will best fulfill your needs.





## ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

### DAY 1

Arrive in Santa Fe for a welcome lunch and city tour. Taste chile-infused chocolate and dine at the top of Canyon Road, lined with more than 100 art galleries.

### DAY 2

Head towards the Santa Fe Ski Basin for a walk through colorful Aspens and marvel at the Sange de Cristo Mountain range. Visit Ten Thousand Waves for lunch and a soak before a cooking class in town.

### DAY 3

Explore Bandelier National Monument, one of the largest and most accessible cliff dwellings in New Mexico, and hike in Valles Caldera National Preserve.

### DAY 4

Hike at Ghost Ranch—made famous by painter Georgia O’Keeffe—which encompasses 21,000 acres of towering rock walls, vivid colors, and vast skies.

### DAY 5

Discover the otherworldly white rock formations at Plaza Blanca. Soak in the mineral springs of Ojo Caliente Spa or continue to explore on foot.

### DAY 6

Tour the historic Taos Pueblo and hike to a crystal-clear alpine lake.

### DAY 7

Visit the town of Chimayo, known for its traditional weavers and the miraculous healing power of El Santuario de Chimayo. Continue to Sanfa Fe for some free time and a celebratory dinner.

### DAY 8

Departure

# THE JOURNEY



## DAY 1: Arrival in Santa Fe

**Activity Overview:** Walking

**Activity Level:** Easy

**Activity Length:** 4 hours

Welcome to Santa Fe! We meet our fellow travelers and local guide for a welcome lunch and a preview of our activities in the days to come.

This afternoon, we explore the capital city on a walking tour with our guide. Founded by the Spanish in the early 1600s, the city has a traditional Plaza at its center surrounded by winding streets, historic buildings, and numerous art galleries. Hear colorful stories about unique characters and places that make Santa Fe “The City Different.” Our tour concludes at a chocolate shop that infuses local ingredients, such as chile piñon nuts and lavender, into their treats.

This evening, we walk up Canyon Road, a historic, tree-lined street where artists show their works inside and outside more than 100 art galleries. Once just a trail used by local Pueblo people, the first adobe houses on this road were built by Spanish settlers in 1610. The street remained quiet and mainly residential until the late 1970s, when many of the homes were converted to galleries. An easy mile-long stroll, Canyon Road is one of the most picturesque areas in Santa Fe.

At the top of Canyon Road, we dine together at one of the oldest restaurants in the city, famous for its innovative Spanish tapas and live music.

**Accommodations:** La Fonda on the Plaza, Santa Fe

**Meals:** L, D

## DAY 2: Aspen Vista & Ten Thousand Waves

**Activity Overview:** Hiking, thermal bath soak, and cooking

**Activity Level:** Moderate

**Activity Length:** 3-4 hours, about 4 miles, 700' elevation gain

After breakfast, we enjoy a scenic drive up Hyde Park Road to the start of the Aspen Vista trail, one of the best places to experience Santa Fe’s forested Sangre de Cristo mountains. As the name suggests, this trail winds through an aspen forest, shimmering in a spectacular shade of gold in autumn. Our planned hike is 2 miles each way, however, there may be an opportunity for those who want to explore further if time allows.

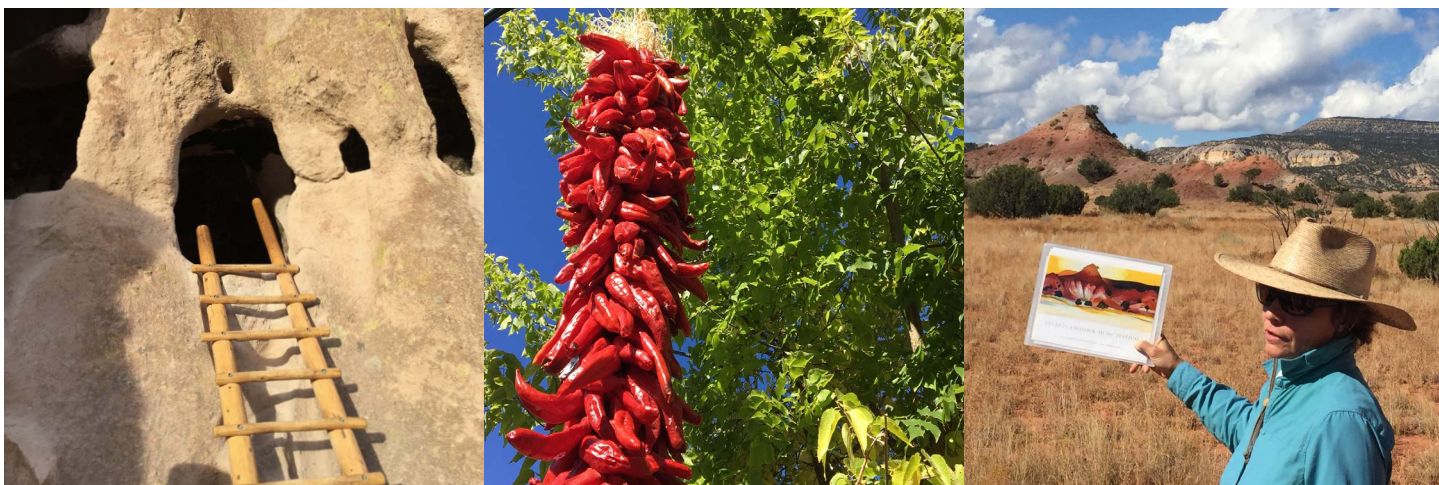
On our way back to town, we stop for lunch and a soak at Ten Thousand Waves, a Japanese hot springs resort tucked into the mountainside under New Mexico’s blue skies. For those who wish to stay for a spa treatment, it is recommended to book well in advance. Contact Boundless Journeys for more details.

This evening, we master the flavors of the Southwest with a class at the Santa Fe School of Cooking, an internationally acclaimed culinary school. We learn how to create a variety of traditional dishes and enjoy a mouth-watering feast for dinner.

**Accommodations:** La Fonda on the Plaza, Santa Fe

**Meals:** B, L, D





## DAY 3: Bandelier & Valles Caldera

**Activity Overview:** Hiking

**Activity Level:** Easy to moderate

**Activity Length:** 4-5 hours, 3-4 miles, 200-400' elevation gain (depending on the group's preference)

Today, we head north to the Jemez Mountains for a day of exploration. Our first stop is Frijoles Canyon and Bandelier National Monument, one of the largest and most accessible cliff dwellings in New Mexico. Our trail leads us to caves, alcoves, and homes of Ancestral Puebloans, some only reachable by wooden ladders. We also see petroglyphs and pictographs telling the story of the region's evolution.

Afterwards, we discover Valles Caldera National Preserve, where a spectacular volcanic eruption created a thirteen-mile-wide circular depression. Known for mountain meadows and meandering streams, this preserve is home to abundant wildlife, such as elk, coyotes, prairie dogs, black bears, bald and golden eagles, wild turkeys, and other migratory birds.

Later, we arrive at our enchanting home for the next two nights, the Abiquiu Inn, tucked along the ancient Rio Chama.

**Accommodations:** Abiquiu Inn, Abiquiu

**Meals:** B, L, D

## DAY 4: Ghost Ranch

**Activity Overview:** Hiking

**Activity Level:** Easy to moderate

**Activity Length:** 2 hours, about 3 miles, 600' elevation gain

This morning, we visit Ghost Ranch, made famous by painter Georgia O'Keeffe and encompassing 21,000 acres of towering rock walls, vivid colors, and vast skies. People from all over the world come here to paint, write, hike, ride horses, research, and to rest and renew their spirits. O'Keeffe instantly fell in love with the Southwestern scenery. "As soon as I saw it, I knew I must have it," she said of the adobe house at Ghost Ranch. Here, she often climbed a hand-hewn wooden ladder to the roof to entertain guests or sleep under the stars. O'Keeffe's artwork, inspired by the high-desert landscape, led to her popularity and acclaim during the 1940s. In 1949, she moved to New Mexico permanently, spending most of her time at Ghost Ranch.

Our hike takes us to the top of a mesa, where we have an eye-level view of the impressive Chimney Rock and a stunning vista of the Piedra Lumbre basin with Abiquiú Lake in the distance. As a bonus, we can see O'Keeffe's home from our lofty perch.

Later today, we drive to a restricted area of the ranch where O'Keeffe lived and painted many of her best known landscapes. Along the way, we hear stories about her life there and stop to take in the beauty and perspectives that she found so inspiring.

This evening, we return to our tranquil accommodations for dinner and relaxation beside your personal kiva fireplace.

**Accommodations:** Abiquiu Inn, Abiquiu

**Meals:** B, L, D



## DAY 5: Plaza Blanca & Ojo Caliente

**Activity Overview:** Hiking and optional thermal bath soak

**Activity Level:** Easy to moderate

**Activity Length:** 1-2 hours in the morning, optional 2-3 hours in the afternoon; distance and elevation gain variable

We begin our day with a short hike in a more remote area known for its immense white rock formations. The terrain is almost otherworldly and the views are breathtaking. From here, we head north to Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs. This historic spa, with its sulfur-free geothermal healing waters, traces its roots back thousands of years to pilgrimages by Native American tribes and the area's first Spanish settlers. In 1868, a bathhouse at Ojo Caliente ("warm eye" in Spanish) was built, establishing the place as one of the country's first natural health resorts.

Upon our arrival, we dine at the on-site farm-to-table restaurant with herbs and produce sourced directly from the property's two-acre farm. This afternoon, you may choose to relax in the restorative waters of the twelve mineral baths and perhaps enjoy a spa treatment, or hike on the surrounding trails overlooking the river valley and high desert mesas.

As the day wanes, we continue our drive to Taos, a relaxed and eccentric town nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

**Accommodations:** El Monte Sagrado, Taos

**Meals:** B, L, D

## DAY 6: Taos Pueblo & Williams Lake

**Activity Overview:** Walking & hiking

**Activity Level:** Moderate to strenuous

**Activity Length:** 1-2 hours and 1 mile in the morning, 4 hours and 4 miles in the afternoon, 950' elevation gain

This morning, we visit the historic Taos Pueblo—the only living Native American community designated as both a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a National Historic Landmark. Taos Pueblo is home to impressive multi-story adobe buildings that have been continuously inhabited for over a 1,000 years. We also find art galleries and artisan shops, and our visit here offers a glimpse into traditional life of a Southwestern Native American society. Tourism is an important part of the Pueblo's economy, and visitors are welcome.

As the day begins to warm up, we head towards the Taos Ski Valley for a hike to Williams Lake, located near the base of Wheeler Peak, the highest point in New Mexico at 13,159'. Our two-mile climb through dense forest ends at the high alpine lake situated at just over 11,000'. Here, we take some time to enjoy the beauty of the surrounding Sangre de Cristo range and a picnic lunch before making our descent.

This evening, you are free to explore Taos and enjoy dinner on your own at one of the town's many restaurants. Our guides are happy to make recommendations for you.

**Accommodations:** El Monte Sagrado, Taos

**Meals:** B, L





## DAY 7: Chimayo & Santa Fe

**Activity Overview:** Walking

**Activity Level:** Easy

**Activity Length:** Variable

Today, we make our way to the historic weaving center of Chimayo. In this small village, families still maintain the tradition of creating hand-woven textiles initiated by their ancestors in the early 1800s. We visit one of the weaving shops in town and the historic El Santuario de Chimayo church, ascribed with miraculous powers of healing. The church has attracted thousands of pilgrims since its completion in 1816. Up to 30,000 people participate in the annual Good Friday pilgrimage, many walking from as far away as Albuquerque (almost 100 miles).

Lunch in town is followed by our return drive to Santa Fe, where we arrive in time to meander town and shop before reconvening for dinner this evening.

On our final night together, we celebrate our week with a memorable meal at one of the most lauded restaurants in town. You may be asked one last time, “Red or green?”—referring to which chile you prefer—as we raise a glass to our adventures in this uniquely beautiful and historically rich region.

**Accommodations:** La Fonda on the Plaza, Santa Fe

**Meals:** B, L, D

## DAY 8: Departure

After breakfast, join our group departure to the airport or arrange your own transfer at your leisure.

**Meals:** B

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is a typical itinerary, and actual activities may vary to take advantage of weather conditions, local events, and to allow serendipity to play a hand in your experience. Accommodations are as outlined in the itinerary, although we reserve the right to change these should the need arise. See our booking terms and conditions for more information about our change policy.*

# ACCOMMODATIONS



## NIGHTS 1, 2, & 7

### La Fonda on the Plaza

Santa Fe

Tel 1-800-523-5002 | [concierge@lafondasantafe.com](mailto:concierge@lafondasantafe.com)

With its historic pueblo-inspired architecture and Spanish Revival style, this landmark Santa Fe hotel presides over the historic Plaza. Amenities include a courtyard restaurant, rooftop Bell Tower Bar, heated outdoor pool, and decadent spa.



## NIGHTS 3 & 4

### Abiquiu Inn

Abiquiu

Tel 1-505-685-4378 | [info@abiquiuiinn.com](mailto:info@abiquiuiinn.com)

Located along the ancient Rio Chama, north of Santa Fe, the Abiquiu Inn is the ideal gateway for exploring the magnificent landscape of this region, perfectly captured by Georgia O'Keeffe.



## NIGHTS 5 & 6

### El Monte Sagrado

Taos

Tel 1-575-758-3502 | [nmreservations@hhandr.com](mailto:nmreservations@hhandr.com)

Just three blocks from the historic Taos Plaza, El Monte Sagrado takes hacienda living to a new level. Rooms feature adobe-style fireplaces, hardwood or tile floors, and intricately carved furniture. Visit the property's award-winning Living Spa for luxury treatments and services.



# WHAT TO EXPECT



## TRIP RATING

Boundless Journeys' trips are designed for energetic and flexible individuals who like to be active, have a spirit of adventure, and a positive attitude. This trip is rated a 3, moderate, on a scale of 1-5 (with 5 being the most strenuous). Walking and hiking 3-6 miles, 3-5 hours per day, with elevation gain and loss on two days of approximately 1000'. Please note, Santa Fe sits at just over 7,000', with a couple of hikes in the 10,000'-11,000' range. Although most people will do fine at this altitude, you may want to arrive a day or two prior to the start of your tour to give your body time to adjust. It is also important to stay hydrated and ease into activities so that you can feel your best.

## PREPARING FOR THIS TRIP

It is very important that you realistically assess your physical condition with regard to the demands of this trip. The more well-prepared you are for the activities, the more you will enjoy yourself. As a general guideline, we suggest that you engage in easy to moderate aerobic activities (such as walking, hiking, jogging, or cycling) for at least 1 hour several times a week for 4-6 weeks before the trip. If you live in a flat area, try to incorporate some stairs into your workout, or use a treadmill with varying incline capability (consult your doctor before undertaking any new fitness program). Please contact us if you have any doubts regarding your physical match with this tour.

## WEATHER

Northern New Mexico has a very dry, high desert climate with intense sunlight. On average, one can expect more than 300 sunny days per year. Summers are generally warm (low 80s°F) and very pleasant, while winters get quite

cold (low 40s°F) and see plenty of snow in the mountains. The rainy season is generally July through August when thunderstorms roll through in the afternoon. Snow occurs from November through April, with an average of 32 inches in towns and up to 300 inches in the ski areas.

### AVERAGE TEMPERATURE °F (HIGH/LOW)

October	72/37
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You may obtain more detailed information at [www.weatherbase.com](http://www.weatherbase.com).

## WHEN TO GO

Anyone who has fallen in love with New Mexico will say that there is no bad time to visit. That being said, if you want to avoid summer heat or cool winter days your best bets are spring and fall. Fall tends to be a quieter time of year, when the golden leaves of aspens brilliantly light up the mountainside, and you can delight in the aroma of roasting chiles in street side tumblers.

## DRINKING WATER

We provide purified or bottled water on all activities; however, in an effort to reduce waste, we strongly encourage you to bring a water bottle to refill where safe to do so. This will be the case in much of Europe, as well as a few other destinations, where tap water is safe to drink (please review Immunizations & Health Concerns for more information). In parts of the world where water must be purified, bottled water may be our only option. Here, we do our best to provide purified water from larger containers to refill your bottles, rather than using many small single-use bottles throughout your trip. This is just one small way we



strive to travel more responsibly and we appreciate your efforts in helping us to protect the extraordinary places we visit.

Boundless Journeys has taken the Travelers Against Plastic company pledge to promote sustainable travel and encourage travelers to avoid buying bottled water when they travel. You can take the pledge, too, and learn more about TAP's efforts at [www.travelersagainstoplastic.org](http://www.travelersagainstoplastic.org).

## CUISINE

New Mexican cooking is a product of Southwestern history: a centuries-old distillation of Native foraging and cultivation, Spanish colonial imports, and a long period of geographic isolation.

The basic ingredients of northern New Mexican cuisine are three indispensable, locally-grown foods: chile, beans, and corn. Chile, of course, is the most essential—even sacred—ingredient in New Mexican dishes. When placing your order, be prepared to answer the classic New Mexican question: “Red or green?” referring to which chile you prefer. If you're unsure, try “Christmas,” which includes some of both.

Blue corn is especially popular, with colors ranging from light grey to almost black. You may see blue corn pancakes or blue corn tamales on menus. It's slightly sweeter than white or yellow corn and has 20% more protein.

Sopapillas are light and airy fried pastries that are often served with honey. This fluffy side dish is ideal for sopping up chile sauce or wrapping around tender carne asada. They are an unforgettable part of any meal.

Other staples include beef and chicken enchiladas, carne adovada (red chile-marinated pork), burritos, huevos rancheros, posole (hominy-based stew), and chiles rellenos (green chiles stuffed with cheese then deep fried).

Known as “the Margarita Capital of the World,” Santa Fe takes this libation seriously. If you're not used to the altitude, residents suggest sticking with just one margarita until you see how it affects you. The altitude tends to amplify the effects of alcohol.

## TRANSPORTATION

All on-tour transportation is provided in private, air-conditioned vehicles.

## TRAVELER'S RESPONSIBILITY

As a trip participant, you have responsibilities to Boundless Journeys, your fellow travelers and guide, and the local people you encounter. This includes understanding and preparing for the conditions described in the itinerary, ensuring it meets your interests and abilities, and following the health and safety guidelines of Boundless Journeys, local authorities, and/or the CDC. At their discretion, a guide may ask a guest to leave the trip if further participation may be detrimental to the individual or other participants.

We strongly urge any guest feeling ill shortly before departure to cancel their trip. To help cover your investment, we highly recommend purchasing travel insurance with supplemental “Cancel for Any Reason” coverage. If you feel unwell during the tour, please immediately inform your guide, who can help take the appropriate next steps. We appreciate your cooperation.



# OUR NEW MEXICO TEAM

## TRIP MANAGER



### **Deborah Tobey**

Originally from Long Island, NY, Deborah has lived and worked around the country. After a decade adventuring as a river guide and ski instructor in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Deborah was drawn back east to be closer to family. She joined the Boundless Journeys home team in 2010 initially managing Ecuador, Palau, and Spain. Now, her portfolio includes Croatia, Norway, Portugal, Italy, Iceland, and Costa Rica. She loves being on the water, hiking in Vermont's Green Mountains, and camping with her family and dog, Winston.

## GUIDES

With a Boundless Journeys guide, your experience is that of friend and local adventurer. We believe strongly in working with local guides, experts in the areas to which we travel, and they hold the keys to unlocking the hidden delights of your chosen destination. Although you will never know they are at work—the mark of a truly great leader—our guides make magical things happen and add a dimension to your trip that you could not experience on your own.

Over the years we have forged bonds with some of the best guides in the world, and we typically work with a small team of guides in each region. You will be informed of the guide for your trip one month prior to your departure.



### **Monique Schoustra**

Originally from California, Monique received her Masters Degree in Environmental Studies at the University of Oregon. She found her way to New Mexico in 1988 and never left. As a tour guide for over 20 years, Monique enjoys introducing travelers to her adopted home. Many guests refer to her as a walking encyclopedia, but much more entertaining!

# NEXT STEPS



## TO MAKE A RESERVATION

You can call Boundless Journeys at 800-941-8010, request a reservation online, or contact your travel agent. We will confirm your spot with a deposit of \$500 per person and the payment of internal airfare, payable by check or credit card.

## ONCE YOU RESERVE

As soon as you confirm your adventure, we will provide you with an extensive, detailed trip planner that includes arrival and departure instructions, a complete packing list, regional information, required documents, a reading list, and other details.

## CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

Please check our Terms & Conditions page on our website for our comprehensive cancellation and refund policies: [www.boundlessjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions](http://www.boundlessjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions).

## TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

In addition to your detailed trip planner, we will email you a quote for Travel Guard trip insurance. Please let us know if you would like us to purchase a policy on your behalf. Boundless Journeys strongly recommends purchasing Trip Insurance.

## QUESTIONS? WHICH TRIP IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Adventure travel may involve exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, and activities that may be new to you. If you have any questions about the level of comfort, difficulty, or activities included on your trip, please call Boundless Journeys at 800-941-8010, or email us at [info@boundlessjourneys.com](mailto:info@boundlessjourneys.com). Our travel experts look forward to helping you select the perfect adventure.

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# BOUNDLESS BEYOND



## RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

At Boundless Journeys, our goal is to create meaningful experiences that protect the delicate ecosystems and attributes of every location we visit. We aim to educate our guests on the best responsible travel practices for each destination.

## WE ARE COMMITTED TO

**Making connections.** Our local guides offer insider knowledge of their country, including tips on etiquette and customs. They facilitate meaningful interactions with the people and places we visit, such as dinner at the home of a local family. While you may arrive in a destination as a visitor, you leave with a deeper understanding and connection to each place.

**Going local.** Boundless Journeys' small group size stems from a desire to provide a more intimate traveler experience, giving us the freedom to move through the tight alleys of old towns on foot, eat and sleep at traditional guesthouses, participate in immersive cultural exchanges, and leave a smaller footprint on all of the locales we visit. This mobility allows us to support local economies directly, forging strong relationships with our partners and friends abroad as we return year after year.

**Respecting people and the environment.** We support organizations working to protect ecosystems and improve the livelihoods of local communities. On many of our trips, we explore stunning natural landscapes where conservation is of the utmost importance. As visitors, we practice Leave No Trace ethics and actively contribute to the conservation of parks and protected areas.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Give back.** Instead of receiving a Boundless Journeys t-shirt or water bottle, you can opt to donate the value of your gift to our travel scholarship fund, which will be awarded to a local student for an educational or service-based travel opportunity.

**Learn more.** Visit [boundlessjourneys.com/responsible-travel](https://boundlessjourneys.com/responsible-travel) to read more about how our values are reflected in our trip offerings. We also offer a selection of Resources for the Responsible Traveler, which suggests ways to tread lightly and ensure your journey has a positive impact.

**Join us.** Boundless Journeys has taken the Travelers Against Plastic company pledge to promote sustainable travel and encourage travelers to avoid buying bottled water when they travel. You can take the pledge at [travelersagainstplastic.org](https://travelersagainstplastic.org).

## CONSERVATION IN ACTION

Boundless Journeys is a proud member of the Adventure Travel and Trade Association, a global network of adventure seekers who believe in the protection and promotion of local communities and wilderness areas.

