

2012 TRAVEL ADVENTURES

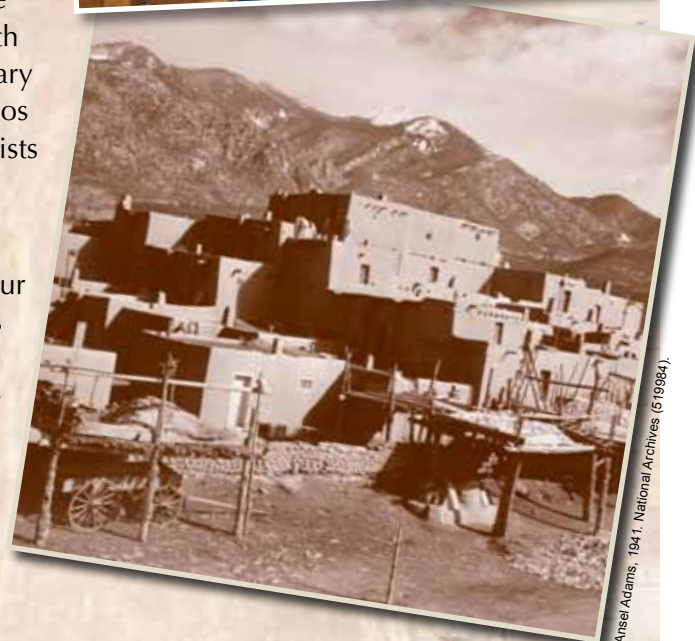
A THOUSAND YEARS OF TAOS HISTORY

Explore the archaeology, history, and cultures of the northern Rio Grande valley of New Mexico

September 25–October 1, 2012

The Taos region of northern New Mexico has forever been a cultural crossroads. Pueblo peoples first settled the region during the tenth century A.D., eventually coalescing into two Tiwa-speaking villages, Taos and Picurís—the largest settlements in the Pueblo world. Later centuries brought the Spanish entrada and subsequent Pueblo Revolt, conflict with Comanche and Ute raiders, and the bloody American military assault on Taos Pueblo in 1847. In the twentieth century, Taos Pueblo inspired a new generation of Native American activists through its successful struggle to reclaim sacred Blue Lake.

Join archaeologist Dr. Severin Fowles and Taos tribal elder Richard Aspenwind on this archaeological and historical tour that explores the many cultural conflicts and collaborations that have come to define Taos society. From the Sangre de Cristo Mountains to the Rio Grande Gorge, we will explore a variety of precolumbian, colonial-era, and more-recent sites that reflect the historical complexity of the northern Southwest. Our trip culminates with San Geronimo Feast Day at Taos Pueblo.



SCHOLARS



Dr. Severin (Sev) Fowles is a professor of anthropology at Barnard College and Columbia University and director of an ongoing archaeological survey examining 7,000 years of human use of the Rio Grande Gorge. Widely acknowledged as a rising star in North American archaeology, Sev's questioning of archaeological assumptions has led to fresh insights into Western society today as well as American Indian societies of the past.



Richard Aspenwind is a tribal councilman and former Lt. Governor and cultural affairs specialist for Taos Pueblo; he recently helped organize the 2010 commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the return of sacred Blue Lake to Taos. In addition, Richard is an accomplished artist, known for his multimedia wall sculptures and clay masks. He is currently writing a historical novel about his experiences at Taos and consulting with Sev on his Taos-area research.

In addition, we will be joined at intervals by several notable Southwestern scholars: **Dr. Michael Adler** (professor, Southern Methodist University), **Dr. Richard Ford** (curator emeritus, Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan), and **Dr. Sylvia Rodríguez** (professor emerita of anthropology and former director of the Alfonso Ortiz Center for Intercultural Studies, University of New Mexico).



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Dates: Tuesday, September 25–Monday, October 1, 2012

Tuition: Member* \$2,495 • Nonmember \$2,620

Deposit: \$400 • Balance due: July 25, 2012

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EDUCATIONAL FOCUS

- The precolumbian history of the northern Rio Grande area, including the origin of Tiwa-speaking peoples in the region
- The entry of the Spanish in the 1500s, and its effect on the development of indigenous communities
- The arrival of equestrian Plains peoples in the area, and the complex culture of interregional trading and raiding that emerged during the eighteenth century
- The distinctive rock art styles—Archaic, Pueblo, Commanche, Ute, and Catholic—in the Rio Grande Gorge
- The impact of American colonialism on indigenous culture, from the nineteenth-century aggression of the American military to the twentieth-century “hippie” presence in the Taos area
- The recent history of Taos Pueblo, and life at Taos today

TOUR DETAILS

Tuition: Tuition is per person and based on shared accommodations. Tuition includes accommodations, meals listed, entry fees and permits, most gratuities, and transportation from arrival in Albuquerque on September 25, 2012, until departure from Albuquerque on October 1, 2012. Transportation to and from Albuquerque is your responsibility.

Accommodations: All nights are spent in comfortable motels. Accommodations are double-occupancy; single accommodations are available for an additional fee of \$365.

What to Expect: Road travel is by Crow Canyon van or mini-bus. All hikes are at elevations above 6000 ft; most are short and easy, but the 3-mile roundtrip hike into the gorge (on a well-maintained trail) is somewhat more challenging due to the 500-ft elevation change. Our pace will be leisurely and assistance will be given, but you must be comfortable standing and walking for several hours at a time.

DETAILED ITINERARY

B: Breakfast

L: Lunch

D: Dinner

Tuesday, September 25:

Arrival in Albuquerque • Introduction

Arrive in Albuquerque, New Mexico, by 4:00 p.m., for dinner, introductions, and an overview of the program. Overnight, Albuquerque. **(D)**

Wednesday, September 26: Taos • Pot Creek Pueblo

This morning we drive the “High Road to Taos,” through the scenic Sangre de Cristo Mountains. After lunch at the Fort Burgwin Research Center in Taos, Dr. Mike Adler guides us through the adjacent precolumbian site of Pot Creek Pueblo, the focus of long-term excavations by Southern Methodist University. The earliest large village in the region, Pot Creek is a key site, where many distinctive aspects of Northern Tiwa society appear to have first developed. There, we consider archaeological and oral history evidence of the transformation of Northern Tiwa cosmology and social organization during the thirteenth century, when immigrants from the Colorado Plateau arrived and struggled with the already-established local community. The day ends with a special tour of artifacts from the Center’s collections. Overnight, Kachina Lodge, Taos. **(B, L, D)**



Thursday, September 27: Taos Pueblo • Picurís Pueblo

On a morning tour of Taos Pueblo, we discuss how 1,000 years of tribal history can be read in the architecture of the pueblo itself—from the village’s dual division that was developed during the thirteenth-century negotiation between immigrants and local residents, to the plaza walls that were built to defend against eighteenth-century Comanche raids, to the ruins of the first Catholic Church, which was destroyed by the American military in the nineteenth century. This afternoon we travel to nearby Picurís Pueblo, where we are again joined by Dr. Adler, who has worked closely with tribal members over the years. The people of Picurís and Taos are Tiwa-speakers whose ancestry can be traced to a single group that, by the fourteenth century, had split into two separate tribes. Both were significantly influenced by Plains Indian culture. At Picurís, we meet with tribal leaders, tour excavations of the original pueblo, and visit the recently restored 200-year-old adobe church. Then it’s back to Taos, where you have leisure time to stroll around the historic town plaza, shop in the galleries, and enjoy dinner on your own. Overnight, Kachina Lodge. **(B, L)**

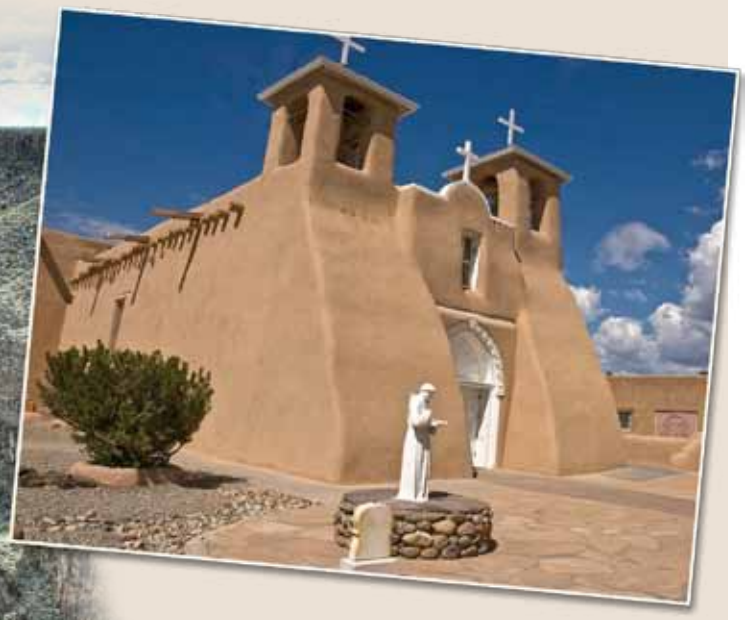
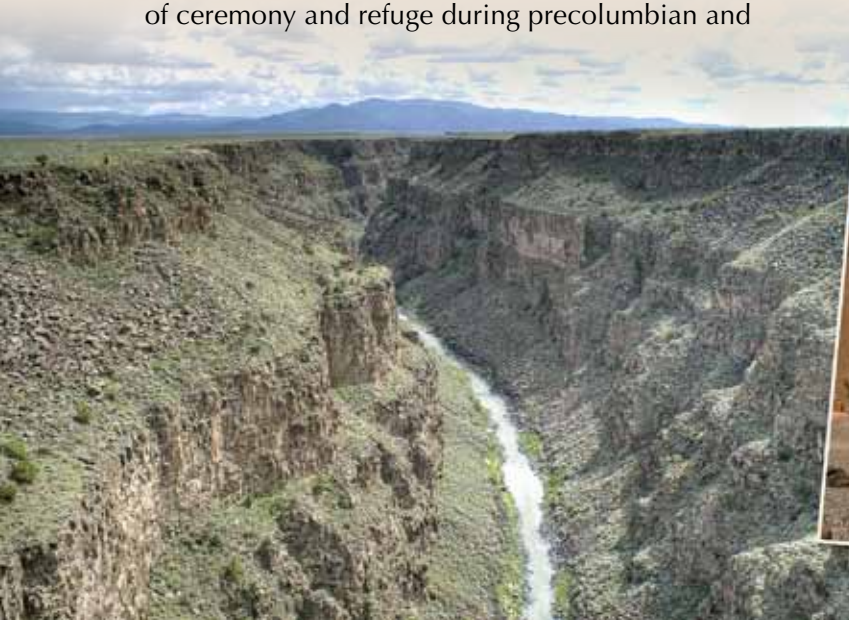
Friday, September 28: Rio Grande Gorge

Today, joined by Dr. Richard Ford, we head west to the dramatic Rio Grande Gorge, a rift valley that cuts through the Taos Plateau and is an iconic feature of the landscape in northern New Mexico. Located away from the core area of Pueblo residence, the gorge was primarily a place of ceremony and refuge during precolumbian and

colonial times. Over the course of a 3-mile hike on a good trail, we will consider rock art evidence documenting Archaic and Pueblo sacred landscapes, as well as abundant rock art produced by members of the Catholic Penitente Brotherhood. The highlight of the hike is a visit to an early-eighteenth-century Ute and Comanche tipi encampment, surrounded by the most-elaborate Plains-style rock art recorded anywhere in New Mexico. Images of battle scenes, horse raids, shamans, tipis, textiles, and much more provide us with a remarkably detailed window into the complex history of colonial-era raiding. Overnight, Kachina Lodge. **(B, L, D)**

Saturday, September 29: Ranchos de Taos • New Buffalo Site

Our focus now shifts to the Hispanic and more-recent history of the Taos area. In the morning, joined by Dr. Sylvia Rodríguez, we tour the famous Ranchos de Taos Plaza and San Francisco de Asis Church, which are part of an eighteenth- and nineteenth-century settlement south of Taos. After lunch at a local restaurant, we proceed to New Buffalo, where one of the most famous hippie communes of the 1960s counterculture was located. Built on the model of Taos Pueblo, New Buffalo was a fleeting but memorable effort to return to a “tribal” form of society and was frequented by the likes of Dennis Hopper and Timothy Leary. In 2010, a group of archaeologists from Columbia University began formal excavations of the commune’s ruins to explore 1960s utopianism and its relationship to Native America. We will tour the excavation site, as well as the surviving portions of the commune.



The day ends at Taos Pueblo, where we will attend the San Geronimo Eve Vespers and discuss the relationship between Catholicism and Pueblo religion. Overnight, Kachina Lodge. **(B, L, D)**

Sunday, September 30: San Geronimo Feast Day at Taos Pueblo

On our final day, we return to Taos Pueblo to view the visually dramatic San Geronimo Day ceremonies. The ceremonies begin early in the morning with a ritual relay race and culminate in the early afternoon when the Black Eyes clowns amuse the crowd with their antics and then climb a 40-foot pole to retrieve the fruits of the harvest. It is a ritual filled with complex cosmological significance, and our discussion of its many meanings will set the stage for final reflections on Taos history as a story of both change and persistence. This evening, we enjoy a farewell dinner and closing program. Overnight, Kachina Lodge. **(B, L, D)**

Monday, October 1: Departures from Albuquerque

We leave early from Taos in time to arrive at the Albuquerque Airport for departures after 1:00 p.m. **(B)**

Itinerary subject to change.

TOUR RESERVATIONS

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