

Santa Fe Painting workshop

Perhaps in no other state with the exception of Hawaii or Alaska will you remain somewhat of a foreign tourist within your own country as in New Mexico. The distinct fabric of the local culture, the language, the history and the dramatic natural beauty of the land will remind you of an exotic and distant destination. Fall is a great time to explore the splendors of the Southwest. The temperatures are comfortable and the colors vivid as New Mexico experiences the excitement of changing seasons.

Santa Fe

Set against scenic vistas and under formidable skies, Santa Fe has long been a crossroad of cultural diversity that has attracted many artists. Georgia O'Keefe's legacy remains one of the city's unique heritages. The visual arts, the music, the contrasts of Anglo, Latino, Spanish and Indian architecture, the Southwestern fusion cuisine, all contribute into making Santa Fe a desirable oasis. It is easy to around on foot in Santa Fe and you will no doubt want to spend some time exploring the city.

Accommodations

The white stucco buildings of El Rey Inn with their bright trim and Mexican wall tiles immediately evoke the style of a typical hacienda. Further enhanced by a beautiful fountain, natural floor tiles, a bright lobby with Spanish furniture, abundant vines and flowers filled courtyards, the inn exudes charm combining both nostalgia with updated comfort. Situated on a lavish 4 acre estate with a large swimming pool and hot tubs, El Rey is a peaceful retreat. Each room is individually decorated in a Mexican style and includes all modern amenities such as a TV, A/C, phone, a hairdryer and a coffeemaker. No need to take the car to historic Santa Fe. There is a convenient shuttle service to town.

O'Keefe Country

Leaving New York City behind, it is no coincidence that Georgia O'Keefe chose to settle in the very small town of Abiquiu. Not that Abiquiu itself is particularly attractive, nor are O'Keefe's house and studio for that matter particularly grand. It is the inescapable and seductive mystique of the Ghost Ranch area with its soaring geological wonders that nurtured her creative drive. In front of such formidable natural beauty one can't help but be moved and inspired.