LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

Get ready for an unforgettable Adventure! Visit Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado and see exciting destinations like Carlsbad Caverns National Park, White Sands National Park, the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, and more.

1 // Amarillo, TX Today we begin our journey south in our Village Motorcoach. We will stop in Groom Texas at the **Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ**. Visit the 19 story, 2.5 million pound steel cross, and see the exhibits and gift shop before we arrive at our first hotel in Amarillo Texas.

2 // El Paso, TX From Amarillo, we will continue south to visit **Carlsbad Caverns National Park**. Take in the beauty of the high ancient sea ledges, deep rocky canyons, flowering cactus, and desert wildlife above the ground in the Chihuahuan Desert. Then, hidden beneath the surface are more than 119 caves—formed when sulfuric acid dissolved limestone leaving behind caverns of all sizes. **Dinner** will be included today in El Paso.

3 // Mescalero, NM This morning, we'll venture out to the awe-inspiring **White Sands National Park**. Rising from the heart of the Tularosa Basin is one of the world's great natural wonders - the glistening white sands of New Mexico. Great wave-like dunes of gypsum sand have engulfed 275 square miles of desert, creating the world's largest gypsum dunefield. In the afternoon we will visit **PistachioLand** for a tour of their pistachio tree ranch and the **Arena Blanca Winery.** End the day with a delicious **dinner** at the beautiful **Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino** where we will stay for the night.

4 // Santa Fe, NM Hit the road to Albuquerque where we'll visit the **Petroglyph Visitor Center** before a short driving tour to view some of the Petroglyphs, (ancient carved cliff dwellings) on the way to our included **lunch**. This afternoon, we'll visit the gorgeous and inspiring **Loretto Chapel** and see the famed 'miracle staircase' for ourselves inside the 17th Century Gothic Chapel. Conclude the day with a relaxing evening at our hotel.

5 // Taos, NM We have lots planned today with a visit to the **Bandalier National Monument** in Taos. Catch a glimpse of the over 33,000 acres of protected canyon and mesa country with its rugged but beautiful scenery. The Petroglyphs and standing masonry walls pay tribute to the early days of a culture that still survives in the surrounding communities. Next we'll visit the historic pilgrimage site of **El Santuario de Chimayo**. Each year hundreds of individuals still make the pilgrimige to this Holy Site and this year we join the ranks! **Lunch** will be included at the pilgrimage sight. Afterwards, visit the **Rio Grande Gorge Bridge** and gaze on the engineering marvel that is "the bridge to nowhere". We'll end the day with **dinner** together as a group!

6 // Alamosa, CO Hit the rails today with a ride aboard the **Cumbres & Tultec Railroad.** we'll cross the border between Colorado & New Mexico 11 times as we chug our way up and over the 10,015' high Cumbres Pass. Have **lunch** at the scenic Osier Station along the way.

7 // Dodge City, KS We will begin our journey back towards home and along the way stop off in La Junta to visit **Bent's Old Fort**. Located along the river, Bent's Fort was an adobe trading post on the Santa Fe Trail, where traders, trappers, travelers, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes came together in peaceful terms for trade.

8// Home Our final attraction will be at the fascinating underground **Ellinwood Tunnels.** This abandoned underground city was once home to thriving brothels, bars, gambling halls, barber shops, and even a livery stable. Tour the remnants of these 19th century businesses and grab an included **lunch** before our restful drive back home.