

**2010 National Conference**

**Tour Option: *Santa Fe via the Turquoise Trail***

**Sunday, March 14**

**9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**



The historic **Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway** links Albuquerque and Santa Fe and encompasses 15,000 square miles in the heart of central New Mexico. You will drive back into history through the mining towns of Golden, Madrid and Cerrillos, whose mines once yielded gold, silver, lead, zinc and turquoise. During its heyday in the 1880s, Cerrillos boasted 21 saloons and four hotels. A renewed spirit has brought art, crafts, theater, music, museums and restaurants to these towns.

Upon arrival in Santa Fe you may take an optional guided walking tour, visiting such points of interest as the historic Plaza, St. Francis Cathedral, the Loretto Chapel with its famous "miraculous" staircase, and the San Miguel Mission. Founded in 1610, Santa Fe was the last stop on the *Camino Real*, the fabled Royal Road that stretched from Mexico City to the northernmost reaches of the Spanish Empire. Today it is the heart and soul of the Southwest, and "Santa Fe Style" is synonymous with all the best the region has to offer. Its historic Plaza, winding streets, covered arcades, hidden gardens and courtyards, and Pueblo-style architecture reflect the blending of Indian, Hispanic and Anglo cultures.



Lunch will be on your own at one of the many restaurants near the Plaza. Your guide will provide maps and offer suggestions. After lunch you may continue to explore on your own or indulge in a southwestern shopping spree at the many unique specialty stores and galleries around the Plaza. Nearly all the city's main cultural attractions are also within walking distance of the Plaza, including the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and the Palace of the Governors.

**Cost: \$69 per person** (includes deluxe coach transportation; professional tour guide; walking tour of Santa Fe Plaza area; admission to Loretto Chapel and San Miguel Mission; bottled water on coach; all applicable taxes and gratuity)

**To register:** All arrangements, including registration and payment, are being handled by Destination Southwest. To register, go online to [www.destination southwest.com](http://www.destination southwest.com) and click on "Registrations."