



2010 National Conference

Tour Option: *Jemez Mountain Trail and Bandelier National Monument*

Sunday, March 14

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Board your deluxe coach for a ride along one of the Southwest's most spectacular routes – the **Jemez Mountain Trail**, declared a National Scenic and Historic Byway in 1998 in recognition of its wonderful natural and historic resources. Your first stop will be the Walatowa Visitors Center at Jemez Pueblo, one of the 19 Native American Pueblos of New Mexico, situated against the deep red rocks of the Jemez Mountains. The center provides visitor information about the Pueblo and displays a selection of arts and crafts created by Jemez artisans.

You then continue along the Jemez River as it cuts through canyons whose colors change dramatically from brown to brilliant red and orange. Climbing east out of Jemez Canyon you enter Valle Grande and the Valles Caldera National Preserve. Situated at 8,500 feet above sea level, this is one of the largest volcanic craters in the world. Although 14 miles across, only part of the caldera can be seen because the view is obscured by the great dome of Redondo Peak.

Then it's on to **Bandelier National Monument**, best known for mesas, sheer-walled canyons, and the ancestral Pueblo dwellings found among them. This fascinating archaeological site, situated at 7,000 feet above sea level, encompasses over 32,000 acres of wilderness crisscrossed by 60 miles of maintained trails. The Park was designated in 1916 and named for 19th-century anthropologist Adolph Bandelier. Frijoles Canyon is famous for its extensive Anasazi ruins and cliff dwellings that date back to about 1100 AD. The Anasazi farmed this canyon for over 400 years and lived in multi-storied stone and mud structures or in caves carved out of the volcanic cliffs. Even if you're not an archaeological enthusiast, you will enjoy climbing the ladders into the caves and kivas. Be prepared for changes in the weather by dressing in layers and wear comfortable closed-toe shoes. Sunscreen recommended.



Cost: \$89 per person (includes deluxe coach transportation; professional tour guide; visit to Walatowa Visitors Center; admission to Bandelier National Monument; box lunch; 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 and click on "Registrations."