

SILVER HAired TOURS OF TEXAS

RED RIVER FALL TOUR

OCTOBER 26 - 29, 1987

Thelma Blom - Director
John T. Cox - Guide and Narrator
Bill Lewis - Driver

Time: Leave Meridian at 5:30 A.M. October 26th from Senior Center.

Leave Hamilton at 6:00 A.M. from First National Bank

Leave Goldthwalte at 7:00 A.M.

Leave Comanche at 7:30 A.M.

We will eat lunch at a cafeteria in Lubbock before travelling on to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where we will spend the night in the Continental Hotel.

Through the centuries, Santa Fe has inspired Spanish conquistadors and renowned artists, ancient Pueblo Indians and modern day campers. Nestled 7,000 feet in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, established as the seat of the Spanish Empire 10 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, has remained the capitol city for 376 years. Santa Fe contains some of the nation's oldest buildings; the Governor's Palace, the oldest house and the oldest mission are among those. Santa Fe has more than 150 art galleries. It ranks 6th, as the largest art market in the nation. Santa Fe has 175 restaurants that provide the utmost in hospitality. Santa Fe is internationally known for its "Cuisine". It has 60 local firms that produce such advanced equipment as radiation measurement devices, machinery for extracting and transporting oil, and more. Visitors enjoy the plentitude of retail shops, craft shops, endless scenic drives, skiing in the Santa Fe Basin, and Horse races at the Santa Fe Downs. We will spend the night in Santa Fe at the lovely Continental Hotel.

October 27th:

Today we will tour Santa Fe, see the Governor's Palace (Indians with their jewelry on the porch), the oldest house, the oldest mission in the U.S.A., the fine arts building and browse among the craft shops before going on to Taos. (If the group wishes, we will eat lunch at a Cafeteria in Santa Fe).

Taos, New Mexico

There is evidence that man has lived in Taos as far back as 3000 B.C. Prehistoric ruins dating from 900 A.D. to 1300 A.D. can be seen through the Taos valley. The pueblo of Taos remains as the link from those early inhabitants of the valley to the still living culture. The pueblo Indians built the Magnificent Taos Pueblo 900 years ago.

A Taos visit is an adventure in time, culture and fun. As you discover Taos, you will discover the many reasons for the famous Taos smile.

Taos has long been known as the art center with over 50 privately owned art galleries that feature a wide variety of work, of contemporary photography, jewelry, and crafts. Taos Plaza is located in the center of the town. Taos was founded in the 1790's. There are many interesting shops around the square.

The San Francisco de Assis Church in RANCHO DE TAOS, built in 1815 by Franciscans is the most painted and photographed Church in the United States. Governor Brent's House and Museum is open daily. Charles Brent was an early trader, trapper, and mountain man before he became governor of New Mexico. Kit Carson's home and museum capture the life style of the famous mountain man and historic Westler Scout. Kit Carson Park and Cemetery is 12 miles north of Pueblo on Road No. 64. The Enchanted Circle is a 100 mile drive from Taos, to Angel Fire, Eagle Nest, Red River, and back to Taos.

October 29th

Our travel home will be through the storied area known as the "Enchanted Land" of the early Spanish occupation. Today all of New Mexico is known as the Land of Enchantment.

This day we will traverse that area from the foothills of the Rockies to the Texas Panhandle.

This is the land of volcanos long extinct, skeletons of North America's earliest man. The land of Dick Wooton, Lucias B. Maxwell, the Magoffin brothers, Jim C. Cox, Missouri patriot, soldier and adventurer of Mexican War days. Sterling Price, Steve Kearney, Col. Doniphan, "Jingle Bob" Chisum, Billy the Kid - Loving, Goodnight, Horrels and other men who fought cattle wars - for lush pastures and the precious water holes and also the Pinto bean trail from Clayton, New Mexico to Trinidad Colorado - of the early 1900's.

This day we will travel home. Eat lunch at a cafeteria in Clovis New Mexico, and dinner in Abilene before traveling on to Comanche, Goldthwaite, Hamilton and Meridian. **END TOUR.**

Cars in Hamilton may park in the First National parking lot on Bell Street across from the First National Bank - **NO** meals will be furnished - Cold drinks will be furnished on the trip - Seats will be available on a first come, first served basis - Seats will be rotated each one half day.

COST:

Payment may be made \$85.00 down now.
Second payment due September 10th, \$100.00
Third Payment due October 10th, \$100.00.
Total - **\$285.00** double occupancy

\$315.00 - 1 Person Per Room
\$285.00 - Per Person, 2 persons per room
\$275.00 - Per Person, 3 persons per room
\$265.00 - Per Person, 4 persons per room

If you have any questions, you may call 817-372-3442 or 817-386-3403. Send all Payments to Silver Halred Tours, c/o Thelma Blom, 1210 East Gentry, Hamilton, Texas 76531.

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