

OPTIONAL TOUR OFFERED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2004
DEPARTURE AT 9:00 A.M. from THE HILTON HOTEL

BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT and CHIMAYÓ VALLEY

Activity Length: 7 hrs

You will head northwest of Santa Fe, across the Rio Grande Valley, and through Indian Reservations to the Pajarito Plateau, home of Bandelier National Monument. You will learn about the massive volcano that once rose 20,000 feet above sea level, and you will see the different lava flows that form the striated colors of the landscape.



Your first stop will be in Frijoles Canyon. Once occupied by the “Anasazi,” the pre-historic ancestors of today’s Pueblo Indians, the Canyon was home to between 200 and 1,500 people at varying times. Your guide will lead you along easy paths past the remains of their ancient Pueblo dwellings, describing the structures and how life was lived. You will climb further up the path where you can climb ladders and peer inside the ancient cave dwellings



From Bandelier, you will travel to Rancho de Chimayó for lunch. The Rancho is an old, adobe hacienda which was converted into a restaurant in 1965 by the Jaramillo family. Offering native Northern New Mexican dishes, this is a dining treat.

After lunch, your tour will continue at the beautiful and charming Santuario de Chimayó. Referred to as the ALourdes of the Southwest, the Santuario is professed to have powers in its soil that heal the faithful. The Santuario is also famous for its folk art carvings and its alter, which are excellent example of the traditional retablos and santos.



Dress: Comfortable clothes: pants or shorts, sport or tee shirt with a removable over shirt or light jacket; good walking shoes or hiking boots; cap or hat, and sunscreen.

BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 30 PARTICIPANTS

Inclusive Pricing for Professional Guide Services,
Deluxe Motor Coach and Driver Gratuity, Lunch and
Server Gratuity, All Entry Fees and All Applicable Taxes:

\$60.00/Person