

# SOFA

## **PONY UP FOR SOFA WEST: SANTA FE!**

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### **TRAVEL AND LODGING:**

We are pleased to feature the **Eldorado Hotel & Spa** as our top lodging option. Enjoy a memorable visit graced by the art of hospitality at this historic hotel within walking distance to the Santa Fe Convention Center. Exclusive benefits for SOFA guests include VIP Turndown Service each night and 15% off all services and retail sales at the **Nidah Spa** during length of stay.

View Travel and Lodging information on [www.sofaexpo.com](http://www.sofaexpo.com)

### **FOOD, WINE, MUSIC AND LINO! AT THE SANTA FE OPERA ON JUNE 13**

SOFA WEST Celebrates at the Santa Fe Opera! Join Venetian glass maestro Lino Tagliapietra for an evening of food, wine, and music at the Santa Fe Opera, surrounded by the Sangre de Cristo and Jemez Mountains. Highlights from the operas *La Traviata* and *The Elixir of Love* will be performed by members of the Santa Fe Opera Company.

This Italian-themed event begins at 6 pm, Saturday, June 13, and the \$50/per person cost includes wine, dinner buffet, the performances, and much more.

For more information and to purchase tickets for this event, call the Santa Fe Opera ticket office at 800-280-4654.

### **SANTA FE AREA EXCURSIONS & EVENTS OPEN TO ALL SOFA WEST ATTENDEES! FEES APPLY**

#### **TOUR OF GEORGIA O'KEEFFE'S HOME AND STUDIO ON JUNE 10**

Enjoy a day exploring the world of Georgia O'Keeffe on Wednesday, June 10, with a **private tour of O'Keeffe's home and studio** in the tiny village of Abiquiu and the spectacular rock formations of the area that figure prominently in her work.

Led by an art historian with an in-depth knowledge of O'Keeffe and northern New Mexico, participants will also visit Ghost Ranch country and stop at one of O'Keeffe's favorite spots, a natural amphitheater where she loved to picnic.

The tour cost of \$130 per person includes transportation, guide, entry to the O'Keeffe Foundation's Home & Studio Tour, and lunch at the Abiquiu Inn, tax and gratuity. Cost is based

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on a minimum of 12 and maximum of 20. Depart from the Santa Fe Convention Center at 8:45 am and return to Santa Fe by 3:00 pm.

For more information and to register for this excursion, contact Recursos/Royal Road Tours, 800-344-2998.

### **SEE THE ANCIENT TEWA PUEBLO OF SANTA CLARA CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF SAN ANTONIO ON JUNE 13**

**Discover the rich Native American heritage of the Santa Fe area** with a multi-faceted tour on Saturday, June 13. Participants will have the extraordinary opportunity to see the ancient Tewa Pueblo of Santa Clara celebrate the Feast of San Antonio on this day with ceremonial dances. A religious ceremony for the Pueblo, these dances are not on a schedule and may require a wait by participants.

A short drive to Chimayo follows with lunch at Rancho Manzano, a former mercantile store dating back to the 1700s, and a visit to Centinela Traditional Arts where traditional weavers Lisa and Irving Trujillo, a National Endowment for the Humanities 2007 Master, work to bring back traditional weaving techniques, spinning, and dying using native plants.

The tour caps off with a visit to the Santuario of Chimayo, a mission with fine examples of hand carved and painted altar screens. The tour cost of \$175 per person includes transportation, guide, lunch at Rancho Manzano, tax and gratuity. Cost is based on a minimum of 20 and maximum of 29. Depart from Santa Fe Convention Center at 9 am and return to Santa Fe at 4:30 pm.

For more information and to register for this excursion, contact Recursos/Royal Road Tours, 800-344-2998.

### **SANTA FE GALLERY WALKS OPEN TO ALL SOFA WEST ATTENDEES**

- **Santa Fe Gallery Openings**, sponsored by the Santa Fe Gallery Association, 5-8 pm, Friday, June 12
  - **"White Linen Night" Gallery Walk** on Canyon Road, 5-8 pm, Saturday, June 13
  - **Santa Fe Gallery Progressive Brunch**, sponsored by the Santa Fe Gallery Association, 9-noon, Sunday, June 14.
- More information coming soon on [www.sofaexpo.com](http://www.sofaexpo.com) and [www.santafegalleries.net](http://www.santafegalleries.net)!

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