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A GREAT JOURNEY HAS MANY ARRIVALS

THE OLD SANTA FE TRAIL

THE LEGENDARY FRED HARVEY HOTELS AND SCENIC WONDERS OF THE GREAT AMERICAN SOUTHWEST
8-NIGHTS APRIL 16-24 & OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 6, 2027

Among the most magnificent hotels ever created in America, the legendary Fred Harvey properties—built in partnership with the Santa Fe Railway—stand as timeless masterpieces of design, craftsmanship, and character. Scattered across the Southwest, these architectural icons are more than places to stay—they are living history. Remarkably, four of these storied hotels still welcome guests today, offering an authenticity, elegance, and sense of place that no modern resort can replicate.

We’ve curated the very best of them into one unforgettable journey along the historic Santa Fe Trail. This is the Southwest at its most captivating—an intimate, small-group experience with a relaxed pace, generous free time, and immersive stays at all four iconic Fred Harvey hotels. From the charm of Santa Fe and the quiet beauty of Winslow to the grandeur of the Grand Canyon and the energy of Las Vegas, each destination is thoughtfully chosen and beautifully experienced, with most stays spanning two nights.

Along the way, discover a Southwest rich in color, culture, and wonder. Travel the enchanting Turquoise Trail between Albuquerque and Santa Fe, explore the surreal landscapes of the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest, stand in awe at Meteor Crater, and cruise along the most storied stretches of Route 66. And, of course, experience the breathtaking majesty of the Grand Canyon.

These days are elevated even further with exceptional dining—from the lively spirit of Santa Fe’s Del Charro Saloon to a memorable brunch at the legendary El Tovar perched on the rim of the Grand Canyon, culminating in a classic farewell dinner at Lawry’s The Prime Rib in Las Vegas.

Your journey begins in Albuquerque, easily accessible by air or rail, and concludes in Las Vegas, where you may choose to linger a little longer. With iconic hotels, extraordinary scenery, curated experiences, and time to truly savor it all, this is more than a holiday—it’s a grand return to the golden age of travel.



Highlights:

Intimate Small-Group Touring

Travel in style aboard our custom-designed Mercedes Sprinter, limited to just 14 guests. With spacious two-and-one seating, oversized windows, and onboard charging, it’s built for comfort—and flexibility. This smaller size means we go where big coaches can’t, with room for spontaneous stops and those unexpected, memorable moments along the way.

Fully Escorted, Seamlessly Delivered

From the moment you arrive to your final farewell, every detail is expertly handled, so you can simply relax and enjoy the journey.

Legendary Fred Harvey Hotel Stays

Step into history with stays at four iconic properties: La Castaneda in Las Vegas, NM; La Fonda in Santa Fe; La Posada in Winslow; and Bright Angel Lodge perched on the rim of the Grand Canyon. Each stay blends timeless charm with modern comfort—and includes full breakfast daily.

Thoughtfully Curated Sightseeing

Experience the Southwest in depth with highlights including the scenic Turquoise Trail, classic stretches of Route 66, historic Santa Fe, Meteor Crater, and the awe-inspiring South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Enjoy a Rail Runner train journey from Santa Fe to Albuquerque, plus the option to unwind in the hot springs of Las Vegas, NM. All admissions are included—no extras, no surprises.

Outstanding Dining Experiences

Savor the flavors of the region with daily breakfast, a warm and welcoming opening dinner, and a grand finale at Lawry’s The Prime Rib in Las Vegas—an institution famed for serving some of the finest prime rib in America.

“The wonders of the Grand Canyon cannot be adequately represented in symbols of speech, nor by speech itself.”
- John Wesley Powell -

Desert View - Grand Canyon, Arizona

Daily Itinerary:

Day 1:	Albuquerque to Las Vegas, NM	L
La Castaneda Hotel		
Depart Albuquerque mid-morning along the scenic Turquoise Trail, winding through piñon-covered hills and historic mining towns. Browse galleries, enjoy a sweet stop at a favorite chocolate shop, and lunch at the famed Mine Shaft Tavern. Continue to Las Vegas, NM for a two-night stay at La Castaneda, Fred Harvey’s first trackside hotel (1898). Evening at leisure in this remarkably preserved historic town.		
Day 2:	Las Vegas, NM	B
La Castaneda Hotel		
Discover Las Vegas on a guided walking tour of the Plaza and historic districts, with visits to the City Museum and Rough Rider Memorial Collection. Afternoon at leisure or optional visit to Montezuma Hot Springs.		
Day 3:	Las Vegas to Santa Fe, NM	B L
La Fonda Hotel		
Travel to Santa Fe, founded in 1610, arriving for lunch on the iconic Plaza. Stay two nights at the celebrated La Fonda on the Plaza. Evening at leisure—perhaps a drink at the Bell Tower Bar overlooking the city.		
Day 4:	Santa Fe, NM	B
La Fonda Hotel		
Walking tour of Santa Fe’s highlights including the Loretto Chapel and its famed staircase, followed by the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum. Afternoon free for galleries, boutiques, and fine dining.		
Day 5:	Santa Fe to Winslow, AZ	B
La Posada Hotel		
Ride the Rail Runner to Albuquerque, then journey west to the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest. Stop at the whimsical Wigwam Motel and in Winslow—“stand on the corner” before arriving at the beautifully restored La Posada, the last Fred Harvey hotel.		

Day 6:	Winslow, AZ to GRAND CANYON	B
Bright Angel Lodge		
Visit Meteor Crater, then continue along Route 66 through Williams to the Grand Canyon. En route, experience the immersive IMAX presentation. Overnight at Bright Angel Lodge, just steps from the rim—perfect for sunset.		
Day 7:	GRAND CANYON	B R
Bright Angel Lodge		
An entire day devoted to the Grand Canyon—one of the world’s most breathtaking natural wonders. We explore the full South Rim, including Desert View and its striking watchtower, with plenty of stops for photos and quiet moments of awe.		
The afternoon is yours to experience the canyon your way—hike, photograph, or simply sit and take it all in. This evening, we gather for a special treat: a drink at the historic El Tovar Hotel, rich with character and charm.		
Day 8	GRAND CANYON to Las Vegas, NM	B L D
Harrah’s Casino & Resort		
The day begins in grand fashion with brunch in the elegant dining room of the El Tovar Hotel—don’t miss the legendary French toast, a recipe dating back to Santa Fe Railway dining cars.		
We then travel along one of the most nostalgic and beautifully preserved stretches of Route 66, passing through storied stops like Seligman, Peach Springs, and Hackberry—classic Americana at its finest, framed by the rugged Black Mountains.		
Arriving in Las Vegas this afternoon, we check into our hotel before celebrating our journey with a farewell dinner at Lawry’s The Prime Rib—an Uncommon Journeys tradition and the perfect finale.		
Day 9	Travel home	B

La Castaneda Hotel, Las Vegas , NM



La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe , NM



La Posada Hotel, Winslow, AZ



Bright Angel Lodge, Grand Canyon, AZ



Occasionally we are able to obtain a handful of rooms at the famed El Tovar Lodge at the Grand Canyon and based on availability, it may be possible to upgrade to this famous hotel at the cost of \$575 pp double occupancy or \$1095 single occupancy. This upgrade should be requested when you make your reservation.

Route 66 - “THE MOTHER ROAD”

Step into the spirit of the open road along Route 66, where every mile tells a story and every stop feels like a scene from a classic American dream. This legendary highway stretches across time as much as it does across the country, inviting you to experience the heart and soul of the journey—not just the destination.

Feel the steady hum of your tires on sunbaked pavement as neon signs flicker to life in towns that proudly hold onto their past. Pull over at a roadside diner, where the coffee is always hot, the jukebox hums with familiar tunes, and strangers quickly feel like old friends. Wander through vintage motels, retro gas stations, and quirky roadside attractions—each one a snapshot of a different era, each one worth slowing down for.

Let curiosity take the wheel. Follow hand-painted signs to hidden detours, stop for photos beside iconic landmarks, and explore stretches of road where time seems to stand still. Along the way, you’ll meet locals who carry the stories of Route 66 with pride—stories of travelers, dreamers, and generations who have passed through before you.

Between the stops, the landscape unfolds in a rhythm all its own—wide plains, desert horizons, and endless skies that seem to stretch forever. Roll the windows down, let the wind rush in, and take in the feeling of pure freedom that only the open road can offer.

As the sun dips low and the sky glows in shades of amber and rose, Route 66 becomes something more than a highway. It becomes a memory in the making—a journey filled with nostalgia, discovery, and the timeless thrill of chasing the horizon.



The Turquoise Trail

Feel the rhythm of the Southwest as you journey along the Turquoise Trail, where every mile invites you to slow down and truly savor the moment. The road stretches ahead beneath vast, open skies, carrying you through rolling hills, sunlit mesas, and landscapes brushed in earthy reds and soft desert golds.

Step out and wander. In Madrid, creativity spills into the streets—colorful galleries, eclectic shops, and cozy cafés hum with life. You might hear live music drifting through the air or find yourself drawn into a conversation with a local artist, their work inspired by the very views surrounding you. Every corner feels alive, unexpected, and warmly welcoming. Further along, Cerrillos offers a different kind of magic. Here, time seems to pause. Dusty roads, weathered buildings, and quiet stillness echo stories of the Old West. Walk slowly, listen closely—you can almost feel the history beneath your feet.



But the true beauty of the Turquoise Trail lives in the in-between moments. Pull over at a scenic overlook. Let the wind move around you. Watch shadows stretch and colors deepen as the sun shifts across the sky. Breathe in the crisp desert air and take in the silence that feels both grounding and expansive.

This isn’t just a scenic drive—it’s an invitation to connect. To the land, to the stories, and to the quiet wonder of the journey itself.

Please note: In exceptional circumstances, should we have to substitute hotels for unforeseen reasons, the replacement will be comparable or better.

Family, Friends or Affinity Travelers

This elegant holiday is perfectly suited for a private charter, with as few as eight travelers—ideal for families or close friends who want to share an unforgettable journey together. Even better, a charter allows for added flexibility, whether that means extending your stay in Albuquerque at the beginning or savoring extra time in Las Vegas at the end.

With a wide range of 2027 departure dates available, your perfect getaway can unfold as you wish. For details and personalized pricing, email us at info@uncommonjourneys.com or call our travel concierge at - 800.323.5893.

The Santa Fe Trail Fares

	Spring	Fall
Double Occupancy	\$ 4,995 pp	\$ 5,395 pp
Single Occupancy	\$ 5,995	\$ 6,495

Service, experience, expertise...

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The company emphasizes quality accommodations, expert tour managers, and unique travel options designed to appeal to travelers seeking more than standard packaged tours.

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