

# **New Mexico** Family Adventure

6 Days



The Adventure Company | EST. 1969

MT-SOBEK

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS** AS THE PIONEER OF ADVENTURE TRAVEL

# **▶New Mexico Family** Adventure

Explore New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment, on this action-filled family journey — packed with history, culture, and active adventure. You'll visit Bandelier National Monument, where petroglyphs, ancient dwellings carved into the soft rock cliffs, and standing masonry walls pay tribute to the native people whose descendants still live in the surrounding communities. Camp on the rim of the Rio Grande Gorge with amazing views of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument and the river 1,000 feet below. Uncover adventure in Taos Ski Valley and raft the mighty Rio Grande.

Due to the short length of this Family Adventure, a date night is not included.

## **Details**

# **Testimonials**

Arrive:

New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico "I have taken 12 trips with MT Sobek. Each has le a positive imprint on me—widening my view of the

world and its peoples."

Albuquerque, New Mexico Jane B. Depart:

Duration: 6 Days

"MT Sobek took care of everything for our extended family vacation. Not a hiccup in the planning, the

itinerary, the lodging or the guide. Everything in li

should be so easy."

Minimum Age: 9 Years Old

Kathy J.

Activity Level:

Group Size:

6-16 Guests





# Why Take This Trip With Us?

#### **REASON #01**

This exciting New Mexico adventure is perfect for families with kids aged 9 years and up.

#### REASON #02

Our expert MT Sobek guides are attuned to the needs of family adventurers who want to maximize their time.

#### REASON #03

We expertly blend active adventure with historical and cultural immersion - it's way better than summer camp!

# What to Expect



#### ACTIVITIES

Moderate hiking on mountain trails covering up to 3.5 miles per day at a maximum elevation of 11,040', plus Class III rafting and via ferrata.



#### LODGING

Historic southwestern hotels and a stunning camping spot right on the rim of the Rio Grande Gorge.



#### CLIMATI

A mild, arid climate characterized by light precipitation, sunshine, and low humidity. Average summer temperatures range from the high 70°Fs at high elevations to slightly above 90°F at lower elevations.

## **Meet Our Guides**

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

## **Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO NEW MEXICO

Fly into Santa Fe or Albuquerque at any time today and take a shuttle ride to the hotel in Santa Fe. For those who prefer extra assistance, we have scheduled one group transfer from Albuquerque International Sunport (airport) at 3pm. Santa Fe is the oldest and highest capital in the United States and recently celebrated its 400th anniversary. Its unique architectural style incorporates both indigenous and colonial influences. Tonight, meet for a trip orientation and walk to your welcome dinner in historic downtown Santa Fe.

Meals: D

### DAY 2 EXPLORE BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT & CAMP BY RIO GRANDE GORGE

Enjoy a picturesque drive up into the mountains that encircle the Jemez Caldera on the way to Bandelier National Monument. Hike to a beautiful waterfall and overlook into Whiterock Canyon, then take time to explore the many archeological sites on the main loop trail and climb ladders to explore the ancient dwellings. After a trailside lunch, we'll drive into the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, briefly stopping along the rim of the Rio Grande Gorge, the fifth tallest bridge in the U.S., where big horn sheep climb below.

Activity: 2 hours/3 miles hiking with 600' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

### DAY 3 KAYAK THE LA JUNTA SECTION OF THE RIO GRANDE

After breakfast, break camp and hike to the river, where your guides will give a detailed safety briefing and orientation for today's kayaking adventure. Our starting point, La Junta, marks the confluence of the Red River and the Rio Grande and offers a rare scenic float through one of the most pristine and less-traveled sections of the National Monument. Paddle through thrilling Class II and III rapids, stopping for a picnic lunch along a beach. Once through the canyon, drive out of the Gorge, up to Taos Ski Valley (9,500'), home for the next two nights.

Activity: 6 hours/1 mile hiking with 800' elevation loss and 7 miles inflatable kayaking

Meals: B, L, D

.....

#### DAY 4 HIKE TO WILLIAMS LAKE & TRAVERSE TAOS' VIA FERRATA

Wake to a cool morning in the mountains. After breakfast, shuttle 10 minutes to the trailhead, then hike gently uphill past fascinating fields of glacial scree to a beautiful alpine lake in the heart of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Upon returning, enjoy a picnic lunch and then challenge yourself to New Mexico's only via ferrata, a

rock-traversing trail using steel cables to support your exploration. End the day at the Blake, with time to wander into the village, enjoy a margarita, or sneak in a spa treatment before dinner.

Activity: 5 hours/3.5 miles hiking with 950' elevation gain and loss, including the via ferrata

Meals: B, L, D

.....

## DAY 5 VISIT TAOS PUEBLO & RAFT THE RIO GRANDE

This morning, visit the town of Taos and tour the Taos Pueblo World Heritage Site, an adobe settlement that has been continuously inhabited by the native Tiwa people for a thousand years. As a sovereign nation within the United States, Taos Pueblo is focused on preserving their ancient traditions, culture, and language. This afternoon, experienced guides challenge you through Class III rapids on the mighty Rio Grande, with rapids names like "The Maze," "Albert's Falls" and "Thunder Dome." Travel back to Santa Fe for our final night celebration.

Activity: 2.5 hours/6 miles rafting Class III rapids

Meals: B, L, D

.....

## DAY 6 EXPLORE HISTORIC SANTA FE & DEPART

After breakfast, explore downtown Santa Fe on your own before your flight home or onto your next adventure. We highly recommend visiting the Georgia O'Keefe Museum and the New Mexico History Museum, both of which offer a wonderful recap of your time here.

Meals: B

## **Dates**

Jun 15 - 20, 2020

Jun 22 - 27, 2020

Aug 3 - 8, 2020

For full terms and conditions please visit www.mtsobek.com/terms. Please note that our itineraries may be subject to change.

# **Pricing**

2020

\$ 2,850 per person

#### **Additional Cost**

\$ 750 Single Supplement

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Expert leadership from experienced family-friendly adventure guides
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- · Meals as noted in the daily itinerary
- Potable water and snacks throughout
- 1 glass of wine or beer at dinner
- Age-appropriate welcome gifts for minors
- All tips and gratuities for support staff with the exception of your lead adventure guide(s)
- All necessary kayaking and paddle boat gear
- All group entrance fees, activities, and ground transportation
- Arrival and departure day group airport transfers

#### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, any airport taxes, or excess baggage charges
- Optional tips to your lead adventure guides
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, phone calls, laundry, or souvenirs
- Airport transfers if arriving or departing outside of the group transfer
- Optional travel protection

For full terms and conditions please visit www.mtsobek.com/terms. Please note that our itineraries may be subject to change.





# The World of MT Sobek

At Mountain Travel Sobek, we believe life is an adventure and adventure is life.

As the originators, innovators and leaders in adventure travel for more than five decades, we passionately create, craft and share indelible, transformative journeys to the world's most memorable places. Our more than 200 unique and once-in-a-lifetime trips are designed to inspire and exhilarate, enliven and excite--opening eyes and minds through profoundly personal connections with nature and culture.

Our small group and custom adventures span the globe, and the spectrum—of interests, environments and activities—every one expertly planned and knowledgeably and passionately guided. And our commitment to making every experience a remarkable one has earned us preferred travel outfitter status for National Geographic Active Expeditions, Active New York Times Journeys, and Smithsonian Active Journeys.

We are the adventure company.

## **Awards**











TWO HUNDRED ADVENTURES.

SEVEN CONTINENTS.

A WORLD OF DISCOVERY.

Where's Your Next Adventure?



**1-888-831-7526 | MTSOBEK.COM**1266 66TH STREET, SUITE 4, EMERYVILLE, CALIFORNIA 94608-1117

FOLLOW US ONLINE @MTSOBEK