



The Santa Fe Opera (courtesy Robert Reck)



Bell Tower rooftop bar, La Fonda (courtesy La Fonda)



La Plazuela at La Fonda (courtesy La Fonda)

Starry Nights in Santa Fe

August 1-6, 2022

As a destination that never fails to draw the visitor into its beguiling embrace, Santa Fe offers a unique blend of cultures, art and architecture, delicious local cuisine and a rich summer music festival scene, best exemplified by The Santa Fe Opera. We are excited to invite you to join Act 1 Tours as we return to The Land of Enchantment.

With the support of the dedicated staff, Board of Directors, generous patrons, and federal aid, The Santa Fe Opera met the pandemic crisis with strength and resilience. *“Never before in our company’s history have the arts, and music in particular, been more meaningful.”* – General Director Robert K. Meya.

The ambitious 2022 season includes the company’s 18th world premiere ***M. Butterfly*** by Huang Ruo and David Henry Hwang directed by James Robinson; the company premiere of Wagner’s masterpiece ***Tristan und Isolde*** co-directed by Zack Winokur and Lisenka Heijboer Castañón; a poignant retelling of Bizet’s ***Carmen*** by Mariame Clément; Verdi’s comic final opera ***Falstaff*** in a co-production with Scottish Opera by Sir David McVicar; Stephen Barlow’s inventive take on Rossini’s most popular opera ***The Barber of Seville***. (courtesy The Santa Fe Opera)

In addition to opera, a noon concert at the exceptional Santa Fe Chamber Musical Festival will be included. Dates and details to be published in January.

We return to the Hotel La Fonda on the Plaza. Featuring stylish rooms and excellent service, it is ideally located at the “crossroads of Santa Fe” just steps away from galleries, restaurants, museums, St. Francis Cathedral and The Plaza. From *La Plazuela* restaurant to luxurious spa services with an outdoor heated pool, French café and excellent shops, La Fonda has it all. Start each day with one of the best breakfasts in town and visit the fifth floor Bell Tower bar and restaurant for lunch or drinks with stunning sunset views.

The Santa Fe Opera continues its commitment to protecting the health and safety of staff, artists and audiences. It is expected that all audience members will be required to wear a mask. The company is reviewing additional activities such as preview dinners, opera talks and backstage tours and as plans progress, updates will be made available.

Act 1 Tours will comply fully with national and state health and safety requirements and will constantly review in order to operate effectively and safely in conjunction with our suppliers and travellers as future recommendations and regulations unfold. The itinerary is subject to change.

Arrivals: Regular flights on most major carriers arrive at Albuquerque Sunport (ABQ). Groome Transportation (formerly Sandia Shuttle) service runs hourly to Santa Fe dropping at La Fonda. Transfer time is one hour and fifteen minutes.

www.groometransportation.com

A round trip reservation should be booked well ahead of arrival. Act 1 Tours will assist upon request.

Alternatively, a private car service may be reserved. Please contact us for details and pricing through our recommended service, Santa Fe Valet, or contact directly: info@santafevalet.com

Santa Fe Airport (SAF) has limited airline services, with connections to Dallas, Los Angeles and Denver. For car transfer service: info@rideroadrunner.com



La Fonda on the Plaza (courtesy Robert Reck)

ITINERARY

Sunday, July 21

Pre-tour independent arrivals and check in at La Fonda on the Plaza. Please refer to the shuttle and car service airport transfer information above. Contact Act 1 to reserve a pre-tour accommodation.

Monday, August 1

Independent arrival and transfer to the La Fonda on the Plaza. Please refer to the shuttle and car service airport transfer information above.

Meet in the hotel for a festive pre performance welcome dinner or a cocktail reception with substantial appetizers and drinks. The location and arrangements will be determined closer to date. Depart by private coach for The Santa Fe Opera performance of **The Barber of Seville**. C: Iván López-Reynoso, D: Stephen Barlow. Cast: Emily Fons, Jack Swanson, Joshua Hopkins, Kevin Burdette, Ryan Speedo Green.

Opera start time each evening: 8:00p.m.

Return to La Fonda by private coach is included.

Tuesday, August 2

Independent full breakfast may be taken in *La Plazuela* or in-room service.

Meet in the hotel's Santa Fe Room for a lecture and discussion of the five operas by opera educator Desirée Mays. Following a short break with light refreshments, walk the short distance to St. Francis Auditorium to attend a Santa Fe Chamber Musical Festival noon concert. The afternoon is open for individual preferences and independent dinner.

Meet again to transfer to The Santa Fe Opera and this evening's production of **Carmen** conducted by Santa Fe Opera's Music Director, Harry Bicket and directed by Mariame Clément. Cast: Sylvia D'Eramo, Isabel Leonard, Michael Fabiano, Michael Sumuel, David Crawford.

Wednesday, August 3

Morning at leisure.

New Mexico Lunch Tour. Our local culinary guide will lead a 2.5 hour gentle walking tour that explores the culture surrounding restaurants in The Plaza area. The tour features three courses with drink pairings and non-alcoholic drinks at different locations including *Santacafé*.

The remainder of the day is open for relaxation and independent exploration. Consider visiting the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, New Mexico History Museum or one of the fine museums at Museum Hill located a short distance from the city center. Alternatively immerse in a spa interlude or explore Santa Fe's special shopping opportunities. Act 1 Tours and the hotel's concierges will offer recommendations and assistance.

Dinner is independent.

This evening return to The Santa Fe Opera for its 18th world premiere: Huang Ruo and David Henry Hwang's **M. Butterfly**. C: Carolyn Kuan, D: James Robinson. Cast: Mark Stone, Kangmin Justin, Kim, Hongni Wu, Kevin Burdette, Joshua Dennis.



Museum Hill

Thursday, August 4

Morning tour of the historic Canyon Road arts district, home to over 80 art galleries. This engaging tour will feature a curated collection of don't-miss galleries. Our specialist guide's interactive approach invites you to delve into art, engage with the work on view, and chat with local gallerists and artists. The tour will include a selection of atmospheric galleries that encompass a range of artistic styles and media.

Lunch independently at one of Canyon Road's restaurants or transfer back to the hotel area.

Gather in the early evening for refreshments at La Fonda's Bell Tower rooftop bar and restaurant before transferring to **Falstaff**. C: Paul Daniel, D: David McVicar. Cast: Alexandra LoBianco, Elena Villalón, Megan Marino, Ann McMahon Quintero, Eric Ferring, Quinn Kelsey, Roland Wood, Scott Conner.

Friday, August 5

Join Stefanie Beninato Ph.D on a morning coach tour of a wider area to explore two or three of the eight pueblos located north of Santa Fe. Stefanie will discuss New Mexican culture from both a historical and current perspective.

In the early evening, meet for a farewell celebratory dinner or an informal gathering before an exciting finale, *Tristan und Isolde*, the first Wagner work to appear at The Santa Fe Opera in 30 years. C: James Gaffigan, D: Zack Winokur and Lisenka Heijboer Castañón. Cast: Tamara Wilson, Jamie Barton, Simon O'Neill, Nicholas Brownlee, Eric Owens.

Saturday, August 6

Independent departures after breakfast. The hotel concierge and Act 1 Tours will assist with airport transfer reservations. For independent extensions, please contact Act 1 Tours.



St. Francis Cathedral

INCLUSIONS

- Five nights at La Fonda on the Plaza with Deluxe rooms (double) and Traditional room (single)
- A la carte daily breakfast
- Prime seating at FOUR opera performances of your choice
- Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival noon concerts (date to be confirmed)
- One lunch tour, two dinners, one reception, one coffee refreshment break
- Opera lecture morning
- New Mexico historical and cultural themed excursion
- Private Art Tour of selected Canyon Road galleries
- Private coach transfers as described
- Gratuities for drivers and guides
- Fully escorted by Act 1 Tours principal

NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfares
- Airport transfers to/from hotels (arranged on request)
- Meals and personal expenses not part of the itinerary



Above: Deluxe king room (courtesy La Fonda)

RATE

- Double occupancy in deluxe king rooms; \$5,250 per person (two beds upon request subject to availability)
- \$750 single supplement in traditional double room (queen or king bed)

OPTIONS (subject to availability)

- Extra nights includes breakfast and tax: \$410 Deluxe room, double occupancy; \$345 Traditional room, single occupancy
- Upgrade to deluxe for singles or suite for double or single occupancy: pricing upon request. Limited supply.
- Fifth opera with transfer: \$300 per person

On the reservation form, indicate which opera you do NOT wish to attend or note if you would like to include all FIVE operas. Also note if you wish to arrive a day or two early or extend at La Fonda after the tour.

PAYMENT

A deposit of \$1,750 per person is due with the completed reservation and the balance by June 1, 2022.

TRAVEL CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Act 1 Tours strongly advises the purchase of trip insurance to avoid financial loss if the need to cancel arises for insurable reasons. We recommend you contact insurance specialists AIG Travel Guard at **800-826-5248**, or your preferred provider, and an adviser will present the range of coverage options to suit your specific needs and budget. It is important to note that certain policies will waive pre-existing medical conditions if purchased within 15 days of the date of completing your trip registration.

Safety is our highest priority. During your trip you will find a number of measures in place in the hotel, at the opera and other venues to protect audiences, guests and staff. Thank you for your support in these extraordinary circumstances. Note that full vaccination against Covid 19 is required to participate in this program.

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