

# HERITAGE INSPIRATIONS

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## Overnight Backpacking in New Mexico's Enchanted Circle Tour Details

<p><b>Day One Itinerary</b></p>	<p><b>8:00 AM WELCOME:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check in with your guide Sally at Taos Mountain Outfitters.</li> <li>• Choose your backpacking meals and rent any equipment you might need in addition to your included items. Meet the store owners, Karen and Bill Gaydosh.</li> </ul> <p><b>8:30 AM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn about your new suite of backpacking equipment, how to pack it, and receive expert attention from Sally, Bill and Karen in fitting and packing your gear.</li> </ul> <p><b>9:15 AM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depart for roughly 45-minute journey to the Enchanted Circle's campground and trail, in a comfortable 15-passenger van.</li> </ul> <p><b>10:00 -10:45 AM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoy a safety briefing, Leave No Trace ethics seminar, and pre-hike stretch before beginning your hike.</li> </ul> <p><b>11:00 AM-6:00* PM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin your ascent through the lush alpine forests of the Sangre de Cristos. Enjoy the gently sloping trail alongside a burbling creek as you crisscross over its many bridges, marveling at the soaring canyon walls and verdant meadows. When you rest to catch your breath, learn about navigation, the delicate alpine montane ecosystem, regional geology, and local history with your guide Sally. Stretch your legs, hydrate, rest, snack, and</li> </ul>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <p>You will be gaining altitude for four miles today. We will also be sleeping close to 10,000 feet the first night, and peaking over 11,000 the next day. <b><i>To help prevent altitude sickness, prepare and arrive in good physical condition, avoid alcohol consumption days leading up to and until after your hike is over. Hydrate 2-3x your normal amount in weeks prior!</i></b></p> <p>Stop to snack, breathe and hydrate as much as you need since we will be travelling in high alpine conditions. Snowy and stormy conditions may affect travel.</p> <p>Personal items should compress and/or pack</p>
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	<p>marvel as needed until arrival at camp.</p> <p><b>*6:00 PM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take a breather upon arrival to camp and put your pack down. Learn about campsite features, selection, safety and care, how to hang a bear bag and set-up your tent up.</li> </ul> <p><b>7:00 PM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoy a backpacker’s meal around the campfire, fire restrictions permitting. Kick back and learn about backpacking stoves, nutrition and more while enjoying the sounds of a southern Rocky Mountain evening.</li> </ul>	<p>down to the size 2-4 1-gallon ziplock bags. Remember, it’s just one night! (See packing list below) No food or smellable items may be stored in your tent at night. All items like this will be stored in a “bear hang”.</p> <p>*arrival time to campsite dependent on group’s pace</p>
<p><b>Day Two Itinerary</b></p>	<p><b>6:00 – 7:00 AM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wake up for coffee and breakfast to energize your body before you’re a ridgeline ascent.</li> <li>• Break down camp and pack your bags.</li> <li>• Stretch and warm-up with Sally.</li> </ul> <p><b>7:00 AM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depart for ridgeline.</li> </ul> <p><b>9:00-9:30 AM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieve ridge, hopefully with soaring morning views!</li> </ul> <p><b>~10:00 AM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin descent.</li> <li>• Enjoy picnic lunch and coffee.</li> </ul> <p><b>2:30 -2:45 PM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive at trailhead, load-up gear in van and depart for Taos Mountain Outfitters.</li> <li>• Fill out departure surveys.</li> </ul> <p><b>3:00 -3:30 PM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive at Taos Mountain Outfitters</li> <li>• De-issue, gear care and maintenance discussion.</li> <li>• See you later!</li> </ul>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <p>Today will start with a short, steep ~1.5-mile hike to the ridgeline at Gavilan Pass and end on a 2.3-mile steep downhill stretch. An early start is important today to beat characteristic afternoon thunderstorms without having to rush.</p>

### **Trip Cost Details:**

- 2 guests minimum per tour.
- 8 guests maximum per tour
- \$399 + tax tour cost per person.

### **What's Included in the Tour:**

- Transportation to and from our trail terminus.
- A fully stocked suite of professional backpacking gear, including foam pads, 15-degree rated bags and adjustable osprey backpacks.
- Two dehydrated backpacking meals, breakfast and dinner and two backcountry lunches.
- Heritage Inspirations water bottle and gift pack.

### **What's Not Included in the Tour:**

- Airfare to New Mexico.
- Accommodations pre and post nights.
- Gratuity for your guides; preference to tip at camp before departure. Your guides split evenly all gratuities as a team.

### **Other Considerations:**

- High alpine conditions will exist, as well as water crossings.
- Be sure to wear sunscreen, sunglasses and a sun hat, since northern New Mexico is characteristically open and exposed in landscape at high elevation.
- Be sure to drink lots of water on your journey.
- Binoculars are also encouraged.
- Wear comfortable walking/hiking shoes to enjoy exploring the dirt hiking trails.
- Dress with warm layered breathable clothing, because New Mexico weather can change without much notice, and have a rain layer and light long sleeve layer to protect your skin during sunny days and cool nights.
- Pack your belongings in 2 or 3 1-gallon sized ziplock bags for waterproofing. This is about how much space you'll have in your bag for personal belongings.

### **Things You'll Want to Bring:**

1. 1L water bottle
2. Headlamp, binoculars.
3. Change of clothes for camp and sleeping, such as socks, underthings, pants, shirt, etc. Wear to Taos Mountain Outfitters appropriate clothing for your hike.
4. Hat, gloves, neck warmer, raincoat, pants (if wearing shorts).
5. Sunscreen, sunglasses.
6. Toothbrush, toothpaste.
7. Medications.