

2018 Southern New Mexico National Driving Tour Proposed Itinerary

Wouldn't you want to enjoy a five day Ford National Driving Tour of southern New Mexico this fall? Especially if the tour would start with a BANG and end underground? The BANG refers to the Trinity Site where, over 70 years ago, the first atomic bomb testing occurred. The Trinity Site is open to the public only two days a year, and our tour will take advantage of one of those days. The five-day tour will end at Carlsbad Caverns, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. The self-guided Caverns tour explores the fascinating underground structures along well-marked trails, and points out beautiful, eerie, and huge workings of Mother Nature. It is an experience you will remember for the rest of your life.

In between, tourers will be treated to southern New Mexico's finest historic sites and natural landscapes. These include a fine air and space museum in Alamogordo, the much storied UFO/ Alien museum in Roswell, a fantastic observatory in Sunspot, Billy The Kid historical sites, charming mountain towns, great scenery, and much more.

The tour will originate on Friday evening, October 5, 2018, in Socorro, New Mexico (about 85 miles south of Albuquerque), and wrap up with a banquet on Wednesday evening, October 10, near Carlsbad. The weather in October is generally ideal for old car touring, with an anticipated high of 78 degrees in Carlsbad and low of 36 degrees in the mountain town of Ruidoso. The food to be sampled along the route includes the best Mexican specialties on the planet. Great company, great surroundings, and great old Fords promise to make this tour highly enjoyable.

We hope you will join the Tumbleweed Regional Group # 79 in participating. For further information and details, please contact Beth Jackson, 8322 Calle Picaflor NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120-3104. Phone number 505 908-7565. Email JBjaxun@gmail.com

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Friday, October 5:

gather in the evening for welcoming and refreshments (Socorro)

Saturday, October 6:

Day One: Tour Trinity Site, return to Socorro. Approximately 50 miles plus mileage within the Site

Sunday, October 7:

Day Two: tour to Ruidoso through geological formation Valley of Fires. Approximately 108 miles

Monday, October 8:

Day Three: travel to White Sands, visit the air and space museum in Alamogordo where we will spend the night. Approximately 80 miles.

Tuesday, October 9:

Day Four: travel to Roswell for museum tours (options to include UFO museum, art museum and southwest history museum) and to spend the night. Approximately 120 miles.

Wednesday, October 10:

Day Five: travel to Carlsbad Caverns , tour caverns, and farewell banquet in the evening. Approximately 130 miles.