

How to Enroll

Please call **Road Scholar toll free at (800) 322-5315** and reference Program #11007, "New Mexico's Conversos and Crypto-Jews" from March 4-9, 2018 and say that you are a member of The Bnai Israel Congregation.

Program Price Per Person

Double occupancy price: \$1,124
Single occupancy price: \$1,314



Registration & Cancellation Information

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Cancel Schedule:

Should you need to cancel from this program, please refer to the chart below for schedule and refund information.

| Payment Schedule | |
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| Deposit Payment <i>(due upon enrollment)</i> | \$100 |
| Final payment due | Jan. 4, 2018 |
| Cancellation Policy | Fee per person |
| Cancel up to 120 days prior to program start date <i>(applies after date of enrollment)</i> | \$50 |
| Cancel 119 to 56 days prior to program start date <i>(applies after Nov. 4, 2017)</i> | \$100 |
| Cancel 55 to 14 days prior to program start date <i>(applies after Jan. 7, 2018)</i> | \$200 |
| Cancel less than 14 days prior to program start date <i>(applies after Feb. 18, 2018)</i> | 50% of order total |
| Non-attendance fee will be applied if you do not call Road Scholar Participant Services at least one business day prior to the program start date. <i>(applies after Mar. 3, 2018)</i> | 100% of order total |

* Road Scholar recommends that you purchase the optional Trip Protection Plan to protect your investment. You will receive more information about this plan when you enroll in a program.

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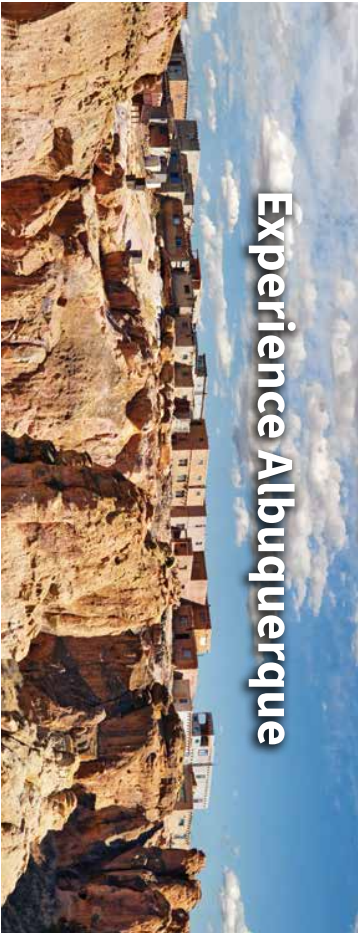
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Experience Albuquerque

Overview

In 1492, the Alhambra Decree forced Spain's Jewish citizens to make an unthinkable decision: convert to Christianity or leave the country. Over the next 500 years, the saga of the conversos and Crypto-Jews — who practiced their faith in secrecy — brought them to the New World and finally to New Mexico, where their traditions melded with those of the peoples of the Southwest. In this land of canyons and desert, trace the struggle of New Mexico's conversos and Crypto-Jews, and consider how their traditions have managed to survive against the odds.

Activity Rating:**MODERATE**

Walking a few blocks over uneven terrain; standing up to one hour, some stairs and elevations of 7,000 feet.

About Our Lodging

Best Western Plus Rio Grande Inn, 5 nights
Full service hotel located near Albuquerque's Old Town.

This 6-Day Adventure to Albuquerque Includes

- 5 nights of accommodations
- 12 meals: 5 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 4 Dinners
- 5 Expert-led lectures
- 5 Field trips
- Group travel and transfers throughout the program
- A Group Leader to accompany you throughout the program to handle all logistics
- Modest gratuities, taxes and destination fees
- The Road Scholar Assurance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies

About Road Scholar

This Jewish Studies experience is offered through **Road Scholar**, formerly known as Elderhostel, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1975. Road Scholar inspires adults to learn, discover and travel. Our learning adventures open minds to new ideas and deepen understanding of oneself and of the world's peoples, places, cultures, history and environments. A true university of the world, Road Scholar's meaningful — often transformational — educational adventures engage people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime.

Highlights

- Meet a New Mexico converso for personal insight.
- Visit Acoma Pueblo and learn about its fascinating history.
- Enjoy a field trip to Santa Fe.

Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Sunday, March 4
Program Registration, Orientation, Welcome Dinner

Day 2: Monday, March 5

History of Sephardic Judaism, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

This morning, our expert instructor will introduce us to the fascinating history of conversos and Crypto Jews in New Mexico, dating back to the time of the Spanish Inquisition. After lunch, travel to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. This beautiful, unique center preserves and perpetuates Pueblo culture through tribally curated exhibits. The museum on the lower level showcases the history, culture and arts of the Pueblo people of New Mexico in two permanent exhibitions. Following dinner, continue learning about Crypto-Jewish history with a lecture about the Columbus question.

Day 3: Tuesday, March 6

Acoma Pueblo, Meet a Converso

After breakfast, depart for Acoma Pueblo, Acoma's ties to Jewish history in New Mexico lie in the Pueblo's relationship to Jewish trader Solomon Biblo, the only non-Indian to become governor of a Native American Pueblo. Built on top of a 367-foot-high mesa to protect it from attack, the old pueblo has no electricity and no running water, but its residents vie for chances to live there for a year at a time. There are other pueblo villages at the base of the mesa, where most of the Acoma Indians dwell. Go to the top of the mesa to explore the old village, visit the old Spanish church and meet some of the inhabitants of this remarkable historic place. Following lunch at the Pueblo, return to the hotel and meet a Converso who will discuss the Converso Crypto-Jewish heritage of people in the area.

Day 4: Wednesday, March 7

Stories of Conversos and Crypto-Jews, Hispanic Cultural Center

Begin the day with an expert-led lecture expanding our knowledge of the lives of conversos and Crypto Jews. Then, travel to the National Hispanic Cultural Center, which will help to expand our understanding of the area's Hispanic history and culture. Following lunch at a popular local restaurant, enjoy a free afternoon and dinner on our own to explore the local cuisine.

Day 5: Thursday, March 8

Field Trip to Santa Fe, Farewell Dinner

This morning, depart for an all-day field trip to Santa Fe. On arrival, explore Museum Hill for visits to the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture and the Museum of International Folk Art. The Museum of Indian Arts and Culture features pottery, jewelry, sculpture, baskets, and other objects made by Native Americans from the earliest times to modern day, scrupulously documented and beautifully displayed. The Museum of International Folk Art focuses on indigenous populations from around the world through their art — from ceremonial dress and masks to furniture. The museum hosts the largest collection of international folk art in the world. After the museum visits, travel downtown to the Santa Fe Plaza to dine at one of the fine restaurants within walking distance of the Plaza. This afternoon, use the "Culture Pass" that provides admission to the state museums adjacent to the Plaza. The Palace of the Governors and New Mexico Museum of history feature historic documents and exhibits relating to the settlement of New Mexico and Santa Fe. The New Mexico Museum of Art offers changing exhibits by famous past and present artists of New Mexico and the Southwest. Other nearby museums and sites of interest include the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, dedicated to the work of this extraordinary artist, the Museum of Contemporary Native Art, the state capitol building, which houses an impressive collection featuring work by New Mexican artists, and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. Returning to the hotel, enjoy the Farewell Dinner.

Day 6: Friday, March 9

Program Concludes After Breakfast

