

# Ruidoso and Alamogordo

## “Playground of the Southwest”

**August 9 - 12, 2017**

**(4 days - 3 nights)**



### Wed, Aug 9

### Ruidoso, NM

Anticipating the mild days and cool nights of Ruidoso we board our motorcoach, meet our fellow travelers and route toward the “Land of Enchantment”. The mountain resort town of Ruidoso lies in the rugged Sierra Blanca mountain range where it merges with the Sacramento Mountains to the south. Ruidoso has been experiencing explosive growth and currently, is the 4th fastest growing city in New Mexico, after Albuquerque, Rio Rancho and Las Cruces. Upon arriving in Ruidoso, we will check in at our hotel, our home for 3 nights. This evening we will go to the nearby Flying J Ranch for a Chuckwagon Supper and Western Show. Our supper will consist of brisket, bbq chicken, beans, biscuits, dessert and tea, coffee or lemonade. For over 30 years the Wranglers have been taking audiences back to the Old West with fantastic fiddling, banjo plunking, guitar picking, world-champion yodeling and amazing harmonizing as they sing western ballads telling stories about the great American cowboys of old. Having been in operation since 1982, the Flying J is known for great food and excellent family entertainment.

### Thu, Aug 10

### Ruidoso, NM

After enjoying a good night’s rest, we board our motorcoach and route to Alamogordo where we stop at the Eagle Ranch Pistachio Farm. Our tour will take us to the trees so we may learn about the Pistachios and how they are grown and harvested. Inside we will see the machinery needed to get them ready for packaging, Eagle Ranch Pistachio Farm has been in business since 1974 and opened Heart of the Desert Vineyards in 2002. We will have the opportunity to sample and shop in their retail store. Next we will visit the New Mexico Museum of Space and History which contains exhibitions ranging from Robert Goddard’s early rocket experiments near Roswell to a mock-up of the International Space Station. Returning to Ruidoso, we have leisure time in downtown for browsing in some of the unique shops where arts and crafts abound.

### Fri, Aug 11

### Ruidoso, NM

Today we are ready for a full day of excitement starting with a visit to the Spencer Theatre. Opened in 1997, the theatre houses the largest private collection in the Southwest of Dale Chihuly, Seattle based artist. Chihuly’s variegated glass sculptures, blazing with color and squirming with life, are considered the foremost glass art in the world. His amazing hand-blown creations are the only fine art to adorn the monumental Spencer Theater and his Glowing Sunset Tower is a 14-foot glass tower of squiggling bows of red and orange. The 564-piece sculpture dominates the theater’s Crystal Lobby. Opened in 1992, the Hubbard Museum of the American West contains rare carriages and wagons, firearms, farm implements and fine art by Remington and Russell. A lunch buffet awaits us in the Turf Club at the Ruidoso Downs before the horse racing begins. Ruidoso

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Downs hosts both Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing, notably the All American Futurity, the richest race in Quarter Horse racing. It also hosts the Grade 1 All American Derby in early September, which carries a purse of \$1,900,000 and was won in 2014 by the New Mexico-bred gelding, Too Flash For You. This evening you will have free time for dinner on your own and perhaps try your luck at Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino. The premier resort and casino is located near Ruidoso, in Mescalero, and is owned by the Mescalero Apache Tribe.



### **Sat, Aug 12**

### **Return Home**

The time has come to load our bags, board the motorcoach and re-route toward Texas. Sit back, enjoy the ride and reminisce with travelers about the variety of attractions included in our tour to the beautiful resort town of Ruidoso and its surrounding area.

**Thank you for traveling with  
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### **Highlights Include:**

- 3 nights in Ruidoso, NM
- Ruidoso Downs Horse Racing
- Buffet Lunch in Turf Club
- Hubbard Museum of American West
- Flying J Chuckwagon Supper and Show
- Eagle Ranch Pistachio Farm Tour
- Heart of the Desert Vineyards
- New Mexico Museum of Space and History
- Shopping time in Ruidoso
- Spencer Theatre of Performing Arts
- Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino

### **Price Includes:**

- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation from: **Abilene Big Spring, San Angelo and Midland**
- 3 nights accommodations in Ruidoso
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Admissions to included attractions
- Meals: 3 continental breakfasts, 3 lunches or dinners
- Gratuity for motorcoach driver
- Services of a professional tour escort

### **Cost:**

**\$699 per person (2 people per room)**

**\$885 per person (1 person per room)**

**\$25 deposit due upon booking**

**Final payment due June 26, 2017**

Travel Protection Insurance is optional and available at a cost of \$99 per person. A complete outline of coverage is available upon request. All insurance payments must be received with or before final payment of tour. We strongly urge you to purchase this insurance to protect yourself in the event of a **medically related cancellation. All cancellations must be reported to Bilbrey Tours, Inc. within 72 hours of the problem causing the need to cancel. All claims must be completed by attending physician.**

Luggage tags and a detailed itinerary will be provided 2 weeks prior to tour.

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