



ITINERARY

NEW MEXICO AND COLORADO RANCHES BY AMERICAN MUSCLE CAR

Get behind the wheel of an American muscle car and start exploring the Southwest's great open spaces. Ride between unique, boutique ranches which offer both rugged outdoor adventure and luxurious accommodations. Unexpectedly, in addition to the cowboys, bison, horse-riding and native American culture, you will also find award-winning cuisine, a vibrant art scene and local movements on the cutting edge.

If you are interested in this itinerary, please contact Sara Thomas at 2L TRAVEL at sara.thomas@2ltravel.com for more information.

ROUTE AND STOPS

11 Days & 10 Nights

- Truth or Consequences
- Santa Fe
- Taos
- Great Sand Dunes National Park
- Colorado Springs

TRAVEL STYLES

- Romance

PASSIONS

- Food + Drink
- Nature
- People + Culture
- The Arts

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Sierra Grande Lodge & Spa
- Four Seasons Resort Rancho Encantado Santa Fe
- Zapata Ranch
- The Broadmoor Cloud Camp



SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1: EL PASO ARRIVAL AND OVER TO TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

Fly into El Paso, Texas. Upon arrival, pick up your car and make your way over to New Mexico in the natural springs town of Truth or Consequences.

Overnight at Sierra Grande Lodge & Spa

DAY 2: THE GILA MOUNTAINS

On your first day in New Mexico, you can choose from any of the following amazing experience on the ranch:

- **Hiking:** Unique desert environment provides excellent hiking trails across canyons and streams. The hikes vary in difficulty based on ability.
- **Biking:** Bike along ridge crests and streams on our state-of-the-art, full suspension Santa Cruz Tall Boy mountain bikes. Various levels of difficulty depending on track.
- **Sunrise Wildlife Tour:** Early risers have an excellent chance to spot bison, elk, javelinas, deer and more of Ladder's diverse wildlife, with prime photographic moments along the way.
- **Sunset Wildlife Tour:** Seize the "magic hour" when the New Mexico sun sets and encounter bison, elk, deer and more while experiencing the beauty of the Ranch.
- **Ladder Ranch Heritage Tour:** Learn about the rich history and ancient cultures of the Ranch while experiencing spectacular scenic vistas and wildlife from open-air vehicles.
- **Birding:** Ladder Ranch is one of the finest birdwatching sanctuaries in North America, rich in native wildlife and biodiversity. Your expert birding guides are excited to show you their favorite spots!

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DAY 3: SANTA FE

Arrive in the unique town of Santa Fe. Check into your hotel and relax.

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Tonight, travel back in time with a special lesson on Native American Cooking! Learn about the historical importance of preparing and serving food with your expert chef, who will also show you the various ingredients gathered from neighboring Native American communities, and how to use them in modern-day cuisine. This experience is very unique in that you will be using ancient techniques with ancestral ingredients, all with a contemporary flair to create delicious food art at its finest. Aside from cooking, you will also learn how foods are gathered, grown and harvested. Understand the way in which Native American ingredients have spread all over the world and are now woven into different food cultures all over the globe. Following your private cooking lesson, enjoy a fine dining experience.

Overnight at Four Seasons Resort Rancho Encantado Santa Fe

DAY 4: TAOS

Today, your expert guide will introduce you to the history and accomplishments of the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico. Learn about the Pueblo people, their history and culture, and find out how the beautiful lands of New Mexico influenced their incredible art, culture, and architecture.

Start in San Ildefonso Pueblo, known for talented potters and working artists. Stops at the Cultural Center and artist studios will offer a glimpse into the complex history and present-day culture of the Pueblo people. Next, head to Carson National Forest, home to the highest peak in New Mexico. Enjoy an incredible scenic drive, passing Rio Grande Gorge and Taos Junction Bridge en route to Taos, World Heritage site and a National Historic Landmark. On the journey back to Santa Fe, we will take a scenic, backcountry route through diverse ecosystems and small villages where the life of the early Spanish settlers can still be seen today.

Overnight at Four Seasons Resort Rancho Encantado Santa Fe

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In the late afternoon, arrive into Colorado at your working Bison ranch in time for dinner.

Overnight at Zapata Ranch

DAYS 6-8: ZAPATA RANCH

Your next three days will be spent at Zapata Ranch, a working ranch near Great Sand Dunes National Park in Colorado. The ranch offers an extensive program for guests to experience life on a working cattle ranch while enjoying high-end amenities and gourmet food. Guests are hosted in one of the comfortable lodge rooms at the historic Zapata ranch headquarters. Wake up to a hot breakfast served in the rustic dining room before heading out for a morning horseback ride.

Horseback activities can include working and moving cattle, exploring the surrounding San Luis Valley, venturing into the adjacent Great Sand Dunes National Park, or participating in a specially-organized overnight pack trip into the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. "On-the-ground" activities include interpretive nature hikes, fly-fishing local streams, birding, wildlife watching, geology tours, and more.

Guests who desire a true working ranch experience are welcome to work alongside wranglers and ranch staff on various ranch projects. Or for those seeking maximum relaxation, massages and yoga sessions are available throughout their stay. Along the way, guests learn about how the ranches operate, land and cattle management philosophy, and the natural surroundings that make this valley so spectacular. And each night, the day's activities are topped off by a gourmet dinner in back in the cozy dining room.

Overnight at Zapata Ranch

DAYS 9-10: COLORADO SPRINGS

Drive north to Colorado Springs and head up to the summit of Cheyenne Mountain, almost 3 kilometers in elevation, where you will be staying in a luxury cabin ranch with astounding views.

Spend the next day exploring the Pike National Forest on numerous hiking trails or with guided nature walks.

Overnight at The Broadmoor Cloud Camp

DAY 11: DEPARTURE

In the morning, make your way to Denver International Airport in time for your flight home.

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ACCOMMODATIONS



SIERRA GRANDE LODGE & SPA

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO, UNITED STATES

Capturing the rustic beauty of the southwest, this wilderness resort offers a rich history and home base for one-of-a-kind adventure.



FOUR SEASONS RESORT RANCHO ENCANTADO SANTA FE

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, UNITED STATES

Located on the Sangre de Cristo foothills, the Four Seasons Resort Rancho Encantado Santa Fe offers a luxurious retreat, just 10 minutes from downtown Santa Fe.



ZAPATA RANCH

GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK, COLORADO, UNITED STATES

A 103,000-acre bison and guest ranch located on the eastern wall of the San Luis Valley, bordering the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve- the newest National Park in the United States.

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THE BROADMOOR CLOUD CAMP

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, UNITED STATES

Perched 3,000 feet above The Broadmoor, Cloud Camp® pairs unobstructed 360 degree views with five-star service and amenities.

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