Santa Fe Opera Visit: July 31 to August 6, 2023

Monday, July 31
Travel Day. Arrive by 5 p.m. Check in at the Hilton Santa Fe Historical Plaza Hotel, 100 San Sandoval Street. The Hilton provides a free shuttle from the Santa Fe Airport to the hotel with an advance reservation.
***Those arriving at Albuquerque airport are on your own for transportation. See note below.
6 p.m. The Santa Fe trip starts with a Welcome Dinner at Sazón. Award-winning Chef Fernando Olea presents seasonally fresh interpretations of Mexico's contemporary and traditional Mexican food, surrounded by the work of some of Mexico's finest artists. Sazón. 221 Shelby Street, a 7-minute walk from the Hilton. Taxi or ride sharing services available. You will receive your opera tickets tonight. Return to hotel on your own.

Tuesday, August 1
A free day to explore Santa Fe's many art galleries, small museums, shopping or just walk around. A provided curated list of art galleries in the historic plaza area, Canyon Road, and Railyard Arts District can be used as starting points for your own exploration.
Dinner on your own.
6:30 p.m. Motorcoach departs for Santa Fe Opera.
Final Motorcoach returns to hotel.

Wednesday, August 2
Journey to Georgia O'Keefe's Ghost Ranch for a guided Landscape Tour by bus into the hills and cliff which inspired the artist. Lunch provided at Café Abiquiu & La Terraza before returning to Santa Fe and the evening's performance of Orfeo. Dinner on your own.
6:30 p.m. Motorcoach departs for Santa Fe Opera.
Don't Look Back! Legendary lovers, Orfeo and Euridice, face death and separation. They undertake a perilous journey from the underworld back to the world of the living. One rule must be followed: Orfeo cannot look at Euridice. His conviction falters, he turns ...
Final Motorcoach returns to hotel.

Thursday, August 3
Continue to explore Santa Fe during the day before departing for the pre-opera lecture on the evening's performance of Pelleas et Mélisande. Possible tour of an art venue. Dinner on your own.
5:15 p.m. Motorcoach departs for Santa Fe Opera.
6 p.m. Talk about the opera.
Forbidden love leads to desire. Golaud, grandson of King Arkel, falls in love and marries the mysterious Mélisande. His half-brother Pelléas falls for Mélisande as well. It's a love triangle of royal proportions.
Final Motorcoach returns to hotel.
Friday, August 4

Begin with a docent-led tour at the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture, continue at your own pace to explore Santa Fe’s Museum Hill, including the Wheelwright Museum of American Indian, the Museum of International Folk Art and the Museum of Spanish Colonial Art. Lunch provided at the Museum Hill Café. Dinner on your own.

6:30 p.m.  Motorcoach departs for Santa Fe Opera.
8 p.m.  

Will she become part of his world? Rusalka, a young water nymph, falls in love with a prince. The witch gives her a potion that will render her human but take away her voice. Rusalka risks everything for love and ends up paying dearly.

Final  Motorcoach returns to hotel.

Saturday, August 5

Late morning departure for a unique experience at The Feasting Place where we will have a hands-on cooking experience and lunch featuring Pueblo foods and engage with hosts Norma and Hutch Naranjo in discussions of Pueblo cuisine and cultural traditions. (Trip is optional at an additional charge). Dinner on your own.

6:30 p.m.  Motorcoach departs for Santa Fe Opera.
8 p.m.  
**Flying Dutchman.** Richard Wagner Nicholas Brownlee-Dutchman, Elza van den Heever-Senta. Conductor Thomas Guggeis.

Condemned and sailing the stormy seas. Every seven years, a cursed and ghostly sea captain gets a chance at redemption. He needs a bride to break the curse. Can he find a woman pure of heart, or will he roam the seas eternally?

Final  Motorcoach returns to hotel.

Sunday, August 6

Happy and safe travel for those departing and good travels for those remaining in the area.

*The Hilton provides a free shuttle to the Santa Fe airport and requires an advance reservation.

*** American Airlines has 3 flights from DCA, changing in Dallas, for Santa Fe Regional Airport (SAF). United has 3 flights from IAD and one from DCA, changing in Denver, for Santa Fe Regional Airport (SAF).

The Santa Fe area is served by the Albuquerque Airport and Delta and Southwest only fly into Albuquerque. The most reliable transportation from the airport to Santa Fe is offered by Groome Transportation at 505-474-5696 or its website at www.groometransportation.com. You are on your own for transportation to and from the Albuquerque Airport.

*Please read the airline schedules very carefully and allow from 1 ½ to 3 hours change time at Dalles and Denver. The first flights offered allow only 30 to 50 minutes (a legal change time but not possible) between flights which does not allow for late flights, weather or terminal change time.

*Thank you for your support of the Guild for Washington Concert Opera and the Washington Concert Opera. We hope to see at future GWCO and WCO events.

Peggy Jones  Clemmer Montague, Leon and Miriam Ellsworth
GWCO President  Travel Coordinators
APPLICATION FOR THE GWCO TRIP TO SANTA FE OPERA JULY 31-AUGUST 6, 2023

______ Yes, I am a Guild for Washington Concert Opera member. ($50 fee for nonmembers)
______ My seat preferences are: Orchester Center $ ___ ___. Level 4 center $ ___ ______.
Food allergies or religious restrictions _____________________________________________.
______ I will need a hotel room from Dates in, Dates out). Example: in 31 July, out 6 August
_____________________________________________. (Nights prior to and after these dates at the same rate are possible based on availability.) $309 per night per room plus 17% taxes
Room Size: King bed ____ (shower). Double room with two beds _______ (bath/shower only)
I am sharing a room with _____________________________________________________.

Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza
100 Sandoval Street
Santa Fe NM 87501

Name(s) ______________________________________________________________

Smart phone number: _____________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

One may confirm by email or text and follow up with a check for $200 per person, written to GWCO, mailed to:

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To adjust to the two-hour time change, we suggest that one arrive on Monday, July 31, a day before the first opera on Tuesday, August 1. The last opera is on Saturday, August 5. Travel day is Sunday, August 6.

The hotel is in the downtown area with easy access to restaurants and shops. Extra activities are in the planning stages, and we are considering physical and medical limitations of guests. Final costs will be determined for food, transportation, sightseeing tickets and other expenses. Motor coach transportation is available to all the opera performances and activities.

For questions or concerns, please contact Travel Coordinator Clemmer Montague, by text at 240-472-9853 or email to montaquelemmer@gmail.com.