

# Community Service Trips to Taos, New Mexico



**Summer 2024: June 9-14 and 16-21**

EXPERIENCING NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE AT THE TAOS PUEBLO



# Taos, New Mexico

## The Land of Enchantment

### The Taos, New Mexico Trip

Taos, New Mexico is a tremendous place to learn about traditional Native American culture, particularly because it is home to the Taos Pueblo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the oldest continuously inhabited communities in North America. Taos is also a scenic conglomeration of mountain ranges, gorges, rivers, open spaces and rock formations that have lured artists to this region for over a century. More recently, Taos is viewed as one of the most desirous recreational regions in the Southwest. Due to the high desert elevation, this region also enjoys mild temperatures year round.

The Taos, New Mexico trip is designed as a six-day experience to immerse students into Native American culture through direct community service at the Taos Pueblo. Throughout the week we also actively engage in cultural awareness experiences while we enjoy the many outdoor adventures available in the scenic Taos region. With the help of several Taos Pueblo community leaders, each trip is organized and led by Crossroads Student Travel Director Stuart Morris. Stuart has been leading trips to Taos since 2000.

#### Partnering with Educators and Schools

Our program partners with educators who are interested in providing a dynamic experience for their students to learn about Native American culture while committing to meet the physical and educational needs of the Taos Pueblo community. The community service projects consist of working at a Pueblo organic farm and engaging in a variety of community restoration projects at the Taos Pueblo. Projects each year are based on the biggest needs identified in the community. To help students understand traditional Pueblo culture, we also participate in cultural awareness activities, including a private tour of the Taos Pueblo, participating in traditional drumming and dancing, bread making, storytelling, folklore traditions, and enjoying Pueblo musical performances. Lastly, we explore the scenic Taos region through a variety of outdoor activities.

Each trip is designed for 15-18 students and two teacher chaperones who receive a free trip with a travel stipend. Crossroads Director Stuart Morris works directly with each community service coordinator to design a trip that best meets the specific goals and objectives of each school's community service program.

#### Cost Per Student: \$1,800

*Includes lodging, ground transportation, all meals and activities. Does not include airfare.*

#### Deadline to apply:

February 16, 2024

Student travel excursions that highlight  
community service, culture awareness, and outdoor adventure



## *Celebrating over 20 years of service to the Taos Pueblo community*

### **General Itinerary**

#### **Sunday/Day 1**

- Early morning departure from your local airport
- Afternoon arrive at Albuquerque airport
- Visit a prehistoric Pueblo site
- Evening get settled into private lodge
- Evening reflections and guidelines for the trip

#### **Monday/Day 2**

- Morning community service project at the Taos Pueblo
- Afternoon short hike overlooking the Rio Grande Gorge
- Dinner and traditional Pueblo bread making demonstration

#### **Tuesday/Day 3**

- Morning community service project at the Taos Pueblo
- Afternoon private tour of the Taos Pueblo
- Traditional Pueblo drumming and dance performance

#### **Wednesday/Day 4**

- Morning community service project at the Taos Pueblo
- Afternoon swimming at the Rio Grande
- Private Pueblo concert from 2-time Grammy award winner, Robert Mirabal

#### **Thursday/Day 5**

- Morning community service project at the Taos Pueblo
- Afternoon visit to downtown Taos
- Pueblo soap making demonstration
- Evening final reflections

#### **Friday/Day 6**

- Morning pack and prepare for departure
- Afternoon visit to downtown Santa Fe plaza
- Evening departure from Albuquerque Airport



### ***How To Get Involved***

To get your students involved in one of our summer trips, contact Crossroads Director Stuart Morris by November 15 at [stuart@crossroadstravel.org](mailto:stuart@crossroadstravel.org) or 650-208-3120. Stuart is available to discuss with you how to design a private program specific to the needs of your school, while we also work together to effectively meet the needs of the Taos Pueblo community.

**Crossroads Student Travel** is a nonprofit organization founded by Stuart Morris, an American history teacher who has been teaching in the San Francisco Bay Area for over 25 years. Mr. Morris has led annual student trips to Taos, New Mexico since 2000. Each Crossroads Student Travel trip is designed to provide educational travel excursions for high school students that highlight:



**Community Service**

Impacting the world one community at a time



**Cultural Awareness**

Experiencing the living traditions of developing cultures



**Outdoor Adventure**

Exploring the natural wonders of the world

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