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Northwest Chihuahua, Mexico—October 29-31, November 12-14, and December 16-18, 2019; January 14-16, February 13-15, March 09-11, April 8-10, 2020

This 3-day trip includes the pottery village of Mata Ortiz, the Mormon settlements of Colonia Juarez and Colonia Dublan, and Paquimé—the most important archaeological site in northwest Mexico and the American Southwest. This non-tourist part of Mexico offers a rich cultural mix of Mexicans, Mormons, and Mennonites and the spectacular landscape of the Chihuahuan Desert. Meals are not included. Group size 8-10

Trip Cost: \$500 double occupancy; \$575 single occupancy. Group size: 8 to 10.

The Natural and Cultural History of the Navajo-Hopi-Ute-Zuni-Apache Region—May 24-30, 2020

This 7-day trip offers a comprehensive examination of the prehistoric Anasazi culture and the modern Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, and Apache cultures of northeastern Arizona, northwestern New Mexico, and southwestern Colorado. The geology and native plants and other aspects of this region's natural history are also presented during frequent stops. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase high quality arts and crafts directly from the artists who made them at very reasonable prices. All lodging is the best that each destination has to offer.

Trip cost: \$1150 double occupancy; \$ 1400 single occupancy; includes all hotels, transportation, and entrance fees; except for some motel breakfasts, meals are not included. Trip size: 8-10 people.

Southern Sonora, Mexico, February 03-06, 2020

This trip includes two nights in the beautiful Guaymas-San Carlos area on the Sea of Cortez and two nights in the Spanish colonial gem of Alamos on this 5-day excursion. Alamo's charming atmosphere has long attracted wealthy Americans and Mexicans who have restored many of the town's impressive mansions. Our stay in Alamos will be at the 4-star Hacienda de los Santos, one of Mexico's finest hotels and spa. Many consider Alamos to be the most attractive town in Mexico. Breakfasts included.

Trip Cost: \$1200 double occupancy; \$1590 single occupancy; includes all hotels, transportation, admission fees, and tips. Group size: 10.

The Verdant Rio Sonora Valley of Eastern Sonora. February 25-27, 2020

The tranquil valley of the Rio Sonora, a ribbon of green through the grasslands and foothills thorn scrub of eastern Sonora, reveals little of its economic and political importance during the Spanish colonial period. We will visit Arizpe, once the administrative, commercial, and military center for a huge region that is now the American Southwest and northern Mexico. It is known today as the burial place of frontier soldier and statesman Juan Bautista de Anza, who led an expedition that founded the city of San Francisco, California. This 3-day trip also includes a visit to the hot springs at Aconchi and a two-night stay at the beautiful Hotel Los Arcos de Sonora in Banámichi. The focus of this excursion is the geology, vegetation, human history, and farming and ranching economy of this unspoiled valley steeped in the charm of Old Sonora. Plants not found in Arizona, such as the Mexican Tree Ocotillo (*Fouquieria macdougalii*), are an added attraction.

Trip Cost: \$535 double occupancy; \$585 single occupancy; includes hotels, transportation, and tips.

The Best of Peru---May 03-17, 2020

This 15-day excursion focuses on the Spanish colonial gems of Lima and Arequipa and the centers of the Inca Empire: the Sacred Valley, Cuzco, Pisac, Ollantaytambo, and magical Machu Picchu. The Sacred Valley of the Urubamba River is also a center of fine textiles and arts and crafts markets. Cuzco is the greatest archaeological treasure of South America, containing monumental Inca structures such as the fortress of Sacsaywamán, as well as the continent's finest examples of Spanish colonial religious and civil architecture and art. The rich and vibrant Native American culture is a prime reason to visit Peru. Arequipa, called "the white city" because many buildings are made from white volcanic rock, is home to some of the most beautiful Spanish colonial architecture in Peru, including the Cathedral, the Monastery of Santa Catalina, the Iglesia de la Compañia, and many mansions such as the Casa Ricketts. Three towering volcanoes provide a dramatic backdrop to this marvelous city.

Trip Cost: \$3400 double occupancy; \$4120 single occupancy (includes all transportation, tours, hotels, entrance fees, some meals, and tips).