

# Escape to the Sierra Blanca Mountains Featuring Ruidoso & Alamogordo, NM

**August 7 - 10, 2019**  
**(4 days - 3 nights)**



## Wed, Aug 7

## 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 to the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino. The premier resort and casino is located near Ruidoso, in Mescalero, and is owned by the Mescalero Apache Tribe. This will be our home for 3 nights. This evening we will go to the nearby Flying J Ranch for a Chuckwagon Supper and Western Show. 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 8

## Ruidoso, NM

After enjoying a good night’s rest, we board our motor coach and route through picturesque Cloudcroft to Alamogordo where we stop at the Eagle Ranch Pistachio Farm. We will view the Pistachio trees and learn about 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 discover the cradle of America’s Space Program at the New Mexico Museum of

## **Highlights Include:**

- 3 nights at Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino
- Ruidoso Downs Horse Racing
- Buffet Lunch in Turf Club
- Spencer Theater Tour
- Flying J Chuckwagon Supper and Show
- Eagle Ranch Pistachio Farm Tour
- New Mexico Museum of Space History
- White Sands National Monument
- Shopping time in Ruidoso

Space History in Alamogordo, NM. We will then visit one of the world’s great natural wonders-the glistening White Sands National Monument. Great wave-like dunes of gypsum sand have engulfed

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275 miles of desert. At dusk the sands are truly magical with a crisp, cool breeze amid the backdrop of the renowned beauty of the southwestern sunsets. Returning to Ruidoso, we have the evening on your own at the resort.

**Fri, Aug 9**

**Ruidoso, NM**

Today we are ready for a full day of excitement starting with a visit to the Spencer Theater for Performing Arts before we test our lucky streak at Ruidoso Downs. A lunch buffet awaits us in the Turf Club at the Ruidoso Downs before the horse racing begins. Ruidoso 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 to explore the many activities available at the Inn of the Mountain Gods and have dinner on your own.



**Sat, Aug 10**

**Return Home**

The time has come to load our bags, board the motor coach 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 Sierra Blanca Mountains and the surrounding areas.

**Thank you for traveling with  
Bilbrey Tours!**



**Price Includes:**

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

**Cost:**

**\$719 per person (2 people per room)**

**\$945 per person (1 person per room)**

**\$25 deposit due upon booking**

**Final payment due June 12, 2019**

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.**

Tour Activity Level: EASY 1 2 3 4 ACTIVE

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

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