

USS Westchester County Reunion Tour

Viva la Fiesta! - Santa Fe!

Friday, September 6, 2013

9AM – 5PM

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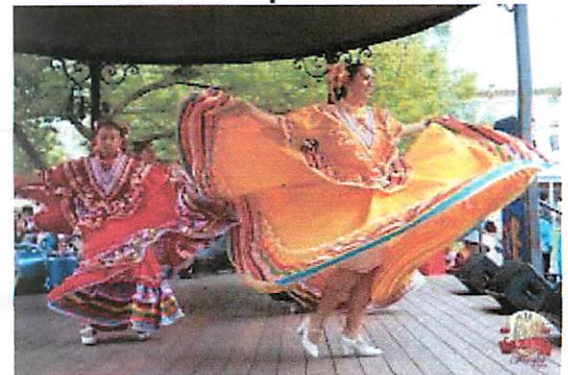
The cry of "Viva la Fiesta" has been reverberating through the streets of Old Santa Fe every autumn for 301 years. The sound generates a curious blend of thanksgiving, revelry and pride in the hearts of Santa Feans who celebrate the original Fiesta Proclamation issued by the Santa Fe City Council on September 16, 1712. The Fiesta annually commemorates Don Diego De Vargas' peaceful reoccupation of the City of Holy Faith in 1692 and the 29-inch wood carved Marian statue, La Conquistadora, that was originally brought to Santa Fe in 1625.



The one hour narrated ride to Santa Fe will conclude at the Capital Building where we will de-board the coach and take a (restroom break) and a stroll down the Old Santa Fe Trail. We will see **Loretto Chapel Museum** on the tour (famous for its "miraculous staircase" said to have been built by St. Joseph himself).

Your free time will begin immediately

upon entering the Plaza area. There will be many street food vendors and arts & crafts booths set up around the Plaza. Santa Fe's dozens of other restaurants and shops and museums will also be open. It is guaranteed that there will be no shortage of things to see, do and eat. The bandstand features non-stop entertainment.



COMFORT TIP: If you can not stand for long, this event is best enjoyed if you bring along a walker/seat or a cane/seat combo device. This event is attended by massive numbers of partiers and there is limited seating space. A wide brimmed hat or umbrella for shade is handy too!

After almost 3 hours of free time we'll board the coach at 3:30 to enjoy a siesta on our way back to Albuquerque.

Includes: Transportation, tour guide, Santa Fe Plaza map, admission Loretto Chapel Museum, bottled water, gratuities and tax. Minimum 40.