



ITINERARY

Day 1 Friday, December 12

Meet at the museum at 9:30 am to load into vans. An hour and a half later, we land at the Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge where we will learn about the history of the refuge and the endangered Masked Bobwhite breeding program, look for pronghorn, and bird at some of the water holes and over the grasslands. At the end of the day, we settle in at Rancho de la Osa where we will spend two nights. Following dinner, we enjoy a Cowboy Poetry reading. (D)

Day 2 Saturday, December 13

Saturday morning we hang out at the ranch partaking in activities of your choice. There are paths for walking and exploring the surroundings, as well as optional activities such as horseback riding, hikes, UTV tours to a ghost town and archery. The optional activities are limited to several people at a time, are always guided, and are offered at an additional charge (\$50/hr/person). After lunch, we visit the General Store in the border town of Sasabe, maybe hitting happy hour! We will get back to our ranch in time for a late afternoon walk or relaxation before our next wonderful meal. Following dinner, we are treated to a talk on the many roles that the ranch has played in Mexican-American border history. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Sunday, December 14

Sunday morning we head to the ruins of the Wilber Ranch to learn about the Spanish Barb horse lineage, a once very common animal. This location along the Aricava Creek is also a good birding spot. Those that feel up to it can hike to an old mining camp and poke around. The rest of the group can go to the town of Arivaca for lunch and continue birding along the Arivaca Creek. We will also have a talk on the geology of the area at some point in the tour, whenever it best fits. At the end of the day, we return to the Desert Museum. (B, L)

YOUR LEADER(S)

Sonya Norman has been with the Museum for 38 years. Originally, in the Geology Department, then developing children's programs and conducting teacher training in the Education Department, she is now the Public Programs Coordinator. She has a B.S. in Geosciences from the University of Arizona, is a native of Tucson, loves the outdoors and promoting sustainability initiatives in her neighborhood, and is very involved in the local effort to control invasive buffelgrass.

INCLUDED SERVICES

Transportation by vans, two nights' accommodations at Rancho de la Osa, and 6 wonderful meals as denoted by B, L or D. No alcohol is included with meals, but there is a bar.

MEETING PLACE

We will meet and leave cars at the Museum.

ROOMING

The listed trip price is for double occupancy. If you are not paying the single supplement and have no roommate, we will attempt to find you a match. However if one cannot be found, then you may have to pay the single supplement, which is an additional \$330.

CANCELLATION

All cancellations must be in writing or email. Our policy is as follows:

Cancellations made 45 days prior to departure will result in refunded payments, less a \$100 per person handling fee. Cancellations made 44-31 days prior to departure will result in a 50% refund of payment. Cancellations made 30 days or less prior to departure are non-refundable.

TOUR ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

We reserve the right to change tour components, substitute hotels or alter the itinerary, and to make any other changes deemed necessary to carry out and maintain the quality and safety of the tour in good faith to the participants. In the case of civil unrest, acts of God, situations known as *force majeure*, we may cancel or postpone a trip.

QUESTIONS

Please contact Sonya Norman, Public Programs Coordinator, at 520-883-3030 or at snorman@desertmuseum.org to discuss anything related to the itinerary. [For questions about payment, please contact the Reservations Coordinator, at 520-883-3025 or at \[education@desertmuseum.org\]\(mailto:education@desertmuseum.org\).](#)