



Welcome to the *Wander* of it all!

We are delighted to welcome you soon to your gathering at Ghost Ranch! An overnight stay at the ranch offers not only rest and renewal, but the chance to connect more deeply with the land, the sky, and the spirit of this extraordinary place. As you prepare for your visit, we encourage you to review the information below to help ensure that your time here is comfortable and memorable.

To Know Before

- Ghost Ranch is at an elevation exceeding 6,000 feet. Guests should pack accordingly—in warmer months, we recommend bringing lightweight and light colored clothing with sleeves, hats, and sunglasses for sun protection, and a light jacket or sweatshirt as mornings and evenings can be cool even in the summer. In the winter, plan to bring heavier outerwear and other cold-weather accessories (and year-round, remember to drink plenty of water and be conscious of caffeine consumption to minimize any discomfort as you acclimate!)
- Bring lip balm and sunscreen.
- Bring closed-toed, hard-soled shoes that are comfortable for walking. We suggest sturdy water shoes if you plan to participate in waterfront activities.
- We do not have in-room refrigeration, and refrigerated storage available to guests is extremely limited. You may bring a cooler, and ice is available at locations around the property.
- Remember your prescription medications and other medical necessities like EpiPens if you use them. The nearest pharmacy is more than 30 minutes away, and the Trading Post sells only basic sundries. We do not have medical professionals onsite regularly.
- Our campgrounds and Ranch Quarters lodging have shared bathhouse facilities. All other accommodation types have en suite bathrooms. We provide bath linens and soap to all lodging guests (campground and RV guests by request), but do not provide other bath amenities such as shampoo or lotions. Hair and body care products and other personal effects may be purchased at the Trading Post or from Guest Services.
- We strongly discourage bringing along valuable items, as we do not have safes or other places for secure storage.
- We aren't entirely off the grid, but many parts of the ranch have no wifi access and you may not have reliable cellular service in guest rooms or on the trails. Free public wifi is available at the headquarters, Dining Hall, and in the library.
- Embrace your disconnection: without televisions in guest rooms or in-room wifi, you may want to bring along books, games, art supplies, binoculars, or other analog activities.

Albuquerque International Sunport and Santa Fe Regional Airport are the closest airports serving our area. If you are traveling to New Mexico by air, we recommend renting a car unless your group has other transportation arrangements. There is no bus or shuttle service directly to Ghost Ranch and we do not offer courtesy pickups at this time. While the roads on our property don't require high clearance or four wheel drive vehicles, they are unpaved and may be bumpy in certain areas. We suggest checking for road closures along Highway 84 in the winter or during inclement weather.

While at the Ranch

Unless your group leader has made other arrangements for dining, meals are served buffet-style at the following times in our Dining Hall:

- Breakfast, 7:30—8:30 AM
- Lunch, 12—1 PM
- Dinner, 5:30—6:30 PM

The Dining Hall regularly serves a large number of guests and is not able to specially prepare meals for individuals, nor can we control allergen cross-contamination in the kitchen. That said, we do our best to accommodate dietary needs, especially serious allergies, and we prepare options during each meal period that address common dietary preferences and restrictions. If you would like to share food allergy concerns with our culinary staff, please communicate them to your group's leader, or contact us directly at reservations@ghostranch.org.

If your planned arrival time at the ranch is after dinner service, you may consider having dinner or picking up food prior to checking in. [You can find information on area restaurants and other attractions here.](#)

Alcohol is not sold or served on the ranch outside of private events, but guests are welcome to bring their own. Please note that we do not have wine glasses, corkscrews, or barware. Snacks, salads, sandwiches, espresso drinks, canned beverages, and more are available at the Ghost Ranch Cafe and at the Trading Post.

Overnight guests have complimentary access to a number of the ranch's amenities and activities. We have a range of ticketed tours (guided by bus, on foot, or on horseback) and outdoor experiences, [which you can explore here.](#) We encourage you to check their availability and book in advance, as certain activities have limited capacity and fill quickly. We also offer [wellness services such as massage, reiki, and sound baths](#) by appointment, subject to availability.

The *Georgia O'Keeffe Landscape Tour*, *Light Walk In O'Keeffe's Footsteps*, and *Walk In O'Keeffe's Footsteps* tours are a narrated journey into the red hills and colorful cliffs that Georgia O'Keeffe painted while living here at Ghost Ranch. The guide will show you reproductions of paintings close to the actual painting sites, and you will drive or walk by her Ghost Ranch house. The ranch house is not open to the public, and is owned by the Georgia O'Keeffe Foundation. Tours of the artist's home and studio and Abiquiu may be booked via the [Georgia O'Keeffe Museum](#).

Arrival and Ranch Policies

- Check in starts at 3 PM, and check out is by 10 AM. Our guest services associates will assist you with check in at the Ranch Headquarters. If you are not able to check in during these hours, we will leave an after-hours check in folder for you at the headquarters entrance.
- Many of our guests cherish the ranch's peace and tranquility. Quiet hours begin at 10 PM nightly and are enforced, unless your group has made arrangements to extend hours for an event or celebration.
- While well-behaved, leashed dogs are allowed in our outdoor areas and on the trails, we are not able to allow dogs in guest quarters or in the ranch headquarters. Guests camping in self-contained RVs may bring dogs with them, however.
- By law, smoking is not allowed inside any guest rooms or common facilities, and we ask that you do not smoke within eight feet of doors or entryways. If there is evidence of smoking inside a room or building, Ghost Ranch reserves the right to charge your credit card for the full amount of the incidental credit card hold.
- Ghost Ranch is a rural retreat immersed in nature, and as such, small creatures may occasionally find their way into a guest room. Please help us keep our outdoor neighbors where they belong by closing your doors and windows while not in your room.

Once again, we are so pleased that you and your group have chosen to experience Ghost Ranch. We hope that you will leave inspired, enlivened, and with a sense of wonder that stays with you.

If you have specific questions about the ranch or planning your stay that your group's lead is not able to assist with, please feel welcome to contact us directly at 505.685.1000 or by email at info@ghostranch.org.