FAQs - Ghost Ranch 2015 Registration Prices and Policies

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Space for Notes
1) What is double occupancy lodging?
   • All of our 2015 workshop all-inclusive rates include double occupancy lodging, meaning that we will have two participants per room in most cases.
     ▪ In the off-season (late October-May), participants may choose to upgrade to single occupancy lodging for an additional $50 per night. It is also possible that a roommate will not be assigned to a room during the off-season due to fewer registrations, although please, do not count on this happening. The only way to guarantee single occupancy lodging is to pay the single occupancy upgrade.
     ▪ During our busy summer seasons (late June, July and late September-early October), participants who register alone should expect to have a roommate assigned to their room. In some limited circumstances, a single occupancy upgrade will be available.
   • The first two people in a room will pay the full all-inclusive packaged price based on the lodging tier they have selected. This is the same whether two people register together or if two people register separately and are placed in the same room. See #9 for more details about discounts for parties of three or more sharing the same room.

2) What is the difference between a room with private bath, a room with semi-private/shared bath, and a room with communal/dorm bath?
   • The terms “private,” “semi-private/shared” and “communal/dorm” all refer to the type of bathroom offered per room. In every case, lodging is based on double occupancy rooms. Therefore, it is important to remember that when someone registers for a room with a private bath, there may be someone else sharing that room unless the person has specifically requested and paid for a single-occupancy upgrade. If someone registers for a “private” room, this means there is a bathroom in the room that is not shared between other rooms. However, someone else may be assigned to share the room.
     ▪ Private: There is a bathroom in that single room that is not shared between with any other rooms.
     ▪ Semi-private/shared: There is a bathroom in between two rooms that is shared by the occupants of the two rooms.
     ▪ Communal/dorm: There is a communal bathroom/showers in the lodging building (or in a proximate building, for some upper mesa dorm rooms), and participants will need to exit their room to reach these facilities.
3) Why are you bundling prices into all-inclusive rates?
   • We have listened to participants’ feedback and found that breaking down prices into lodging, registration and meal fees can be complicated and confusing. To ease the process of registering, we have rolled all prices into one package for each of our lodging tiers (excluding camping). We hope that our guests will find this to be a more efficient, straightforward way of listing our prices. Our all-inclusive prices include lodging and meals along with course tuition. The only lodging options that are not all-inclusive and do not include meals are for campers (meals may be added for an additional fee), commuters (lunch and dinner is included but breakfast may be purchased separately) and Adult Service Corps participants (lunch is included but breakfast and dinner may be purchased separately). See #6 for more details.

4) What do I need to put down for a deposit when registering?
   • We require an initial deposit of 50% of the all-inclusive package rate for the course selected. Balances are due 30 days before the start date of a course. In the event that a participant cancels a course registration with at least 30-days written notice, we retain a $100 nonrefundable deposit. If an individual is unable to provide the initial 50% deposit upon registration, he or she may speak with our Registrars directly to decide a payment plan.

5) What is your cancellation policy?
   • We must receive written notification of a course cancellation 30 days prior to the start date of the course. In this case, we will reimburse any payments already made, minus a $100 non-refundable deposit/processing fee. We cannot reimburse registration fees with fewer than 30-days cancellation notice.
   • We reserve the right to cancel a course with 45-days notice to participants. In the event of a course cancellation, a participant may either choose to transfer to a different course or receive a full refund.

6) Are meals included in the price listed for workshop registration?
   • Yes, meals are included in the all-inclusive rates for rooms with private baths, shared baths (semi-private rooms) and communal baths (dorm-style lodging). There are a few rates that are not all-inclusive (see next page):
• **Commuters**
  
  Commuters are participants who are not staying in Ranch lodging. They pay 60% of the all-inclusive private rate for a course. This price includes lunch and dinner. Breakfast is not included, but commuters may purchase breakfast for an additional $9 per breakfast. Tickets for breakfast may be purchased at the Welcome Center or in front of the Dining Hall during meal times (during the summer and fall season).

• **Campers**
  
  We find that many of our participants who choose to camp also choose to make some or most of their meals at their campsite. We do not include meals in the camping price to allow guests the opportunity to choose what is most appropriate for them in terms of how often they would like to eat at the Dining Hall. Those who are camping have several options:
  
  o They may choose not to purchase any meals in the Dining Hall
  
  o They may purchase meals individually either at the Welcome Center prior to the meal or at the Dining Hall during the meal (during summer and fall seasons).
  
  o They may pre-purchase all of their meals for the week for an additional $187, or for $55 for a weekend course.

• **Adult Service Corps**
  
  The Adult Service Corps tuition covers dorm-style lodging and lunches. If Adult Service Corps participants would like to purchase extra breakfasts and dinners in the Ranch Dining Hall, they may either purchase meals individually at the Welcome Center or in front of the Dining Hall (during summer/fall season) or they may purchase all breakfasts and dinners in advance for an additional $132 for the week.

7) **What if I don’t want the meals that are included in the all-inclusive rate?**

  • This year, to simplify our rate structure, we are only using one all-inclusive rate for our workshop registration per lodging tier. We are unable to break down these all-inclusive rates into their component parts and thus cannot offer a discount for meals not eaten in the Dining Hall. While we recognize that this might cause some inconvenience, we hope that overall this will simplify the process of registering and
understanding rates for our guests. Guests who are camping are not charged for meals and may therefore choose which meals to purchase in the Dining Hall.

8) I eat a vegan/gluten-free/dairy-free (etc.) diet. What are my meal options?

- The Ranch Dining Hall serves three meals a day. We offer a vegetarian option at each meal. There is a salad bar at lunch and dinner each day and we serve soups several times a week at lunch and dinner. While the Dining Hall offers gluten-free items and vegan dishes at some meals, we cannot guarantee that these options will be available for each meal. If it is necessary for a guest to eat a specific diet or if a guest has food allergies, the surest option is to bring personal food items to the Ranch. We have several kitchen facilities available for guest use. There is a refrigerator and microwave near the bathhouse at the main Campground. There is also a full kitchen in the Agape Center and at Casa del Sol. Coyote and Tumbleweed, on the upper mesa, each have common rooms with a stove (no oven), microwave, sink and mini-fridge. There is also a refrigerator and microwave in the Staff House laundry room.

9) What if I have more than 2 people sharing a room – is there a discount?

- Our prices are based on double occupancy lodging and we do offer a discount if there are three or more people sharing any given room.
  - 3+ adults: The first two adults in a room will pay the full price of the all-inclusive registration rate for their given lodging tier (private, shared or communal bath). The third and subsequent adults sharing that room will pay 60% of the private all-inclusive rate for the workshop.
  - 2 adults and 1+ child(ren): The first two adults in a room will pay the full price and any subsequent children will be charged the appropriate Youth Programming fee; if a child chooses to participate in a workshop other than Youth Programming, that child will be charged 50% of the all-inclusive private rate for the workshop.
  - 1 adult and 2+ children: If there is one adult in a room and more than one child, the adult will pay the full all-inclusive rate for their course and children will pay the applicable Youth Programming fee, or 50% of the all-inclusive private bath rate if youth choose to take a workshop other than Youth Programming.
  - 1 adult and 1 child: If there is one adult in a room and only one child in a room, the same rates as above apply. The one exception to this is if there is
one adult and only one child in a private room, in which case we will charge a single occupancy upgrade of $50 per night. All other lodging tiers (shared bath or communal bath rooms) will not have the $50 supplemental fee.

10) What if I want to arrive a day early or stay a day late?

• Early arrivals or late departures outside of the regular program course dates are billed at the regular overnight stay rate. We will make every effort to keep guests in the same room that they will be in for the extent of their program course. On rare occasions, we will need to have guests move from one room during an overnight stay to a different room for their program course, but again, we make every effort to keep guests in the same room for the duration of their stay.

  ▪ 2015 overnight stay rates:
    o Room with private bath, single occupancy: $92/night
    o Room with private bath, double occupancy: $125/night
    o Room with semi-private bath, single occupancy: $72/night
    o Room with semi-private bath, double occupancy: $115/night
    o Room with communal bath, single occupancy: $50/night
    o Room with communal bath, double occupancy: $90/night
    o Camping, RV, full hookups: $31/night
    o Camping, tent site with electricity: $24/night
    o Camping, tent site with no electricity: $20/night

  ▪ There will also be a $3 conservation fee per person. Overnight stays include breakfast in the Dining Hall from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Program registrations include meals, starting with dinner on the first day of the program. Participants who have arrived early or stayed later than their course may purchase additional meals that are not covered with their overnight stay at the Dining Hall (during the summer season) or at the Front Desk (during the shoulder season).

11) What if I’m taking two weeks of courses in a row, or a weekend workshop followed by a weeklong workshop? Is my stay on Sunday included in my tuition?

• Yes, we do offer a “bridge night” for Program participants who will be taking two consecutive courses – one that ends on a Saturday and one that begins on a Monday.
The Sunday in between the courses is free and participants may continue to eat meals in the Dining Hall.

- On rare occasions, a guest’s room from one course will not be available the next week and a guest will need to switch rooms. We will make every effort to allow guests to stay in the same room for consecutive weeks, but this is not guaranteed.

12) **What if I leave early or arrive late? May I receive a discount for the days I am not here?**

- We are unable to offer prorated course fees based on the number of nights an individual is staying. An individual may choose to leave before the end of the program or arrive after the program has started, but we are unable to offer any discounts for days missed.

13) **What day/time does the workshop start and end?**

- Courses always begin with check-in at 3:00 p.m. and a Ranch orientation in the evening on the first date listed for the course and end at 10:00 a.m. with checkout on the last date listed for the course.
  - **Weeklong courses** begin on Monday at 3:00 p.m. with check-in and the last course session is on Saturday evening. Checkout is on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.
  - **Weekend courses** begin on Friday at 3:00 p.m. with check-in and end on Sunday morning by noon. In most circumstances, weekend program guests will be allowed a later checkout (11:00 a.m.). Lunch on Sunday is not included in the Program registration fee, but guests may purchase an additional meal ticket if they wish to stay for lunch.
  - A limited number of courses do not follow either of these schedules (ex: Monday-Thursday or Wednesday-Saturday). In this case, check-in begins at 3:00 p.m. on the date listed as the course start date and the course ends with checkout at 10:00 a.m. on the date listed as the last date of the course.

14) **What will the schedule of my course be?**

- **Weeklong**: Many of our weeklong courses follow a general pattern of morning workshop time (9:00 a.m. to noon) with afternoons free or with optional afternoon open studio and then additional course time in the evenings (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.).
• **Weekend**: Our weekend courses have more course time during the day because of the shorter overall length of the program. The first course session is usually on the evening of the guest’s arrival, following a Ranch orientation. There is typically course in the morning on Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-noon and again in the afternoon from about 1:00-3:00 p.m., and course then resumes in the evening from about 7:00-8:30 p.m. There is a concluding session on Sunday morning from about 9:00-11:00 a.m.

• Please note that these are general schedules and that some instructors will choose to alter these hours. Guests will receive a welcome letter prior to the start of their course detailing the specific schedule of the course and any particular hours there might be field trips, studio time, etc.

15) **What is the Rest & Recreation schedule for my week?**

• Our Rest & Recreation (R&R) package allows individuals to partake in the beauty and peaceful nature of the Ranch at their own pace and as they choose. We offer several activities:
  
  o **Summer**: During the summer, we have several scheduled options for R&R guests during the week. Most of the R&R-only activities will occur in the mornings. Activities just for R&R guests might include a waterfront experience on Abiquiu Lake, a special yoga session and/or guided art activity. R&R guests may also participate in one Outdoor Adventure activity as part of their tuition (archery, guided hike, climbing wall). There is a lot happening at the Ranch during the summer and there are many activities to choose from during these R&R weeks. We encourage participants to pick and choose as they please and not feel overwhelmed with the offerings. The schedule is meant to support guests as they decide how they would like to rest and explore.
  
  o **Off-season**: The off-season at the Ranch (late October-May) is quiet and calmer than the summer months. There are fewer scheduled activities provided for R&R participants and more space for participants to enjoy the peace and beauty of the Ranch’s surroundings. Options for R&R might include a guided hike and a Georgia O’Keeffe landscape tour. Access to the Ghost Ranch museums is free for R&R guests and they always have access to our four major hiking trails, library, labyrinth and Medicine Waterwheel.
16) What is the Family Week pricing structure?

• Family Week at Ghost Ranch occurs over the 4th of July week and is an opportunity for families to take classes together and also engage in special youth activities and courses for adults only. Family Week features the annual Ghost Ranch 4th of July parade and concert.

  The pricing structure for Family Week is different than pricing for the rest of our workshops. The first person in any room during Family Week will pay 100% of the all-inclusive Family Week rate for their selected lodging tier (ex: $1,000 for a room with a private bath); the second person will pay 75% of that rate (ex: $750 all-inclusive private bath rate); the third person will pay 50% of the rate (ex: $500 all-inclusive private bath rate); the fourth and subsequent guests in a room will pay 25% of the rate ($250 all-inclusive private bath rate). We hope that this pricing structure will be simple and helpful for families who want to come together and stay in the same room.

17) How do I get to Casa del Sol?

• Casa del Sol is our spiritual retreat center located 2 miles off the main Ranch property. Most meals occur on the main campus while program activities occur at Casa del Sol. We encourage participants in a Casa del Sol course to stay in one of the lodging options at Casa del Sol. In limited circumstances, guests may stay on the main Ranch side and only go to Casa del Sol for group meetings. Many participants staying at Casa del Sol choose to drive back and forth between Casa del Sol and the main Ranch for meals. For participants arriving via shuttle and without a personal vehicle, it is strongly recommended to stay at Casa del Sol. The shuttle will drop you and your belongings at Casa del Sol after you have checked in. The shuttle will also collect your belongings on your departure day. For transportation during the rest of the course, participants without vehicles rely on carpooling with other program participants or the program instructor (or walking – it’s a beautiful 40-50 minute walk through the Painted Desert!). There is no Ranch shuttle to get back and forth from Casa del Sol.

• Casa del Sol is on a restricted area of the Ranch. Guests not staying at Casa del Sol or taking a course at the retreat center are able to visit Casa del Sol on a Ranch-organized tour of Casa del Sol (available once a week during the summer season, except during specific retreats when it would be disruptive to have visitors).