

Welcome



Border Encounter: Ghost Ranch to El Paso

G25110302

November 16-22, 2025

Hello participants,

Thank you for your interest in the Border Encounter: Ghost Ranch to El Paso program.

Below please find some information you might need before you plan your trip:

On the first day of your program, check-in begins at 3:00 pm. Dinner will be served in the Dining Hall from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, followed by a brief Welcome & Orientation.

The first evening you will be staying on site at Ghost Ranch, then the following morning, we will drive you to El Paso, Texas for 3 nights to Abara House. Please visit <https://abara.org/why-abara/> for more information. If you have any personal belongings that you plan on bringing with you to Ghost Ranch but do not plan on taking with you to El Paso, please let us know so that we may put them in a secure location during your road trip. Personal items should not be left in the Ghost Ranch overnight lodging.

In El Paso you will experience a "Border Encounter" (a.k.a. "listening trip"). This educational immersion experience is designed for anyone interested in broadening perspectives and fostering meaningful connections in a way that re-humanizes people by experiences across divides. We will depart from El Paso on Friday, November 21st to make our way back to Ghost Ranch to spend your last evening there before departing on Saturday morning.

****Please be sure to bring your passport along with you as we will be crossing the border into Juárez, Mexico and will need this to accompany the rest of the group.**

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SCHEDULE:

Sunday, November 16th

3 PM Check-in to Ghost Ranch

5:30-6:30 PM Dinner at the Dining Hall

6:30 PM Welcome gathering with your group leaders

Monday, November 17th

7:30-8:30 AM Breakfast at the Dining Hall

9:00 AM Leave Ghost Ranch for 6 hour van ride to El Paso, TX

3:00 PM Arrive to Abara Center, El Paso, TX

Tuesday, November 17th - Thursday, November 20, 2025

*Program Days - A three day immersion experience designed to rehumanize migrants by listening, learning and reflecting on their stories and taking in all that the border can teach us. More than likely you will be crossing the border into Juarez and will need to have a valid passport with you. The hope is to learn from those who exemplify spiritual strength, beauty, and resilience. Through this experience, we hope we can cross the borders within ourselves, within our cities and around the world.

Friday, November 21st

9:00 AM Leave El Paso for 6 hour van ride to Ghost Ranch and arrive at 3 PM

Saturday, November 22nd

7:30-8:30 AM Breakfast at the Dining Hall

9:00 AM Group wrap-up