

Welcome



Hidden Gems of Northern New Mexico G25110504

with Raffi Andonian
November 30-December 6, 2025

Dear workshop participants-

Thank you for signing up with me for a week at the beautiful Ghost Ranch (with field trips!).

A bit about my background as it pertains to this course:

1. I have presented as TV's "Celebrity Historian" more than 300 times on ABC-CBS-FOX-NBC stations across the country, portfolio compiled accessible here: https://www.youtube.com/@celebrity_historian
2. I teach history at Harris-Stowe State University, an HBCU in St. Louis.
3. I am the author of 3 Amazon best-selling books on history and memory.
4. I began my career working for the National Park Service at historic sites: Gettysburg battlefield, Richmond Civil War battlefields, and MLK Jr. birth home. I later worked for the Los Alamos Historical Society here in New Mexico.
5. I lead "Beyond the Postcard" private history tours: <https://beyondthepostcardtours.com/>

For your time at this retreat, Ghost Ranch will have an orientation on the night of arrival Sunday.

Our schedule as a class will look as follows (subject to adjustment):

Monday

- o 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM – Intro and Framework

Tuesday

- o Depart 9:00 AM field trip to Taos: Kit Carson Home and Park (admission \$10, to be paid at time of entry by participant)
- o All-day event, boxed lunch available

Wednesday

- o Depart 1:15 PM for field trip to Santa Fe: Cristo Rey Church (free entry)

Thursday

- o Depart 9:00 AM field trip to Puye Cliff Dwellings (admission \$40, to be paid at time of entry by participant)

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Friday

o 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon – Reflect

Please note that I alternated the opening sessions to start each day on mornings and afternoons so that you have free time during the week on both mornings and afternoons to allow you variety in free time – in this case, it means 2 free mornings and 1 free afternoon.

Sincerely,
Raffi Andonian
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