

The Heard Museum Guild & Sabino Canyon Naturalists

presents **Alamos!**

Festival Alfonso Ortiz Tirado

January 25th – 31st, 2020

- Four nights at the Hacienda de los Santos
- Home and Garden Tour. Tequila class and Sampling.
- All Tour Expenses. All Tips and Designated meals.

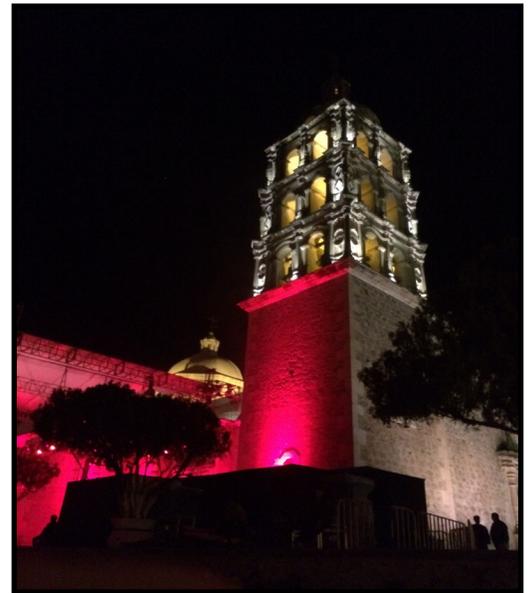
An amazing journey to the magical colonial town of Alamos, Sonora. Once the wealthiest silver mine in the Spanish empire, it is now a haven for Ex-Pats who have restored historic haciendas back to their original glory of the 18-19th century.

Spend four luxurious nights at the Hacienda de los Santos, named by Trip Advisor as the 5th top luxury hotel and #1 small hotel in all of Mexico and a AAA four diamond recipient for 19 straight years and offers modern amenities and sophisticated service in a gorgeous Spanish Colonial setting. The Hacienda de los Santos is a crown jewel in Alamos and will captivate you with amazing gardens, stunning architecture, impeccable interior design, innumerable antique Santos and paintings.

Days are filled with a wide variety of cultural events and musical performances in different venues throughout Alamos. Every evening attend the featured concert performance in the Palacio Gobierno, then stroll the cobblestone streets with hundreds of revelers as The Estudiantina- a local group of 12th century style Spanish Troubadours serenade the local residents.

Enjoy a wide variety of live music from Stephen's network of friends during the many soiree's we'll celebrate.

Experience the magic, music, wonderful cuisine & rich culture of Alamos during the most exciting time of the year. A truly unforgettable tour experience you won't want to miss.



Day 1, SAT. 1.25 PHX - SAN CARLOS

Departure from the Heard Museum at 7:00 am. We'll pass through the border in Nogales, and go through customs and immigration on our way to lunch in Santa Ana. This afternoon we check into the Plaza San Carlos. Situated on the beautiful white sands of Playa Algodones. We'll enjoy an amazing sunset, followed dinner at the Sunset Grill. L,D

Day 2, SUN. 1.26 S. CARLOS - ALAMOS

Roam the shoreline before or after breakfast. We'll depart at 9:30am for Alamos and arrive to the spectacular Hacienda de los Santos. Lunch will be served on the garden patio of the Agave Café. After lunch, we'll offer a property tour of the sprawling Hacienda de los Santos. Tonight, we'll dine al fresco at Santiago's as we're treated to a private dinner performance with the Estudiantina. B,L,D

Day 3, MON. 1.27 ALAMOS

This morning we'll offer walking orientation tour of the central historic district including the Plaza de Armas, the Alameda, the Mercado and Guadalupe hill. This afternoon we'll visit a ranch just outside of town for a traditional carne asada fiesta and make corn tortillas and on our way, we'll stop at the Panteon (cemetery), a beautiful representation of public art and history, built in 1794. Evening free time. B,L

Day 4, TUES. 1.28 ALAMOS

This morning, we'll tour beautifully restored haciendas and gardens of local expats who have lovingly maintained the historic haciendas. Afterwards, we'll visit the Museo Costumbrista. After lunch, we'll visit the Mayo Indian workshop and gastronomy event. This afternoon you'll have free time to explore the variety of musical options or take part in the art walk that is offered - Art of different mediums from many talented artists displayed at shops, café's, private residences and public buildings throughout town. Or simply enjoy the quiet solitude of the Hacienda. Tonight we'll take local transportation to dine at local favorite Teresita's Bistro. B,D

Day 5, WEDS. 1.29 ALAMOS

Today after a morning of free time, we'll offer an authentic "foodie" experience and walk to some of the amazing variety of food vendors available to us. This afternoon we'll and become acquainted with the nectar of the gods as Greg and Stephen will offer Tequila 101. Explaining the cultivation, process and culture from plant to bottle accompanied by a tasting of a variety of fine Mezcal. Afterwards we're treated to harmonica virtuoso Rafael Figueroa. B,L

Day 6, THUR. 1.30 ALAMOS-GUAYMAS

This morning we'll say good-bye to this Pueblo Magico to explore the town of Aduana, where the silver was mined & smelted. The mission here dates back to 1630 and is the oldest in the region. We continue north for fish and shrimp tacos in Guaymas before a visit the only cultured pearl farm in the Western Hemisphere, Perlas de Mar de Cortez. In the late afternoon we arrive to Bacochibampo Bay and the historic Playa de Cortes hotel. Enjoy a final farewell cocktail reception at the waterfront of the Sea of Cortes followed by dinner B,L,D

Day 7, FRI. 1.31 GUAYMAS TO PHX

Today after breakfast, we return home. We'll enjoy lunch in Santa Ana. Leg stretches and rest breaks in route. ETA PHX, 7:00 pm B,L

Tour leaders ~

STEPHEN BERNIER, Logistics

Stephen is a second generation tour operator. He has organized and produced tours of the American southwest and Mexico since 1993 for the University of Arizona Elderhostel Program, Arizona Historical Society, Tohono Chul Park and the Heard Museum Guild, as well as various other museums and Universities. Stephen is also a volunteer naturalist with Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists.

GREG SCOTT, Cultural Interpreter

After completing his degree and graduate work at the University of Arizona, Greg began a 30+ year career as a bilingual educator and is the current president of the Arizona Historical Society southern Arizona Chapter. He is a lifelong musician and has performed traditional music throughout the West. Recently retired, he stays busy writing, lecturing for the Arizona Humanities Council and performing. He has traveled extensively in Mexico and Central America and is very passionate about sharing all he knows about the regions he has explored.

Travel/tour information ~

PRE-TRIP DOCUMENTS: The confirmation of pick-up times and location, pertinent trip information including packing suggestions and any major updates to tour components, as well as participating hotel numbers will be emailed approximately 14 days prior to the trip departure.

PASSPORT: A valid Passport is required for this tour and can be in the form of a book or card.

MEXICO TRAVEL: This tour is set up as an adventure for you to enjoy Mexico. Clients will be best served if this tour is viewed as an adventure and understand that traveling in Mexico brings certain logistical considerations that are different from traveling in the U.S. Those who have experienced Mexico's colorful culture, rich history, wonderful cuisine and warm hospitality, understand that is part of the charm of Mexico.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: The activity level for this tour is considered moderate. Guests will be expected to walk on uneven terrain as the streets in Alamos are cobblestone. lighting conditions can be poor at night.