

The Heard Museum Guild presents **Alamos!**

Festival Alfonso Ortiz Tirado

January 21-27, 2017

- 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 colonial town of Alamos, Sonora. Once the wealthiest silver mine in the Spanish empire, it is now a haven for a few Norté-Americanos who have restored historic haciendas back to their original glory of the "Silver Era".

Spend four luxurious nights at the Hacienda de los Santos, named by Trip Advisor as the #5 top luxury hotel in Mexico. The hotel and staff deliver 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.

The days are filled with a wide variety of cultural events and musical performances in different venues throughout Alamos. Every evening, attend the 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 the sweet music of the Ronstadt Generations as they accompany us on the Motorcoach and play at many beautiful 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 PHOENIX TO GUAYMAS

Departure from the Heard Museum at 7:00 am. We'll pass through Nogales on our way to lunch in Santa Ana. In the late afternoon we arrive to Bacochibampo Bay and the historic Playa de Cortes hotel. Enjoy a welcome cocktail reception at the waterfront of the Sea of Cortes followed by dinner. L,D

Day 2 GUAYMAS TO ALAMOS

Today after breakfast we'll visit the only cultured pearl farm in the Western Hemisphere located at the Institute of Monterrey. We continue our journey south to Obregon for lunch then arrive to Alamos and check into the spectacular Hacienda de los Santos. Enjoy a welcome cocktail while you stroll the grounds for tour of the property. Tonight we're treated to a private dinner performance with the Estudiantina. Every evening the performance in the Palacio begins at 8:00 pm. Followed by the Callejoneada - a strolling musical serenade through the streets of Alamos with the Estudiantina. B,L,D

Day 3 ALAMOS

This morning local ecologist and native cultures expert Stephanie Meyer, will give an orientation in the Haciendas' theater. Afterwards we'll begin walking and riding tours of town. Including the main plazas, Mercado, the best street food vendors and landmarks that are part of the "Art Walk", private homes and public buildings throughout town featuring art of different mediums from many talented artists. In the afternoon we'll visit the Mayo Indians workshop and gastronomy event. Tonight we'll dine at Teri's Bistro. B,D

Day 4 ALAMOS

This morning you'll enjoy a few hours of free time before we visit a lodge outside of town for a carne asada fiesta. Enjoy classic norteno music, learn about the Mexican cuisine, make corn tortillas and become acquainted with the nectar of the gods as Stephanie will offer Tequila 101. Explaining the cultivation, process and culture from plant to bottle. Tastings included of course! An amazing day. Evening free time. B,L



Day 5 ALAMOS

Today we'll visit a few of the local Haciendas that have been lovingly restored by expats. You'll then enjoy a few hours of free time. Visit the Museo Costumbrista. Check out the various music throughout the day, take part in the "Art Walk" - Or simply enjoy the quiet solitude of the Hacienda. This afternoon we'll enjoy a cocktail party at Casa Perico with various musical guests including harmonica virtuoso Rafael Figueroa Ju as well as the Ronstadt Generations. B

Day 6 ALAMOS TO SAN CARLOS

This morning we'll say good-bye to this Pueblo Magico and depart for San Carlos. In route we'll tour 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 lunch in Obregon. This afternoon we check into the Plaza San Carlos. Situated on the beautiful white sand beach of Playa Algodon, we'll enjoy an amazing sunset, sipping margaritas on the Sea of Cortez, serenaded by the Ronstadt Generations followed by our farewell seafood feast at the hotel. B,L,D

Day 7 SAN CARLOS TO PHOENIX

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

STEPHEN BERNIER, Driver/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's experienced.

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Your tour fare includes a \$100.00 per person tax deductible donation for the
Heard Museum Guild.*

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

DEPARTURE INFO: The Motorcoach will begin loading at 7:00 am at the Heard Museum. Departure time is 7:30 am. We encourage you to be dropped off. If you are leaving a car please park in Heard parking lot North West of the entrance. If you are running late, please call 520-250-3266 and advise Stephen of your delay.

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 should be considered moderate to difficult. Guests will be expected to walk a minimum of a mile per day or night over uneven terrain in poor lighting conditions.