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Sandhill Crane Viewing in Southern New Mexico – November 2019



Each year, thousands of Sandhill Cranes return to Bosque del Apache Natural Wildlife Refuge for the winter. Join Paul Tebbel, crane expert and former Executive Director of Effie Yeaw Nature Center, on a special trip to New Mexico to view this spectacular event.

Proposed dates: November 15-17, 2019

Proposed itinerary:

Nov 15: Fly from Sacramento to Albuquerque (please arrive no later than 1PM) and transfer to Bosque del Apache Natural Wildlife Refuge to watch the Sandhill Cranes return at sunset to the wetlands where they roost for the night. Drive to the town of Socorro for overnight. Group dinner

Nov 16: Early morning wake up for sunrise view of the cranes flying out from the wetlands (coffee will be provided). After returning to town for a warm breakfast, we head south of the refuge to explore one of Ted Turner's largest ranches. With over 300,000 acres the ARMENDARIS RANCH is a unique property with an abundance of wildlife, including desert bighorn sheep. We are granted a special permit to tour the ranch and enjoy a picnic lunch prepare by their staff. After lunch, we travel back to the refuge to watch the cranes fly back to the wetland to roost. Group dinner.

Nov 17: Wake up early one more time and back to the refuge for one last chance to see the cranes before driving back to Albuquerque for your fly back home (please do not schedule your flight before 12 noon).

**Trip cost: \$950 per person in double occupancy.
Add \$350 for single occupancy.**

Cost includes:

- Ground transportation while in New Mexico
- Two nights in double occupancy in a hotel in Socorro, NM
- Two breakfasts, one lunch and two dinners
- Expert presentations by Paul Tebbel