



Dear WorldMark Owner/Guest,

Greetings from Taos, New Mexico, a city made famous for its devotion to art and history. The natural red rock beauty of this area will surround you as you enjoy the museums, shops and activities. In the winter, skiing and snowboarding opportunities abound, while summer brings hiking, biking and kayaking through the dramatic landscape.

WorldMark Taos is located next to the former home of Nicolai Fechin, a local community artist and is a short walk to shops and restaurants. The resort houses 67 studio, one and two bedroom units that are more hotel-like than the typical WorldMark unit. The kitchens in these units consist of an under counter refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, coffee maker and related utensils. A large, complementary guest laundry is available on the main floor adjacent to the lobby. Some of the units have fireplaces while all have decks or patios and air-conditioning. ResortNet, WorldMark's hi-speed internet service, is available in all units for a small fee.

Common amenities include an outdoor pool and spa, exercise room, recreation room, arcade, guest computers and a enormous lobby with seating both inside in front of the fireplace or outside on the porch. **Please note that the outdoor pool is closed for winter November 1st to April 1st, although the spa is open year round.**

The resort is located 6,650 above sea level, which may require some adjustment for those living at lower altitudes.

The staff at WorldMark Taos looks forward to creating a memorable experience and you can count on us to be available to assist your needs. If you have any questions regarding the resort, please don't hesitate to contact our 24-hour desk at **575-751-3275**.

Sincerely,

Your WorldMark Taos Staff

Occupancy

Studios 2-PERSON LIMIT
1 bedroom 4-PERSON LIMIT
2 bedroom 6-PERSON LIMIT
Limits will be enforced. Limits apply to all ages, including infants.

Unit Assignment

Units are assigned the morning of check-in by reservation number. This means you will be assigned the best *available* unit on the day you arrive, based on how far in advance you booked your reservation.

Unit Amenities

Air conditioning, kitchenettes with microwaves and mini refrigerators, cable TV with DVD player, hairdryer, and telephone.

Resort Amenities

Outdoor seasonal pool, outdoor spa, exercise room, game room, laundry room, elevators, and 24-hour front desk.

To Get You Started

For your convenience, you will find a starter supply of spices, coffee, creamer, sugar, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper and laundry soap in your unit.

Important Contacts

Taos Chamber
of Commerce (800) 732-TAOS
Road Conditions (505) 827-5100
WorldMark Vacation
Planning Center (800) 457-0103
WorldMark Emergency
Hot Line (877) 281-8144

Taxi Service

Faust's Transportation (888) 830-3410
Offering round-trip transportation between

the Albuquerque International Sunport Airport and Taos at low rates. Phone for current prices.

Nearest Grocery Store

Super Save Discount Foods
519 Paseo del Pueblo Sur
(2 miles from the resort)

Or call the Vacation Planning Center and request a grocery service brochure to have your groceries purchased and in your unit when you arrive!

Mileage

Albuquerque 132 miles
Denver 288 miles
Phoenix 508 miles
Santa Fe 70 miles

Reminders

- Units are hotel-like in nature and are substantially smaller than typical WorldMark locations.
- The elevation at this resort is 6,952 feet.
- No pets allowed.
- Remember to bring a sweater or light jacket along in the summer, as evenings tend to be cool. Be prepared for cold weather in the winter and bring a heavy jacket in the spring and fall.
- Some attractions in New Mexico, especially those along major highways, are located on tribal lands. Those attractions which are marked are intended for visitors. Tribal communities, on the other hand, are home to Native American cultures and people. Treat these communities and people with utmost respect.

Golf Information

El Valle Escondido GC... (505) 758-3475
Please contact the front desk for information about tee times and possible discounts.

Check Your Confirmation

Please double-check your information to verify arrival date, length of stay, resort, bedroom size and unit occupancy. In the case of a discrepancy, contact the Vacation Planning Center at (800) 457-0103 immediately. Availability is subject to change and WorldMark cannot guarantee any availability outside the enclosed confirmation. Resort personnel cannot modify a reservation.

Vacation Planning Center

Mon–Fri: 6 a.m.–9 p.m.
Sat & Sun: 6 a.m.–5 p.m.

Check-in Information

Check-in Location: The check-in office is in the last building on the right in the main lobby.

Office Hours..... 24 hours daily

Check-in Time..... 4 p.m.

Check-out Time..... 12 noon

Check-out: Upon departure, please return your keys to the WorldMark check-in office.

Early Arrivals: Check-in starts at 4 p.m. Take advantage of the “Things to See and Do In Taos, New Mexico” information on the back of this brochure.

Travel Arrangements

Call WorldMark by Wyndham Travel at 1-800-953-5511 for all your travel needs. You can also visit your WorldMark Web site at www.worldmarktheclub.com.

Things to See and Do in Taos, New Mexico

English, Spanish, and Tiwa—a Native American language—are spoken in Taos. But the universal language is art. And it's hard not to be fluent in this language, when art is everywhere. This community of 4,700 in north-central New Mexico has been permeated by art ever since two painters—**Ernest Blumenschein** and **Bert Phillips**—arrived here in 1898 and founded the **Taos Society of Artists** in 1915. Both men were highly influential in turning Taos into the artists' community that it remains today.

While painters depicted Native American scenes in their work in Taos' early days as an art colony, nowadays a new generation of artists is at work preserving the town's rich artistic tradition. Painters, sculptors, writers, dancers, musicians, composers, photographers, actors, and filmmakers all find inspiration here, which is evident in the wide variety of cultural events that take place in Taos every year.

The annual roster includes the **Taos Spring Arts Celebration**, the **Taos Fall Arts Festival**, the **Taos Talking Pictures** film festival, the **Taos Mountain Film Festival**, and the **World Poetry Bout**. You'll also find an array of performing arts events at the **Taos Center for the Arts**, plus numerous arts and crafts fairs and

cultural events taking place throughout the year at **Kit Carson Park** and historic **Taos Plaza**. And for just \$20, you can visit all of the city's art museums with one discounted ticket. Don't miss the **Harwood Museum**, the **Taos Art Museum**, the **Millicent Rogers Museum**, the **Ernest Blumenschein Home & Museum**, **La Hacienda de los Martinez**, and the **Kit Carson Home & Museum**.

If that isn't enough art for you to take in, perhaps you will want to develop your own creativity at the **Taos Institute of Arts**, the **Taos Art School**, or the **Fechin Institute**. All three places offer classes in everything from painting and writing to music and dance. Come and see for yourself how Taos inspired the likes of **Georgia O'Keeffe**, **Ansel Adams**, **Nicolai Fechin**, **D.H. Lawrence**, and many others.

Though art is certainly pivotal to Taos, a visit to the area isn't complete without exploring its mountainous terrain. Three seasons of the year, you can explore alpine forests on horseback or on foot, or go rock-climbing or hang-gliding. If you're a mountain biker, why not put the pedal to the metal on the **27-mile South Boundary Trail** or the scenic, nine-mile **West Rim Trail** that follows the **Rio Grande Gorge**?

For water enthusiasts, visits to Taos

will go swimmingly. Churn through the frothing Class IV rapids of the **Taos Box** in a raft or kayak—or try a gentler float down river in a canoe. Never been fly fishing? Allow a local outfitter to teach you about its mind-clearing effects and take you to some of the most promising pools of trout along the **Rio Grande** and the **Red River**. You may also elect to just fish or windsurf at one of the nearby lakes. To see cascading waterfalls and the rushing waters of the **Rio Hondo**, you're going to have to work for it. How? By hiking the steep alpine trails at the **Wheeler Peak Wilderness Area**—home to New Mexico's tallest mountain peak of the same name at 13,161 feet.

The moment snow starts falling, turn your attention to winter sports. Go snowshoeing, snowmobiling, or race down **U.S. Hill** on a sled or inner-tube. **Taos Ski Valley** offers legendary skiing just 15 miles away from your resort. Or drive a half hour away to nearby **Enchanted Forest Cross Country Ski Area** and choose between well-groomed trails or skiing through backcountry wilderness. **WorldMark Red River** and the nearby **Red River and Ski Area** is just 36 miles away.

Art or adventure? You choose. Taos has it all, with a landscape that is waiting to cast its spell on you.

Driving Directions

From Albuquerque International Sunport Airport (136 miles or about 2.5 hours)

- Start out going west on Sunport Boulevard SE for 1.7 miles.
- Merge onto I-25 N toward I-40/Downtown and Santa Fe and drive for 60 miles.
- Merge onto US-285 N/US-84 N via Exit 282 toward Los Alamos/ Taos/Santa Fe Plaza and drive for 28.4 miles.
- Stay straight to go onto N Riverside Dr/NM-68 N. Continue to follow NM-68 N for 45.3 miles.
- NM-68 N becomes Paseo del Pueblo Norte/US-64. Your resort is only a quarter of a mile down the road.

