SAVOR THE SOUTHWEST
TUCSON, ARIZONA TO LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

DAY 1
Arrive at Phoenix Skyharbor
Lunch in Phoenix then transfer to Tucson for managers welcome reception at hotel and dinner at Trail Dust Town (or arrive directly into Tucson International Airport).

DAY 2
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
A world-renowned zoo, natural history museum, and botanical garden all in one place
Old Tucson - Lunch
Home to more than 300 films and TV shows including some of Hollywood’s biggest Westerns
Mission San Xavier del Bac
Active Franciscan mission located on the Tohono O’Odham Indian Reservation, dubbed the “Sistine Chapel of North America”
Pima Air & Space Museum - Dinner in the new Thunderbird Grill.
More than 300 vintage and modern airplanes and over 100 years of aerospace history

DAY 3
Sabino Canyon National Park – Tram ride
An interesting contrast to the surrounding desert
DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun
10-acre foothills retreat, home to the art and architecture of acclaimed Arizona artist Ted DeGrazia.

DAY 4
Kartchner Caverns
A stunning “live” limestone cave that boasts world-class features
Tombstone – Tour and lunch
Arrive Las Cruces – hotel welcome reception
De La Vega’s Pecan Grill and Brewery – Dinner
Family-run business serving fresh, local ingredients and house-brewed beer

DAY 5
New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
Knowledgeable docents, exhibits, a blacksmith at work, variety of demonstrations and “cowboy coffee” on this working ranch
Alamogordo - Lunch
Eagle Ranch/Heart of the Desert Pistachio Farm & Winery
Orchard, processing plant, candy making tour with a sweet ending in the art gallery, gift shop and tasting room
Return to Las Cruces for dinner

DAY 6
Spaceport America
Preview Tour of the world’s first spaceport specifically designed and built for the future of space commerce and tourism
Turtleback Mountain Resort – Lunch
Overlooking the Rio Grande River and Elephant Butte Lake, New Mexico’s largest
Boba Cabaret
Dinner and a show in an intimate entertainment venue

DAY 7
Historic Mesilla
Historically significant and today home to Basilica San Albino
Choose from a number of activities:
Chile Pepper Institute
demonstration garden and tasting
Cultural Center de Mesilla
talks on a variety of subjects from native foods to politics of the Borderlands
Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park – birding and nature trails
Mountain View Market
organic farm tours and education
La Morena Walking Tour
guided walk into Mesilla’s noks and crannies
La Posta de Mesilla or Double Eagle Restaurant, both serving Mexican and New Mexican specialties
Free time to browse through boutiques, relax in a café, wine bar or bookstore

DAY 8
Depart from El Paso, Texas International Airport

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