

# FIESTA TOURS INTERNATIONAL



**CATHY HUSTED GIESY and MARSHALL GIESY**

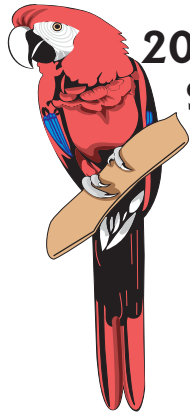
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## 2010-2011 SEASON

**SINCE 1985**, our objective has been to offer unique experiences with the opportunity to learn about other people and places on a more personal level than the large tour companies can offer.

**WE CATER TO SMALL GROUPS**, usually 8 to 12 people. This, combined with our unique contacts, often allows us to give you a very personal inside experience with the people who define the cultures of each special destination. With each comprehensive package we are able to bring you the very highest quality adventure. Often we customize tours to meet the interests of a group of people already friends. Many of our clients return year after year and many have become personal friends – to all of you – thanks and we look forward to seeing you again. To those of you who are just joining us – we look forward to sharing the experience. Give us a call!

### ADVENTURE WITH US!

Join us on our regularly scheduled tours or call us about custom arrangements for your special group. Join one of our new experts, Helena, John, or Tallia in a superb learning experience in the great Southwest.

### FIESTA TOURS SPECIALIZES IN:

- Small group sizes
- Unique experiences
- Quality accommodations
- Destinations in Mexico, Central and South America, and Southwest US
- Regularly scheduled tours and customized tours for your special group
- If you wish to travel independently on your own timetable, we can make those arrangements for you as well.

*Marshall and Cathy*



## FEATURED TOUR

### BAJA CALIFORNIA - WHALE WATCHING AND WINE COUNTRY

- One of the most exciting human/animal encounters is a visit with the giant gray whales
- Stay in comfortable hotels, and the delightful Casa Laguna B&B
- Three incredible days of whale watching and mingling close at hand from pangas in the breeding lagoons of San Ignacio and Scammons
- Visit the largest salt works in the world
- Tour historic San Ignacio and the French mining town of Santa Rosalia
- Drive along the fascinating peninsula of Northern Baja – enjoy incredible wildflowers and unusual plant life
- Wind through Baja Wine Country – visit a winery and learn about the best of Baja wines

**TOUR DATES:** February 23 – Mar 2, 2011 Selling fast!!

**TOUR COST:** \$2395 per person double occupancy \$475 single supplement

**INCLUDES:** transportation, all boats, lodging, all breakfasts and lunches while in Mexico, three whale watching expeditions, wine tasting tour, tour guides, escorts and drivers. **TOUR SIZE LIMITED TO 9 PASSENGERS.**



*Ask about our flying option!*

Estimados Amigos,

It's been a great year for us! We've had fewer tours this year, but they have been outstanding trips.

**This is our 25<sup>th</sup> year in business and we are planning a gala celebration!** Thanksgiving weekend, we are bringing **Juan Quezada and his son Noe Quezada** to Tubac for three days of demonstrations in the fine art of creating the phenomenal pottery which has inspired accolades from around the world. **On Fri Nov 25, they will be at our home for a private showing—RSVP only.** Please let us know if you would like to come. We would love to have you here to help us celebrate, and to enjoy our hacienda. On Saturday and Sunday, we are sponsoring a demonstration at the Tubac Center of the Arts. **Spencer MacCallum** will make a presentation about his original inspiration and his search for the artist who created the pottery he discovered in 1976. **Sandy Smith** will be exhibiting some of the amazing photos from her collection published in **PORTRAITS OF CLAY**. We are looking forward to sharing the fun and hope you can join us.

We have toned down our tour schedule in nearby Mexico to reduce our exposure to potential problems from the drug wars you have been hearing so much about. We are constantly monitoring the situation and are well aware of all you have been hearing about in the news. We remain concerned about the situation and you should know that if we feel there is anything you might encounter which may jeopardize the quality of your experience, we will cancel the trip and immediately make all applicable refunds. We continue to offer the highest quality tours to parts of Mexico which remain less affected by the turmoil and of course, to many wonderful places which we know well in Central and South America.

A tour to **Oaxaca** for the “**Dia de los Muertos**” celebrations is planned for October/November, and another to witness up close the incredible migration of the California **gray whales** in the Baja Peninsula. We are returning to **Guatemala, Belize, and Panama**, and planning another trip to **Costa Rica**. Then there is **Ecuador** and the **Galapagos Islands**, and **Machu Picchu** and **Peru**. We had one of the best tours ever to **Copper Canyon in 2010** for the **Easter Celebrations** with stops along the way to visit our friends in the **Yaqui and Tarahumara communities**. The trip was not only comfortable and safe, but an incredible and very personal cultural experience for everyone.

**John Dell, Tallia Cahoon, and Helena Kummerli** are leading natural history and cultural tours in the Southwest, including some great **day trips** around Southern Arizona. Each has a great array of wonderful tour possibilities – both day tours and extended overnight tours. Check out their tour schedules. We are privileged to have them working with us.

Join us for an exciting season!



*Leonardo Arce Educational Fund*

*This will be Nayo's (Jesus Leonardo Arce) last year before college graduation in May of 2011 from the University of the Valley of Mexico School of Architecture. It will be your last opportunity to participate in this incredible project. As part of his program, Nayo is apprenticing at an architectural office in Hermosillo, Sonora. This, combined with the academic work required of him in his final year, keeps him busy all hours of the day. Nonetheless, he continues to excel and remains at the top of his class. All of us can be proud of having provided him the opportunity to grow into the kind of person whose talents and generosity will spread, multiply and reap rewards in the lives he touches in ways that are hard to imagine.*

*A final \$12,000.00 will see him to the end! It is astounding to think that he came from an environment with no electricity, no running water, and very few amenities, to a super modern world in which everything is computerized and digitalized – and has done so well.*

*His graduation will be between May 20 and May 30 of 2011. If you would like to attend, please let us know. Please call or email if you would like to contribute.*

*Thank you. We can all be proud of Nayo.*

# DAY TOURS

## HELENA KUMMERLI

**ALPACAS, SONOITA VINYARDS and EMPIRE RANCH** - Learn about early Arizona ranch history at the Empire Ranch. Taste the finest wines produced in the rolling hills of Sonoita. Enjoy a fun visit to the alpacas at Square Top Ranch.

**TOUR DATE:** Nov 17, 2010 and Jan 25, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$125.00 includes transportation and guide, entry fees and lunch in Sonoita

## BOYCE THOMPSON ARBORETUM and BESH-BA-GOWAH

Visit the world class collection of desert plants at the classical arboretum established in 1923 near Superior. Learn about prehistoric Salado culture at the colorful Besh-ba-Gowah Archaeological Ruins in the historic mining town of Globe, AZ.

**TOUR DATE:** Nov 23, 2010

**TOUR COST:** \$114 includes transportation and guide, entry fees.

## TALIESIN WEST, the CULINARY INSTITUTE, and BASHA'S

**GALLERY** Enjoy the famous Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, delight in an unforgettable gourmet lunch at the ACI Culinary Institute where the best chefs in Arizona are trained, and view the renowned western art collection of Zelma Basha Salmeri.

**TOUR DATE:** Dec 1, 2010

**TOUR COST:** \$143.00 includes transportation and guide, lunch, entry fees.

## BASHAS GALLERY, FLORENCE, and CASA GRANDE RUINS

view the famous western art collection of Zelma Basha Salmeri – kachinas, pottery, baskets, paintings and bronzes. Visit the historical town of Florence and enjoy a sumptuous lunch, and tour the fascinating site of the prehistoric Hohokam culture at Casa Grande, one of the most interesting and important sites in Arizona.

**TOUR DATE:** Jan 18, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$119.00 includes transportation and guide, lunch, entry fees.

## TALIESIN WEST, the CULINARY INSTITUTE and the

**COSANTI BELLS** Enjoy the famous Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, delight in an unforgettable gourmet lunch at the ACI Culinary Institute where the best chefs in Arizona are trained. Visit the Cosanti Foundation and learn how the world famous bells of architect Paolo Soleri are cast in bronze.

**TOUR DATE:** Feb 2, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$143.00 includes transportation and guide, entry fees and lunch at ACI.

## AMERIND MUSEUM, COCHISE STRONGHOLD, TOMBSTONE, and the SINGING WIND BOOK STORE

- The Amerind houses one of the finest private collections of Native American art and artifacts in the country, located in spectacular Texas Canyon in the Little Dragoon Mountains. Picnic Lunch at Cochise Stronghold. Enjoy a short visit to mainstreet Tombstone – the famous old west town. Stop at the delightful Singing Winds Bookstore hidden in the hills behind Benson on the way home.

**TOUR DATE:** Feb 8, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$110.00 includes transportation and guide, entry fees.

## TONTO NATIONAL MONUMENT and BESH-BA-GOWAH

Compare the Tonto cliff dwellings (above Roosevelt Lake) with the pueblo style architecture of Besh-Ba-Gowah in Globe – both of the Salado Culture of 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> centuries. See examples of ancient pottery in the visitor's centers, and learn how these ancient people survived the extremes of the southwest desert. Savor a delectable lunch in Globe.

**TOUR DATE:** Feb 15, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$129.00 includes transportation, guide, entry fees and lunch in Globe.

## BOYCE THOMPSON ARBORETUM and PHOENIX BOTANICAL GARDEN

– a day for botany and gardening! Visit the incredible world class collection of desert plants at the classical arboretum established in 1923 near Superior. Also visit the Desert Botanical Gardens in Phoenix to appreciate and learn to grow desert plants. Enjoy a delightful lunch in the gardens.

**TOUR DATE:** Feb 22

**TOUR COST:** \$125.00 includes transportation, guide, entry fees.

## JOHN DELL

### CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL MONUMENT:

exploring history and nature

**TOUR DATE:** Nov 10, 2010 and Mar 17, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$99.00 includes transportation, guide, entry fees.

## TALLIA CAHOON

**RUBY AND ARIVACA** - Take the scenic route to the old ghost town of Ruby with former resident Tallia Cahoon. Hear her personal stories and visit local and long forgotten historic sites.

**TOUR DATES:** Nov 5, Dec 3, 2010 and Feb 18, Mar 25, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$114 per person, includes transportation, guide, and entry fees

**BISBEE** – Tallia is planning a unique and different tour to the historical mining town of Bisbee, Arizona. Let us know if you are interested in joining her!

**KARTCHNER CAVERNS BIG ROOM** - Learn about this world-renowned underground complex and the unique environment of migrating bats and incredible geological structures. Visit the historic Singing Winds Bookshop at Benson on return trip.

**TOUR DATES:** Big Room Nov 11, 2010, and Jan 20, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$126.00 per person, includes transportation and guide, entry fees

**KARTCHNER CAVERNS ROTUNDA THRONE ROOM** - This is the main room of the cavern complex with a 58 foot high mineral column and a 21 foot soda straw stalactite. Visit the historic Singing Winds Bookshop at Benson on return trip.

**TOUR DATES:** Dec 7, 2010 and Mar. 22, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$126.00 per person, includes transportation and guide, entry fees

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

*RESPONSIBILITY: FIESTA TOURS, TUBAC, ARIZONA, acts only as agents for the various owners and contractors providing means of transportation and / or other services, and all tickets are issued and provided subject to any and all of the terms and conditions under which the same are offered and provided the issuance and acceptance hereof shall be deemed a consent to the further conditions that FIESTA TOURS, TUBAC, ARIZONA, nor any of its officers, agents or employees shall be or become liable or responsible in any manner in connection with such means of transportation and or other services or for any delayed flight or changes of flight schedule due to weather or strikes or any other reason, additional expense, loss or injury, or damage to or in respect of any person, or property howsoever caused or arising, and the purchaser releases and absolves FIESTA TOURS, TUBAC, ARIZONA, its officers, agents and employees from any and all liability for property loss or damage, howsoever caused and/or from any and all damages resulting from death or personal injury, including loss of services, which may be sustained on account of, arising out of, or while engaged on said trip, whether due to the vehicle, in common carrier or otherwise, and whether due to its own negligence or otherwise. It is further understood that the transportation ticket or passenger contract when issued shall constitute the sole contract between passenger and the carrier concerned.*

• Fiesta Tours is an equal opportunity service provider.

• FIESTA TOURS, TUBAC, ARIZONA, reserves the right to make such alteration of the itinerary as it may deem necessary for the carrying out of the tour. Right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of any of our programs.

• RATES quoted as based on tariffs and current exchange at time of printing and are subject to change without notice.

• EXCLUSIONS: Unless otherwise stipulated in the itinerary, meals, except where indicated, gratuities of any nature, personal incidental items, telephone charges, departure tax due upon exit from any airport, and alcoholic beverages.

• RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS A deposit per person is required at the time of booking, see details of particular tours. The balance is due 60 days prior to departure unless otherwise specified. A cancellation penalty applies. No reservations will be confirmed until deposit or full payment is received by this office unless otherwise stipulated in the itinerary.

• CANCELLATIONS: A penalty will normally be assessed for cancellations. Please see details in each tour package.

# SOUTH AMERICA

## GALAPAGOS AND ECUADOR

- An incredible 8 days aboard a private motor sailer – the *Sagitta*
- The Galapagos itinerary is the best and available only to very few
- Top class naturalist guide
- Spend three nights in Quito at a delightful B&B – tour the colonial city center
- Plus two nights at the historic Hacienda Pinsaqui – tour the Otavalo craft market and outlying native villages – learn about the history and culture of the wonderful people who live there
- Optional four days in the remote Amazon Basin jungle at the world class Napo Wildlife Refuge run by the native Quichua people
- Small group guaranteed

**TOUR DATES: December 1 – 15, 2011**

**TOUR COST:** \$5795 per person double occupancy \$4500 single supplement, plus airfare

**INCLUDES:** all ground transportation, lodging, all meals in the Galapagos, most meals on the mainland, tours and transfers, tour guides and escorts.

**POST TRIP AMAZON EXTENSION** December 15-17, \$1190.00 per person double occupancy, \$800.00 single supplement, call for details.

#We have the *Sagitta* and four other boats available for individual travel or custom private groups. Call us for available options.

#Ask us about our Galapagos itinerary people who cannot travel on a boat – *the Landside Galapagos*. Call us for details.

## PERU

### 1) MACHU PICCHU and the Sacred Valley

- Visit the Sacred Valley of the Inca high in the Andes, including the spectacular Machu Picchu site - Option to hike into Machu Picchu on the one day Short Inca Trail
- Enjoy the incredible train ride to Aguas Calientes through the Urubamba Valley
- See the awesome Inca ruins of Ollantaytambo, Pisac, and those surrounding Cuzco.
- Get to know the local people in a small village in the Sacred Valley where they still wear colorful reds and oranges in their daily dress – enjoy a weaving demonstration.
- Tour the ancient Inca Salt Works still in operation today – hike to Urubamba
- Explore the modern city of Lima and visit the famed Larco Herrera Museum.

**TOUR DATES:** Sept 16–26, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$3795.00 Per person double occupancy, \$700.00 single supplement, plus airfare

**INCLUDES:** expert local guides, ground transportation, lodging and taxes, most meals, tour escort.

### 2) THE OTHER PERU

For those who have already been to Machu Picchu, this tour will explore some of the most extraordinary archaeological sites and natural wonders where most tours do not go – Lambayeque, Chiclayo, Trujillo, the Lines of Nazca, Arequipa, and the natural grandeur of Colca Canyon.

**TOUR DATES:** Sept 7–17, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$3795.00 per person double occupancy, \$700 single supplement plus airfare

**INCLUDES:** expert local guides, entry fees to included activities, ground transportation, lodging and taxes, most meals, tour escort.

**DISCOUNT** of \$500.00 is available if you register for both tours.

**LAKE TITICACA OPTION** – can be added to either Peru tour  
**COST:** \$850 per person double occupancy, \$300.00 single supplement.

*Traveling with Marshall and Cathy Giesy to Mexico's Copper Canyon was an experience unique in its contact with the native people, their hospitality and their customs. Because of the network of friendships that the Giesys have established, we were invited to witness traditionally private Yaqui Easter ceremonies and to be lunch and dinner guests in the homes of Indian and Mexican families. This privilege combined with the Giesys' total concern for our comfort and safety, their willingness to be flexible when circumstances arose, their knowledge of the country and its history, and their constant good humor made the trip a delightful journey. For traveling in Latin America, Fiesta Tours has the perfect format – small sized groups, thorough background knowledge and local contacts, and a good value for the price.*

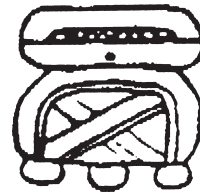
*Anne Moore  
Tubac, AZ  
North Hampton, NH  
Copper Canyon in 2010*



# CENTRAL AMERICA

## GUATEMALAN HIGHLANDS, TIKAL AND BELIZE

- Visit the colorful highland villages where the Mayan cultures still thrive
- Enjoy the mystical volcanic Lake Atitlan, tour the lakeside villages, stay at an incredible B&B with the most beautiful views in the world.
- Experience the famous craft market at Chichicastenango – hike up the hill to ancient Mayan ritual sites
- Explore the colonial city of Antigua and learn about the history of Guatemala
- Spend two nights inside the Archaeological Park at Tikal – thrill at the sounds of the jungle in a pre-dawn visit to Temple V
- Explore underground caves, archaeological sites, and see beautiful birds in Belize



**TOUR DATES:** January 20 – Feb 2, 2011 – call now for your special group February 3 – 16, 2011 – *Tour sold!!*

**TOUR COST:** \$3249.00 per person double occupancy, \$800.00 single supplement. Plus airfare.

**INCLUDES:** All lodging and lodging taxes, ground transportation as outlined in itinerary, most meals, local guides, entry fees to parks and museums included in tour, escorted by Marshall or Cathy Giesy.

## PANAMA BEYOND THE CANAL

- Visit three of the colorful indigenous tribes of Panama – the Kuna, the Embera, and the Wounaan
- See and learn about Colonial historical Cities
- Experience some of the world's finest birding and natural history
- Learn about the construction and history of the Panama Canal and take an optional partial transit by boat
- Enjoy one of the top ten train rides in the world across the isthmus
- Snorkel in pristine Caribbean waters
- Adventure into the jungles of the Darien Wilderness
- Optional extensions available – Canopy Tower, The Darien, and others

**TOUR DATES:** January 23 – Feb 2, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$3500.00 per person double occupancy \$750 single supplement, plus air

**INCLUDES:** all lodging and taxes, ground transportation, most meals, all tours and tour guides, entry fees to included activities, tour escort.

### OPTIONAL PRE TRIP EXTENSIONS:

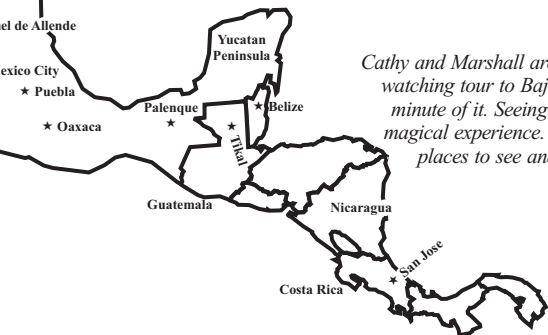
**Darien Adventure** Tour Dates Jan 19 – 23, 2011 TOUR COST: \$1195 all inclusive.

**Canopy Tower Bird Watching** Jan 20-23, 2011 TOUR COST: \$1195 all inclusive

Both options subject to availability

**COSTA RICA** Our old favorite! Call for details about a comprehensive tour in January, or a visit to the sea turtles in August.

Our trip with Fiesta Tours to the Copper Canyon in April 2010 was a delight !!!! Their knowledge of the area (floral, fauna and people) along with personal contacts throughout the trip gave us an insight we would not have experienced with other tours. Their organization is first rate; our group had varied interests and they accommodated everyone so that when the trip concluded, we all felt it had been planned for our own specific interests. We loved the fact that we were "off the beaten path" and emerged in the daily routine of the people with whom we were in contact. This was our first trip with Fiesta Tours, but it won't be our last !!!!



**Susan and Dan Kirkham**  
Ketchum, Idaho and Tumacacori, AZ  
Copper Canyon in 2010

*Cathy and Marshall are fantastic. We went on a whale watching tour to Baja and thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. Seeing and touching the whales was a magical experience. Every day was packed with fun places to see and things to do. The trip will live in our memories forever.*

**Mike, Sherry & Sean Luebke,**  
Concord, CA  
Baja 2010

## SHORT TRIPS

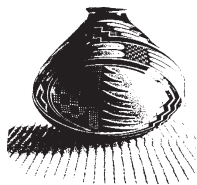
**CULINARY ADVENTURE IN BANAMICHI,** a charming Mexican village set in the beauty of the Sonora River Valley

- See the monument to Juan Bautista de Anza in Arizpe
- Stay in a quaint B&B – learn to prepare wonderful regional meals – enjoy the nearby colonial mission churches and hot springs
- Learn about the history of one of the longest settled areas of Sonora

**TOUR DATES:** November 19-22, 2010, March 18-21, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$695.00 per person double occupancy \$150.00 single supplement

**INCLUDES:** round trip transportation, lodging and taxes, all breakfasts and lunches, bilingual anthropologist tour leader, cooking lessons. **TOUR SIZE LIMITED.**



### MATA ORTIZ AND CASAS GRANDES

- Stay in the charming village of Mata Ortiz
- Observe demonstrations in the artist's homes of various stages of pottery making.
- Take an interpretive tour of the Paquime Ruins and museum

**TOUR DATES:** March 22 – 24, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$495 per person double, \$75.00 single supplement

**INCLUDES:** all transportation, lodging, meals in Mata Ortiz, visits to potters homes, tour guides and escorts. **TOUR SIZE LIMITED TO 9 PEOPLE PER VAN.**

### KINO BAY, SERI BASKETRY, and IRONWOOD CARVINGS

- Meet the Seri Indians in their village to learn about the basket making tradition and their unique cultural heritage
- Visit the ironwood carvers of Old Kino
- Visit the State Historical Museum in Hermosillo

**TOUR DATES:** March 25-27, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$549.00 per person double occupancy \$120.00 single supplement

**INCLUDES:** round trip transportation, all lodging and taxes, museum entry fees, all breakfasts and lunches, bilingual anthropologist tour leader. **TOUR SIZE LIMITED.**



## MEXICO

**NEW!**

### PALENQUE, SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, AND VILLAHERMOSA

This is one of the most beautiful areas in Mexico steeped in the history and culture of the Maya people.

- Visit the magnificent ruins of Palenque
- Boat down the beautiful Usamicinta Rive to the remote site of Yaxchilan
- Marvel at the murals of Bonampak
- Enjoy the colonial cities of San Cristobal de las Casas and Tuxtla Gutierrez
- Tour the Mayan mountain villages to enjoy the unique crafts produced in each
- Gaze in awe at the magnificent Sumidero Canyon
- Decipher the mysteries of the giant Olmec carved heads at Villahermosa

**TOUR COST:** \$2950.00 per person double \$595 single supplement plus airfare

**TOUR DATES:** March 3–14, 2011

**INCLUDES:** ground transportation from Villahermosa airport, tours, lodging, all breakfasts, most lunches, final dinner, entry fees to included sites.

### COPPER CANYON, CHIHUAHUA –

*Copper Canyon is our longest running tour and one of our favorites!!*

- Enjoy one night in colonial El Fuerte
- Ride the train into the mountains
- Overnight on the canyon rim at Divisadero where three of the canyons meet
- Take one of the most scenic drives in the world to the bottom of Batopilas •Canyon to visit the town that time forgot
- Mingle with the Tarahumara and learn about their customs and culture
- Meet the potters of Mata Ortiz and buy directly from the artists
- Tour Size Limited

### CELEBRATIONS OF THE VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE

Enjoy the ceremonies of the Tarahumara in Cusarare, celebrating their patron saint

**TOUR DATES:** December 6 - 15, 2010

**TOUR COST:** \$2395 per person double occupancy \$725 single supplement

**INCLUDES:** ground transportation, train fare, lodging, tours, all meals, tour guides.

**EASTER CELEBRATIONS** Visit the Yaqui in their reclusive villages to appreciate the spectacular processions combining ancient ritual with Catholic rites.

**TOUR DATES:** April 21 – May 2, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$2895 per person double occupancy \$850 single supplement

**INCLUDES:** ground transportation, train fare, lodging, tours, all meals, tour guides.

### CUSTOM TOURS OR TRAVELING ON YOUR OWN

Tours to any of our regularly scheduled destinations can be designed especially for your private group. We can organize motorcoach tours for larger groups.

If you wish to travel on your own to any of our destinations, we will be glad to make the arrangements for your lodging and activities to give you the very best experience and to help make your travel go smoothly.

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# SOUTHWESTERN OVERNIGHTERS

Small groups of 8 to 10 people – led by highly respected, experienced, friendly, and knowledgeable experts – quality accommodations

## TOURS LEAD BY HELENA KUMMERLI

### NEW MEXICO'S MYSTERIOUS PLACES

New Mexico is a land steeped in the mysteries of the old west. You will visit the most extraordinary places and learn much about the unique history and culture. You will come away enchanted by this mysterious land.

- Amerind Museum in Dragoon – Silver City, Gila Cliff Dwellings
- White Sands, Salinas Pueblos, Quivira
- Pecos National Park and Bandolier National Monument
- Jemez Pueblo and Ruins, Laguna Pueblo, Acoma, El Morro
- Santa Fe and Chimayo

**TOUR COST:** \$1175.00 single supplement \$450

**TOUR DATES:** March 15 – 20, 2011

### THOSE WHO VANISHED

Visit the most awesome and intriguing archaeological sites in the four corners area. Learn about ancient history and enhance your appreciation of our fascinating heritage.

- Mesa Verde, Chaco Canyon, Hovenweep
- Aztec, Salmon, Chimney Rock
- Canyon de Chelly, Valley of the Gods, Zuni

**TOUR COST:** \$1350.00

**TOUR DATES:** April 5 – 11, 2011

### SECRETS OF THE SOUTHWEST

A wonderful blend of history, culture, and nature in the most scenic country of the Southwest.

- Meet the Navajo and Hopi people and learn first-hand about their fascinating cultures
- Visit Arizona's most fascinating archaeological sites including Wupatki, Canyon de Chelly, Tonto National Monument
- Enjoy the scenic drives through Oak Creek Canyon, Lake Powell, Escalante Grand Staircase and Capitol Reef, Arches National Park, Monument Valley, and many others

**TOUR COST:** \$1495 per person double occupancy \$575 single supplement

**TOUR DATES:** April 26 – May 3, 2011

## TOURS LEAD BY JOHN DELL

**ALL TOURS INCLUDE:** All transportation by 15 passenger van, all hotels and taxes, entry fees to included sites, tour guide and driver fees and expenses.

### NORTH RIM OF THE GRAND CANYON

- Explore Beautiful Lake Powell by boat.
- Glen Canyon National Recreation area
- Kanab, UT, and Flagstaff, AZ

**TOUR DATES:** October 1 – 6, 2010

**TOUR COST:** \$1400 pp dbl \$350 ss

**North Rim of the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park –** contact us for details

**TOUR DATES:** Oct 4 – 8, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$749 pp dbl \$180 ss

### DEATH VALLEY

- Explore the depths and the heights of one of America's most extraordinary natural and cultural landscapes.
- Visit remote Titus and Mosaic Canyons
- Enjoy a “living history tour” of Scottie's Castle
- Ghost towns and gold mines
- 1 night Las Vegas, 1 night Laughlin, 3 nights Death Valley

**TOUR DATES:** Nov 14 – 19, 2010

**TOUR COST:** \$1200 pp dbl \$250 ss

### BOSQUE DEL APACHE National Wildlife Refuge

- A unique opportunity to see bald eagles, sand hill cranes, and colorful numbers of snow geese at the peak of their winter migration.
- Visit the plains of San Agustin – one of the most powerful radio telescope complexes in the world
- One night each at La Mesilla, Socorro, and Silver City

**TOUR DATES:** December 6 – 9, 2010

**TOUR COST:** \$795 pp dbl \$225 ss



For more details call 520 398 9705  
or email [fiestatoursint@gmail.com](mailto:fiestatoursint@gmail.com)

## SHORT TRIPS LEAD BY JOHN DELL –

EXPERT NATURALIST

**ALL TOURS INCLUDE:** all transportation by 15 passenger van from Tucson or Green Valley, hotel and taxes, meals as listed, entries and fees to included activities, expert naturalist guide, fees and expenses for driver/guide

### ARIZONA RAILROAD ADVENTURE I – GRAND CANYON

- Spectacular Scenery and colorful history
- Round trip railway excursion – first class seating
- Lodging at Grand Canyon Railway Hotel Williams – breakfasts and dinners included
- Scenic side trips through Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon, Schnebly Hill

**TOUR DATES:** Jan 19–21, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$745 pp dbl \$150 ss

### EXPLORING SEDONA'S RED ROCK COUNTRY

- Explore lesser known back roads – off the beaten path
- Lodging at Sky Ranch Lodge, Sedona
- Short easy walks in Oak Creek and Boynton Canyons
- Explore Bell Rock, Cathedral Rock, Honanki Sinagua Cliff Dwellings, Palatki Ruins and red cliff rock art

**TOUR DATES:** Feb 16-18, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$695 pp dbl \$125 ss

### JET BOAT ADVENTURE ON THE LOWER COLORADO

- Spectacular birding, natural history and historical sites
- Jet boat cruise – Imperial National Wildlife Refuge, historic miners camps, Picacho State Park (CA), Indian petroglyph sites, Norton's Landing, and more
- Lodging in Yuma – breakfast buffet
- Yuma Crossing State Historical Park – Butterfield Stage Route

**TOUR DATES:** March 2–4, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$695 pp dbl \$170 ss

### ARIZONA RAILROAD ADVENTURE II – VERDE CANYON

- \* Railway tour on the Verde Canyon Railroad from Cottonwood to Clarkdale and return – first class seating
- A great array of out of the way historical sites
- Prescott, Kirkland Junction, Congress, Wickenburg, and the Vulture Mountains
- Lodging in Cottonwood

**TOUR DATES:** March 30–April 1, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$645 pp dbl \$145 ss

### ARIZONA HIGH COUNTRY

- Take the spectacular Coronado Trail to Hannigan's Meadow and Springerville
- Cool off in the White Mountains
- Lodging at Greer Lodge
- Driving tour to look for elk, deer, pronghorn antelope and big horn sheep

**TOUR DATES:** June 14–17, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$695 pp dbl \$125 ss

## EXOTIC OAXACA

### EXOTIC OAXACA 2010 INCLUDING DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATIONS

This tour will be much the same as the tour offered in 2011 but will concentrate a little more on culture and archaeology.

**TOUR DATES:** October 26 – Nov 3, 2010

**TOUR COST:** \$2295 per person double occupancy \$490 single supplement plus airfare to Oaxaca

**INCLUDES:** lodging, ground transportation, all breakfasts, most lunches, one dinner, entry fees to included museums and tour sites, local guides, drivers, tour escort.

### ARTS OF OAXACA – OPTIONAL DIA DE MUERTOS EXTENSION –

Sponsored by Tubac Center of the Arts.

Focus on the delightful crafts and culture of Oaxaca, as well as the fine galleries displaying the works of many of the famous artists the area has produced – including Francisco Toledo and Rodolfo Morales and many contemporary artists.

- Visit the villages where the renowned wood carvings are crafted out of local materials – meet the finest artists
- See a pottery making demonstration of the famous black pots of Coyotepec
- Visit other artists in Atzompa, Jalietza, and Ocotlan
- Watch a weaving demo in Teotitlan del Valle to learn local techniques and how natural dyes are made
- Learn about the famous mole sauces of Oaxaca
- Tour the sites of Monte Alban and Mitla with the leading archaeological expert
- Option to stay over to enjoy the celebrations of the Dia de los Muertos

**TOUR DATES:** Oct 23–30, 2011

**TOUR COST:** \$2295 per person double occupancy \$395 single supplement, plus airfare to Oaxaca

**INCLUDES:** lodging, ground transportation, all breakfasts, most lunches, one dinner, entry fees to included museums and tour sites, local guides, drivers, tour escort.

**DIA DE MUERTOS EXTENSION:** Oct 31–Nov 2, 2011

**EXTENSION COST:** \$595.00 per person double occupancy, \$150 single supplement

**INCLUDES:** lodging, ground transportation, all breakfasts, most lunches, entry fees to included tour sites, local guides, drivers, tour escort.

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- Guadalajara and surrounding towns
- Alamos, Sonora

*Your Tour Operators Cathy Husted Giesy, an Arizona native, has traveled extensively in Mexico and Central America. She has a degree in Anthropology from the University of Arizona and was active in Amigos de Las Americas. For years, her focus has been on designing and conducting the high quality learning experiences that we offer today. She also has taught Spanish for many years. Marshall Giesy, born and raised in Ohio, developed an early interest in history, culture, and the outdoors. After graduating from Syracuse University, he was in the VISTA program working with Native Americans in Alaska. For years his focus has been on exploration in Mexico and Latin America. Together, their high level of experience in conducting tours, their knowledge of people, places, and customs, and their impressive array of contacts, both personal and professional, combine to bring you an unparalleled opportunity for comfortable and exciting travel experiences.*



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## **Helena Kummerli**

Helena is a native of Switzerland and speaks five different languages. She is a world traveler and has an impressive perspective of many cultures. She worked for many years for the President of the Ivory Coast in Africa and has traveled on business in the Middle East, Asia, Indonesia, South America and the US. She fell in love with Arizona and the western US and has developed an incredible knowledge of local and regional cultures, history, and natural history. She is not only an expert tour leader, but a compassionate and caring person.



## **Tallia Cahoon**

Born in Arizona and raised in the Southern Arizona mining town of Ruby, Tallia lived an integral part of the history of Arizona. Tallia's father was a mining engineer in Ruby, now a ghost town and a fine example of the development of early Arizona. She has a personal knowledge of this colorful part of Arizona and can regale you not only with historical facts and figures, but with an awesome array of personal anecdotes and stories of those who shaped the mines of the Arivaca area.



## **John Dell**

A retired forest ranger, John combines a tremendous knowledge of the southwest environment and history with a true passion for sharing it with others. He has been a hiker and mountain climber throughout the southwest and has been leading hiking, cultural and natural history tours for more than two decades into his special areas of interest. His impressive reputation precedes him. We are privileged to be sharing our passion for culture and natural history with three such well respected experts as Tallia, Helena, and John. We are sure you will agree when you have the opportunity to share in some of their adventures.