



Lamar to La Junta: A Santa Fe Trail Itinerary

3 days

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The past meets the future in this relaxed area at the northern portion of the Santa Fe Trail, where progress and preservation live side by side.

Sustainability Activity

How to Give Back to These Special Places:

Participate with [Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado](#)'s voluntourism and trail restoration projects throughout the year.

Day 1

ACTIVITY

Vogel and Picketwire Canyons

On the trail to Picketwire Canyon, pass walls resplendent with rock art and the Old Rourke Ranch. At Vogel Canyon follow the trails to a historic stage coach station near the Purgatoire River....

LUNCH

Mexico City Cafe

Mexico City Cafe originated over 15 years ago. It was started by Mona Munoz Chaparro. It has grown steadily from its inception. We now offer an outdoor patio when the weather is warm. As well as...

ACTIVITY

Koshare Indian Museum

The Koshare Indian Museum is one of Colorado's great repositories of Southwest art and Native American artifacts. Antiquities, pottery and textiles represent the great prehistoric cultures of the...

DINNER

Boss Hogg's Saloon & Restaurant

This restaurant features flavorful, freshly cut steaks and hickory-smoked barbecue.

ACTIVITY

The Railyard

You might come to The Railyard for well-crafted cocktails, great beer, fresh food, or the mellow atmosphere. No matter what, you're in the right place.

LODGING

Red Lion Hotel La Junta

Whether you're seeking a quiet escape, rural adventure or productive place to conduct business, Red Lion Hotel La Junta offers a variety of options to suit your every endeavor.

Day 2

BREAKFAST

Copper Kitchen

Breakfast and lunch restaurant in La Junta.

ACTIVITY

Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site

Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site features a reconstructed 1840s adobe fur trading post on the mountain branch of the Santa Fe Trail where traders, trappers, travelers, and the Cheyenne and...

LUNCH

LA Cafe

Your home-town restaurant bringing our community together with good home-town cooking.

ACTIVITY

John W. Rawlings Heritage Center and Museum

Exhibits include early 1900's storefronts of a post office, barber shop, jewelry store, candy shop, and the Bent County Bank, Kit Carson, Festus, and many more.

ACTIVITY

Boggsville Historic Site

Come visit this restored mid-19th-century settlement.

DINNER

Becky's Restaurant

Mexican/American food and steak restaurant in Lamar.

ACTIVITY

Lamar Theatre

Opened in 1946, as a single screen, 832-seat "High Art Deco" theatre with a colorfully lit facade and marquee. Colorful interior murals, recessed neon lighting, chrome details, mirrors, curved...

LODGING

Hampton Inn La Junta

Stay at the Hampton Inn La Junta hotel located off Highway 50 and accessible to a variety of popular cultural attractions. Spend a day on the water at nearby John Martin Reservoir or dive into...

Day 3

BREAKFAST

Hickory House Restaurant

Best ribs in Colorado.

ACTIVITY

Big Timbers Museum

Building erected by American Telephone & Telegraph Company housed repeater equipment for the Denver-Kansas City long distance lines. WWI Poster Collection, 10-star Confederate flag, Native...

LUNCH

B J's Burger & Beverage

People drive from miles around to eat these burgers.

ACTIVITY

Camp Amache National Historic Landmark

A WWII Japanese Internment Camp, the site is now 1 square mile of foundations and signs.

DINNER

JJ's Restaurant

Traditional American burgers and sandwiches in Eads.

ACTIVITY

Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site

See where 675 U.S. volunteers led by Colonel John Chivington launched an attack on a peaceful village of Cheyenne and Arapaho who were camped under the protection of the American Flag. Around...

LODGING

Cobblestone Inn & Suites

Our hotel is located just off of U.S. Highway 287 and Colorado State Highway 96. Our beautiful hotel is also conveniently located nearby the Eads Municipal Airport, The Sand Creek Massacre National...
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