

# Turquoise Trails: Southwest Indian Arts



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Cindy Tanner



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Turquoise is a rare gemstone of great historical and cultural significance in the American Southwest. The stone is considered to be a representation of purity and protection, praised by local medicine men for its healing powers. This tour delves into the deep cultural significance of this icon of the desert Southwest as well as the effort involved in utilizing turquoise within artwork and jewelry.

Join members of the Tanner family—a trading post dynasty—as we explore the artistic, economic, and sacred value of turquoise in American Indian culture. We visit the newly renovated Turquoise Museum, and we will be granted exclusive access to a turquoise mine. Throughout the trip, renowned artists who specialize in inlay and lapidary work join us to demonstrate the artistic processes of using turquoise. Trips to local Pueblo communities provide an authentic glimpse of the lives of modern American Indian artists. You will even have the opportunity to create your own turquoise bead as a souvenir of the trip! This program will give you a deeper appreciation for the importance of turquoise in the art and jewelry of the Southwest.

## Highlights

- Engage in a behind-the-scenes tour of the New Mexico Tiffany Turquoise Mine and learn about the variations of turquoise that the mine produces.
- Visit the Turquoise Museum at the newly renovated Gertrude Zachary mansion for a turquoise lecture and tour of the museum.
- Spend time with present-day turquoise miners and world famous Native American lapidary artists.

## Scholars

### Joe and Cindy Tanner

are among the best-known American Indian art traders in the Southwest. Joe is a fourth-generation “old-school” trader and an authority on turquoise sources, history, and use. He and his wife, Cindy, have helped advance the careers of some of the most recognizable Southwest Indian artists.

### Emerald Tanner

is a fifth-generation trader and the daughter of Joe and Cindy Tanner. She loves cultivating relationships between collectors, artists, and colleagues. Emerald has offered education seminars on turquoise and contemporary American Indian jewelry for archaeological groups, museums, and collectors.

## Cost

Member\*: Single \$5,510 / Double \$5,000

Non-Member: Single \$5,635 / Double \$5,125

*\*Minimum \$100 level member*

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