



## Santa Fe's Bishop's Lodge Announces Posse Round Up Package

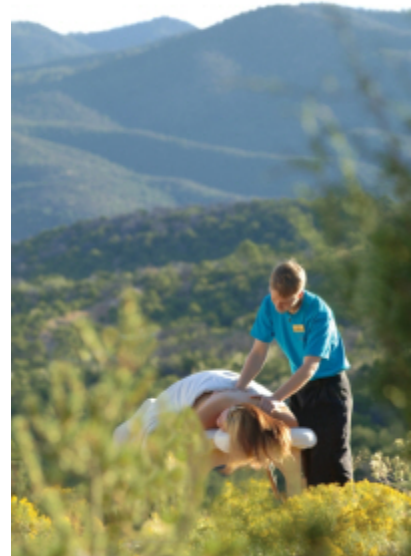
**Santa Fe, N.M., May 5, 2010** Santa Fe's historic Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort and Spa announced today a Posse Round Up Package for group bookings of 10 to 30 people. This quintessential Southwestern package includes three nights in Deluxe rooms, Nuevo Ranchero meals, choice of one custom or classic massage per person at the Lodge's ShaNah Spa, a history and art tour and, as its centerpiece, 3 days of various horseback riding activities in the breathtaking Sangre de Cristo mountains.

"I think it's safe to say that horses and riding are integral part of the Bishop's Lodge identity," says Rich Verruni, the Lodge's Managing Director, who came up with the idea for the package. "We've been host to at least three generations of riders and even our thrice monthly newsletter always contains a profile of one of our horses."

The Bishop's Lodge is on the site where a Tewa village once stood and where Spanish colonial settlers first tilled this land in the Little Tesuque Canyon starting in 1724. Nearly 130 years later, Bishop Jean Baptiste Lamy—a highly popular French clergyman appointed by the Vatican to minister to the people of the Southwest—built a retreat and a small chapel on land he'd acquired in the canyon. He planted orchards and vineyards and much of his landscaping has survived to today. The lodge and grounds eventually passed into private hands and for the last 93 years has been host to thousands coming to the lodge's beautiful and extensive grounds to have the ultimate Santa Fe experience. And the quintessential Santa Fe experience can not be had without getting on horseback and exploring a few of the hundreds of miles of trails winding through the mountains just outside the lodge's back door.

The lodge's experienced wranglers have extensive training in all levels of riding. Guests can choose from a variety of activities including guided trail riding into the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, horsemanship, a BBQ dinner ride, kids rides and rodeo. Our on-trail instruction places special emphasis on the Parelli Natural Horsemanship techniques. Our stables have horses to match anyone's ability.

Of course, even seasoned cowpokes can get a little saddle weary. That's where the lodge's ShaNah Spa—recently honored with Conde Nast Johansen's 'Most Outstanding Spa' award—comes in. There are six indoor treatment rooms and two outdoor massage gardens, as well as an outdoor Japanese Watsu pool, a whirlpool, a fitness center and a relaxing lounge area. In Navajo, ShaNah means 'vitality and energy', and the sixty and ninety minute massage treatment will have you back in the saddle in no time.



And nothing gets an appetite keen like horseback riding. Breakfast, lunch and dinner all feature Chef Carmen's innovative Nuevo Ranch cuisine. Inspired by his boyhood experiences on farms and ranches, Chef Carmen developed an inspired Southwestern menu with an emphasis on local ingredients served in ranch hand portions. To fill out the program, the Lodge also offers in the package an Art/History tour of the incredible collection of art on the grounds of the Lodge.

Celebrating its 93rd year, Bishop's Lodge Ranch and Resort also offers enough activities to fill up every waking minute including skeet shooting, a Kids Club, badminton, swimming, tennis, hiking and croquet. The Lodge is also within easy striking distance of world-class golf, skiing and fishing.

The price per person based on double occupancy is \$1150. There are also single, triple and family rates available.

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**About Bishop's Lodge:**

The Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa is a classic, historic destination resort minutes from downtown Santa Fe. Meeting spaces include four conference rooms totaling 8,000 square feet, fully wired with high-speed Internet access. Outdoor spaces are available for receptions and activities. Business support services are available, as well as catering and culinary planners.

Ranked by *Travel & Leisure* magazine as one of America's premier retreats, Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa is managed by Prism Hotels & Resorts, whose clients also include Marriott, Hilton, Radisson, Doubletree, and Holiday Inn. To make a resort or spa reservation, call 800-732-2240 or visit [www.bishopslodge.com](http://www.bishopslodge.com).

