Sacred Circle Tours San Luis, Colorado and the Surrounding Area in Costilla County.

The tours feature a full day of touring eight original mission churches, the Sangre de Cristo Parish Church plus the magnificent La Capilla de Los Todos Santos in San Luis. The day begins at 9AM at the San Luis Visitors Center and ends at approximately 4PM back in San Luis. This unique tour, guided by a knowledgeable expert on the area is a perfect outing. No driving needed! The magnificent sunset reflected on the Sangre de Cristo Mountains is our gift to you.

The fee is $40 (Which does not include lunch.) We hope you will patronize our fine restaurants plus visit our local studios and galleries which will have extended hours on tour days.

The San Luis Inn Motel (719/672-3399), El Convento Bed and Breakfast (719/672-4223 or 719/672-3685), Lodge Motel Fort Garland (719/379-2880) and Fort Garland Motor Inn (719/379-2993) feature wonderful lodging accommodations for your tour experience.

Visit our website www.sanluisreservation.com for information and pictures. The tour is sponsored by the Costilla County Economic Development Council and the Sangre de Cristo Parish in San Luis. For further information or to make reservations, contact 719/672-0999 (Am - Noon - Tuesday - Friday. You may pay by credit card or send check or money order (no cash) to Costilla County Economic Development Council, PO Box 9, San Luis, Colorado 81152. Tours operate on Tuesdays and Saturdays beginning March 25, 2008 through October 25, 2008. We will also have tours by special arrangement.

To ensure your wonderful memories of this day, posters of the Sacred Circle are available at the Ventero Open Press Fine Art in downtown San Luis. A portion of their sale price benefits the Sangre de Cristo Parish.

For information on lodging, restaurants, galleries, studios, museums, grocery stores, markets and travel support please stop at the Visitors Center on Main Street, San Luis (719/672-3002) or the “Entrada” Fort Garland (719/379-3196).

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Please call 719/672-3685 for more information, schedules and prices.
You have never taken a tour like this! The Sacred Circle Mission Churches lie in Costilla County, Colorado - nestled on the border of New Mexico. Construction of the nine original historic buildings in the Sacred Circle began in the mid 1850's and continued until the 1930's. Each has its own character and architectural style. Their stories will pull at your heart strings.

The Capilla de Todos los Santos, our crowning jewel, was dedicated in 1997. The site of this beautiful view of the entire Valley. It features exquisite bronze Stations of the Cross, a magnificent chapel with astounding original art and extensive native gardens. It was designed and built with love by the residents of San Luis. This masterpiece is a major attraction for tourists and religious pilgrims alike.

Unique tours can be tailored to fulfill special interests and time limits. We can arrange for tour guides to accompany groups to point out the historical and architectural highpoints of each church. A special interview with Father Pat Valdez, the Pastor of the Sangre de Cristo Parish, and an expert on the mission churches, may be part of the tour. Also - a self - drive tour can be arranged with literature, pictures, and maps for individual travelers.

We assure you that Costilla County promises tranquility and exceptional beauty. Join us to share an incredible experience in this pristine area of beautiful Colorado. The magnificent sunset reflected on the Sangre de Cristo Mountains is our special gift to you!