



The rail side trip (Clovis to Carlsbad, N. M.) and return costs only \$3.00, plus a small sleeping car fare if you travel in Pullman.

At the time you purchase your rail ticket you can also buy the economical tour that starts from trainside in Carlsbad, N. M., to the Caverns and return. This tour costs only \$5.75 (plus tax). See details inside this folder. Let your nearest railroad agent or travel bureau show you how easy it is to include Carlsbad Caverns in your western trip via Santa Fe!

Easy to see, and economical, too!

but to make the entire trip an enjoyable experience. To make a complete and unhurried tour of Carlsbad Caverns requires 4½ hours. Santa Fe has arranged its service to give passengers not only ample time for this tour, but to make the entire trip an enjoyable experience.

National Park Rangers conduct visitors on the entire journey through the Caverns, explaining the many interesting things about the enormous rooms and passages. After a tour of the Caverns, Santa Fe passengers are driven back to the hotel in Carlsbad for dinner and then to their waiting Pullmans to continue their journey to Los Angeles or Chicago.

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National Park Rangers escort you through this breath-taking fairyland

The entire journey through the Caverns is in the nature of a leisurely stroll. The trails are well planned, with no extreme inclines or declines. An excellent floodlight system illuminates the many unusual features of the Caverns' formations and frequent stops are made at points of exceptional interest.

Carlsbad-on-the-Santa Fe

At Carlsbad a special tour has been arranged for Santa Fe passengers. Motor coaches meet the train and take passengers to a convenient hotel in Carlsbad for breakfast, then for the short ride over a paved highway to the entrance of the Caverns.

Passengers arrive in time to make an unhurried tour of the Caverns' wonders and enjoy the unusual experience of having luncheon deep down inside the earth in a spacious cafeteria lunch room.

Special Carlsbad Tour for Santa Fe Passengers

Every day throughout the year comfortable sleeping cars, with room and berth accommodations, leave Chicago and Los Angeles on swift Santa Fe trains taking passengers direct to Carlsbad, New Mexico, for Carlsbad Caverns.

Through Pullman via Santa Fe to Carlsbad for Carlsbad Caverns

Carlsbad-on-the-Santa Fe in southeastern New Mexico is only 27 miles from the entrance of Carlsbad Caverns. This city is the nearest and most convenient rail approach to this magnificent underground fairyland, and is the location of the office and residence of the Park Superintendent. The population of Carlsbad is 8,500. Climatically, it has a mean annual temperature of 63 degrees, and nearly 90% of possible sunshine. Its altitude of 3,100 feet is the lowest in New Mexico.

The Carlsbad region is the source of America's greatest potash production; is the heart of one of the country's successful irrigation projects; is near the oil fields, and is rich in archaeological and paleontological interests.



Let one of these Santa Fe traffic offices show you how easy you can include scenic Carlsbad Caverns in your trip to or from California.



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Santa Fe is the only railroad to Carlsbad, New Mexico, for Carlsbad Caverns



World's largest underground fairyland

Carlsbad Caverns National Park, in the Guadalupe Mountains of southeastern New Mexico is a subterranean fairyland which ranks with Grand Canyon as one of the great natural scenic wonders of the world.

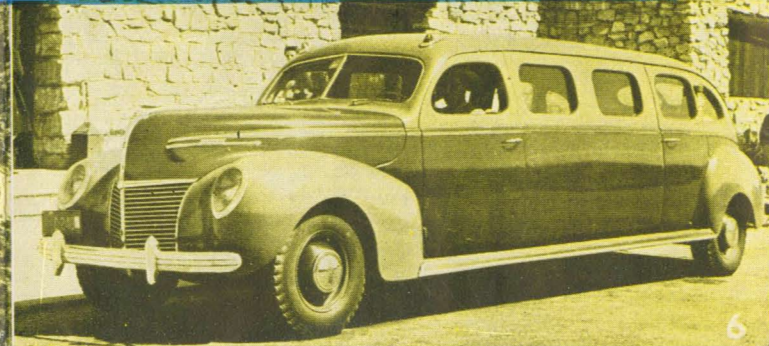
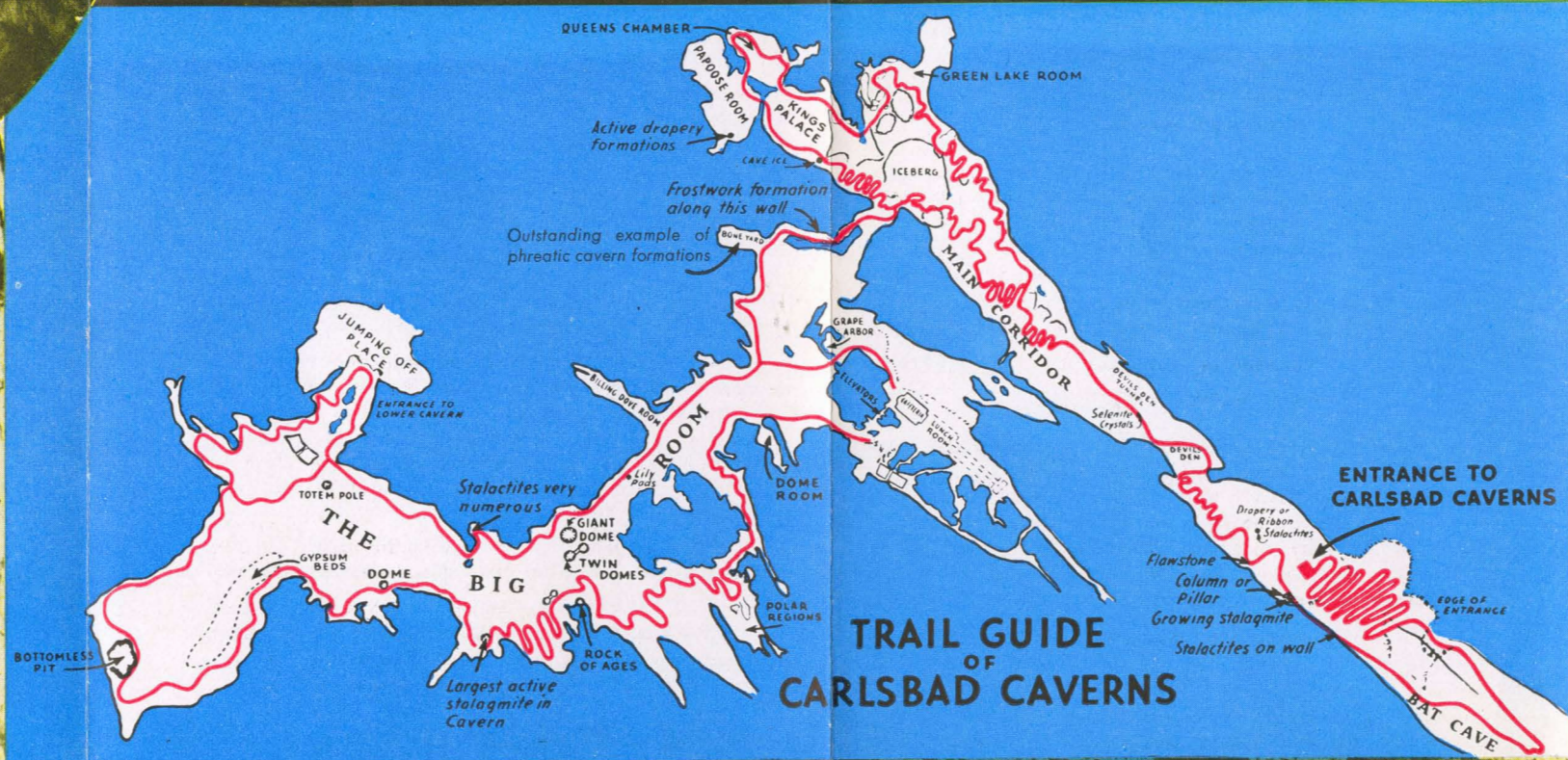
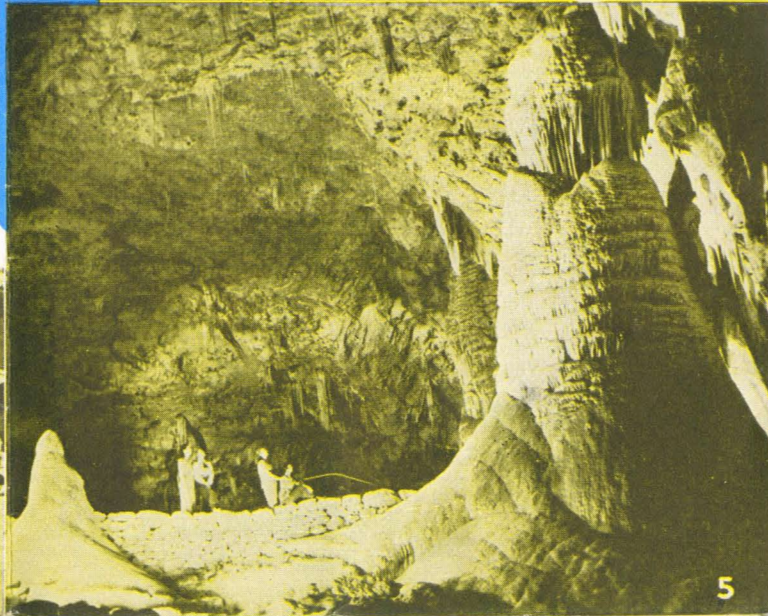
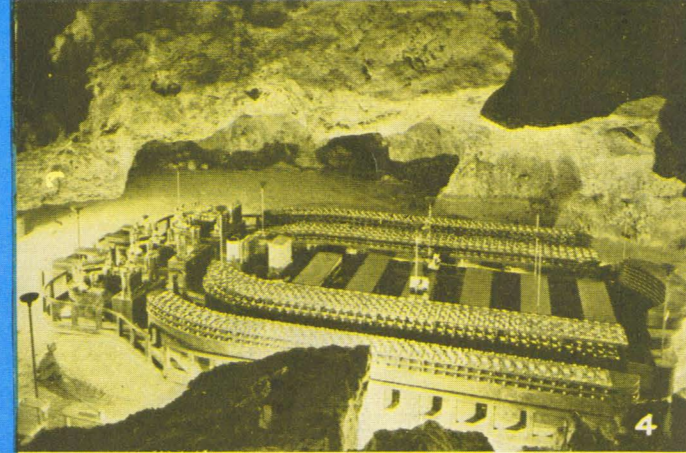
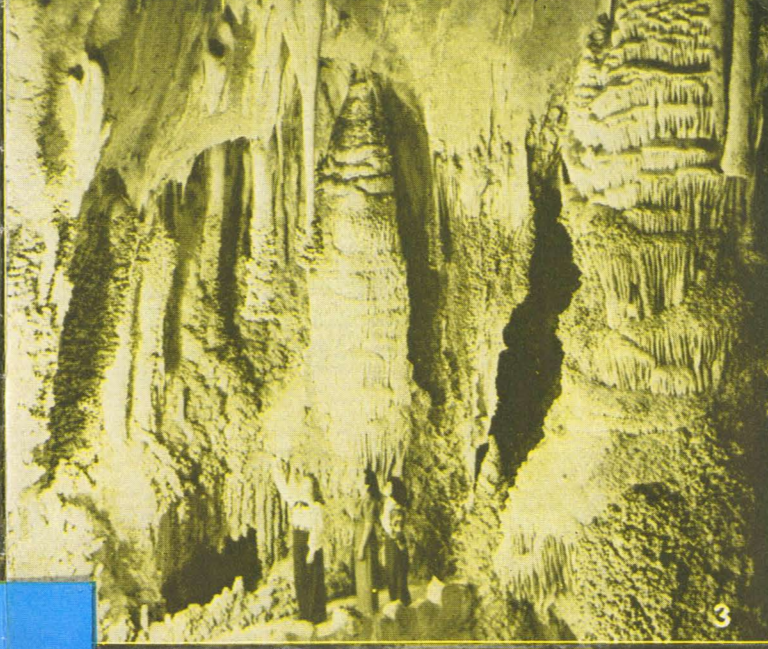
Scientists estimate Nature has spent 60,000,000 years in forming these Caverns—but no one knows how deep and far this amazing "Underworld" extends under the earth's surface. To date, more than 23 miles and 3 levels have been explored. The first level, 750 feet below the surface, is open to visitors the year 'round.

The tremendous size of the chambers in Carlsbad Caverns is almost unbelievable. The "Big Room" alone is 2000 feet long, 1100 feet wide, 285 feet from floor to

ceiling. No photograph yet taken reveals more than an infinitesimal part of its glories.

Throughout the Caverns, acres of multicolored stalactites hang from the ceiling. Forests of grotesque stalagmites, weighing many tons each, rise from the floor. Legions of fantastic formations—such as the Chinese Temple, Lady at the Organ, and Rock of Ages—meet the eye at every turn.

But like trying to describe the Grand Canyon, it is difficult to picture in words the silent grandeur and delicate coloring of this underground fairyland where the light of the sun has never reached since the dawn of time.



Seeing is believing!

Carlsbad Caverns is a scenic attraction every American should see—for only by seeing will you believe that such a fairyland exists. It is unusual, interesting, educational and mysterious—yet convenient and easy to see as a part of your Santa Fe trip to or from the west.

A Bit of the Caverns' History

All that is known of the first man to see the entrance of Carlsbad Caverns is that he was an Indian. Evidences of prehistoric habitation are the circular rock mescal or cooking pits and the grinding bowls found on the surface near the entrance and the paintings, or pictographs, found on the walls of the entrance. It is doubtful, however, that the Indians ventured far into the Caverns.

Early pioneer trails passed near the Caverns' entrance. The Spanish conquistadors are believed to have come into the Guadalupe Mountains near the Caverns, and the historic old Butterfield Express Trail (the first express trail across the West) crossed the route of the Spaniards at this point.

Following closely the wayfarers of the Butterfield Trail came the cattlemen and the first permanent settlers. They knew of the Caverns, referred to them as the Bat Cave, and may have explored portions of them. The first real interest in the cave, however, lay not in its natural beauty but in the discovery of its valuable deposits of bat guano. Mining operations to remove this nitrate-rich fertilizer began at the turn of the century, and the guano miners made exploration of the underground chambers and passageways. Among these early explorers was a local cowboy, Jim White. He was impressed by the wonders he saw beneath the surface and took every opportunity of visiting the Caverns and in encouraging others to visit them.

As more settlers came to the region the fame of the Caverns grew, and in 1923 Robert Holley, of the General Land office, United States Department of the Interior, surveyed the cave to determine whether it should be included in the superlative areas making up the National Park System. His report stressed the magnificence of the Caverns and on October 25, 1923, President Coolidge proclaimed the area the Carlsbad Cave National Monument. Also in 1923, and again in 1924, Dr. Willis T. Lee, of the Geological Survey, made comprehensive explorations, and the publishing of his findings in the National Geographic Magazine gave the Caverns national publicity. An act of Congress, approved May 14, 1930, changed the status of the area to the Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

Along the Trail

The Carlsbad Caverns do not display their full glory immediately upon entrance. It is only when you start

down the trail that you realize how completely you have left behind accustomed things for the experiences and sensations of another world.

Visitors proceed along the trail through the main corridor, past the Iceberg (a giant boulder estimated to weigh 200,000 tons), and enter the Green Lake Room, which derives its name from a small green pool alongside the trail. Next comes the Frozen Falls, and then a short passage leads into The Palace, consisting of the King's Room, the Queen's Chamber, and the Papoose Room.

Here and there powerful electric floodlights pick out points of transcendent beauty on the distant walls and ceilings, as though to reassure us that this great shadowland really has actual and definable limits.

Leaving the Papoose Room, the trail leads to the Lunch Room through a series of corridors of majestic proportions.

Luncheon is served in a cavern room that has been "air-cooled and air-conditioned for a million years." This unique underground dining room is 320 by 100 feet, 750 feet below the Earth's surface and is fitted with electric lights, running water, benches and tables. Here a stop of about three-quarters of an hour is made for lunch.

Shortly after lunch, visitors take up the trails that lead about that enormous cavity in the earth that has appropriately been named the Big Room.

There is nothing of the kind on the known globe to be matched against this stupendous subterranean chamber. It is more than one-half of a mile long. Its maximum width is over 1100 feet. The maximum measured height of the ceiling is over 285 feet. Upon its floor our party is of no more consequence than a line of ants marching through a big warehouse.

In dimensions alone the Big Room is awesome, sublime. Stalactites, resembling icicles, ranging from needle-like spines to enormous masses, whose length and weight cannot be estimated, completely cover the ceiling. The walls are frozen cascades of flowstone.

The indescribable glory of form and substance of Carlsbad Caverns has been created in utter darkness, particle by particle, through a million years. Yet, against the ultimate coming of light, the finishing touches of color have been added. There is the smooth whiteness of gypsum talc; the blue-green white of ice; the sparkling brilliance of frost; the black and grey and brick red of the basic rocks; the jade green of flowstone; the shell pink and tea-rose in the stone curtains and portieres; the light cream of the great domes and the turquoise blue of the pools.

The Return Trip

After completing the 1¼-hour circuit of the Big Room, including passage through the "Hall of Giants" section,

a short stop is again made at the Lunch Room. Here the party divides. Those who leave by trail are conducted to the surface over the entrance route. The walk to the surface is available only for those who join the 10 and 11 o'clock tours. Others take the two elevators to the surface.

The trip from the ticket office to the Lunch Room by trail is 1¼ miles. Around the Big Room, returning to the Lunch Room, the distance is 1¼ miles, a total of 3 miles, if one leaves the Caverns by elevator. For those wishing to walk out, the added distance is 1 mile, or a total of 4 miles round trip.

Open the Year Around

Carlsbad Caverns National Park may be visited any time of the year. The elevation of 4,400 feet at the entrance to the Caverns helps to temper the summer heat, yet is not sufficient to cause extreme or long continued cold in winter. Once underground, the season of the year has no effect, owing to the unvarying temperature of the Caverns.

The Air is Cool and Fresh always 56 degrees

The air in the Caverns is uniformly cool and fresh, and the temperature stands unvaried at 56 degrees Fahrenheit—summer and winter.

The sense of oppression that is experienced in many caves is utterly lacking in Carlsbad Caverns. In this respect it is impossible to realize that at times you are many hundreds of feet below the Earth's surface.

General Information for Carlsbad Caverns Visitors

Visitors are permitted to enter Carlsbad Caverns only when accompanied by National Park Service guides.

Trips into the Caverns commence daily at 9.00 AM, 10.00 AM, 11.00 AM, and 12.15 NOON.

A nursery is available in the Park where babies and children may be left while the parents make the underground tour. This service costs \$1.50 including child's lunch. Pets must be left at the kennels, and a charge of 50c prevails.

Still and motion picture cameras may be used on the surface by amateurs for scenic views. In the Caverns the lighting is not sufficient for pictures unless flash bulbs and/or time exposures with tripods are used. Each day a special photographic tour starts from the Cavern dining room at 12.45 P.M. for photographers with such equipment.

Hand baggage and other personal traveling effects can be left in sleeping cars which will be parked at the depot in Carlsbad during passengers' tour of Carlsbad Caverns.

SCENES ABOVE—(1) Twin Domes and the Giant Dome in the Big Room. (2) The Rock of Ages. (3) Caverns' trails wind through a fairyland of stalagmites and stalactites. (4) Lunchroom, cafeteria in the Caverns. (5) A tour party pauses in the Big Room. (6) Comfortable type of motor coach that carries passengers between Carlsbad and the Caverns. (7) Highway winding through Walnut Canyon leading to Caverns' entrance. (8) Unusual formations of all types greet the eyes of Caverns visitors at every turn.

Special Tour

from Santa Fe Depot in Carlsbad
to Carlsbad Caverns and return

(Effective October 20, 1948)

\$5.75

(Plus Tax)

This special tour does not include rail side-trip fare of \$3 from Clovis to Carlsbad or side trip Pullman fare.

This special tour from trainside at Carlsbad, New Mexico, to the Caverns and return has been arranged for the convenience of Santa Fe passengers.

Comfortable motor coaches meet trains on arrival and carry passengers to a hotel in Carlsbad for breakfast. After breakfast the 27 miles trip is made from Carlsbad to the entrance of the Caverns for a 4½ hour underground tour.

After the tour of the Caverns, passengers are carried back to hotel for dinner and then to the station to their waiting Pullmans.

This special tour includes motor transportation in Carlsbad between Santa Fe Station and the hotel, as well as between the hotel and the entrance to the Caverns; also entrance fee into Carlsbad Caverns and lunch in the Caverns. (Breakfast and dinner at hotel in Carlsbad are not included in cost of tour.)

Tour for adults costs \$5.75; children 12 to 17, \$4.75, and children 5 to 12, \$2.40—tax extra.

Tour tickets can be secured from your railroad or tourist agent or at the Santa Fe Station in Carlsbad, New Mexico.