

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES Southwest Center

# SOUTHWEST CENTER TRAVEL SERIES, 2022

# SONORA QUERIDA: LAND, WATER, AND LIFE ALONG THE RÍO SONORA, MÉXICO

# **OCTOBER 17 - 21 2022**

\$1,600/PERSON (\$1,800 IN SINGLE OCCUPANCY)

**PRICE INCLUDES:** 

- \$600 TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO THE SWC
- TRANSPORTATION FROM TUCSON IN UA VANS
- FOUR NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION
- ALL MEALS (EXCEPT ONE DINNER)
- COCKTAIL RECEPTION ON FIRST NIGHT
- ALL LECTURES, VISITS, AND PERFORMANCES

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### **THE CONCEPT**

The river valleys of central and eastern Sonora, especially the Río Sonora, were the heartland of Spanish colonial Sonora from the 17th to the 19th centuries. Their communities of Opata and Eudeve peoples, and of Spaniards and their mestizo and mulato descendants, constituted a frontier society that fused Iberian and Indigenous crops, livestock, irrigation techniques, and foods that took root in the 1600s and still survives today.

Our base of operation will be the lovely Hotel Posada del Río in Banamichi, where we will explore and celebrate Sonoran history and culture through lectures, field trips, cooking demonstrations, and mobile phone photography sessions. With your guides BILL STEEN, author, photographer and cofounder of the Canelo Project, TOM SHERIDAN, professor of anthropology at the University of Arizona, and JEFF BANISTER, director of the Southwest Center, we will meet and talk with Sonoran farmers, ranchers, and mezcaleros (bacanora makers) and share their food, music, history, and knowledge. We will also experience a way of life that has flourished for four centuries -away of life based on living with rivers, not damming or destroying them.

## THE "SYLLABUS"

#### • HISTORY

- Jesuit Missionization
- The Columbian Exchange in Northwestern New Spain: Four Centuries of Agropastoralism in the River Valleys of Sonora
- Threads of Life: Riparian Oases in an Arid Land
  - · Rivers as Corridors of Travel and Trade
  - · Rivers as Centers of Settlement
  - · Arizpe, Capital of the Provincias Internas

#### • LA TIERRA NO MUERE: AGRIGULTURE

- Milpa y Acequía: Irrigated Floodplain Fields
- Temporales: Rainfall-Dependent Fields

#### • EL GANADO QUE DA LA VIDA: STOCKRAISING

- Ganado Menor: Sheep and Goats
- Ganado Mayor: Cattle
- Corridas y Corridos: Horse Culture and Horse Races in Sonoran Music and Culture

#### • GAMBUCINOS Y MINEROS: MINING FROM SAN JUAN BAUTISTA TO CANANEA

#### • TRIGO Y MOLINOS: THE RISE AND FALL OF SONORAN WHEAT AND THE MILLS THAT GROUND IT

#### • BACANORA: DISTILLATION IN THE SONORAN DESERT

#### **TEXTS:**

**Sheridan, Thomas. 1988**. Where the Dove Calls: The Political Ecology of a Peasant Corporate Community in Northwestern Mexico. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.

West, Robert. 1993. Sonora: Its Geographical Personality. Austin: University of Texas Press.