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Cherokee National Holiday includes tours

Labor Day weekend is a cultural reunion for members of the Cherokee Nation, which will celebrate the Cherokee National Holiday in and around Tahlequah, Okla., Sept. 3-6.

The festivities typically attract more than 90,000 people from around the world.

Bus and walking tours of historic sites are popular features of the weekend.

Bus tours (\$35, lunch included) will be Friday. Buy tickets at CherokeeTourism.com, or by calling 1-877-779-6977. Online purchases using the tour code "Holiday Special" get a \$10 per ticket discount.

Walking tours Saturday are free. The starting point is the Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism booth on Capitol Square in Tahlequah.

The holiday commemorates the signing of the Cherokee Nation Constitution in September 1839.

Contact: 918-453-5536; <http://holiday.cherokee.org>. **Cherokee Nation information:** www.cherokee.org

SAN ANTONIO

Festival focuses on photographic arts

Fotoseptiembre USA, a privately owned international photography festival, will display photos and photo-based art Sept. 1-30 throughout San Antonio and in the Texas Hill Country.

To see the exhibit locations, go to www.fotoseptiembre-usa.com. To

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Contact: www.fotoseptiembre.usa.com **Tourism:** 1-800-447-3372; www.visitsanantonio.com

NEW MEXICO

Popular scenic byway marks its 10th year

New Mexico's Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway, which includes parts of State Roads 14 and 536 between Albuquerque and Santa Fe, marked its 10th anniversary this summer.

The 65-mile route passes numerous shops and galleries operated by craftspeople and artists. Wildlife also abounds.

Download a brochure that contains a map of the byway at www.turquoisetrail.org.

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