

“Things to Know Before You Come to Mabel’s”

We want all of our guests to understand the unique aspects of this historic property so that they can sufficiently plan in advance for a safe and comfortable visit. With that in mind, please relay the following information to your students before arrival:

- Please be aware that the Mabel Dodge Luhan House (MDLH) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which operates simultaneously as a retreat center and an historic inn.
- There are numerous buildings on the property with guest rooms in the historic Big (Main) House (constructed between 1918-1922) and in the more modern Juniper House where the classroom resides. The Gatehouse and Auntie’s are cottages. Our new yoga/meditation facility is also a separate building.
- If you are staying in Mabel’s room, Tony’s room, or Room 3, 4, 7 or 8 in Juniper House, there will be stairs to navigate. In addition, the Solarium is on the 3rd floor with steep, open-access stairs. There are no elevators on the property, so please bear this in mind if you have accessibility issues.
- We have a gravel parking lot and there are stairs leading to the flagstone courtyard and Big House where the receptionist is located. It is possible to drive up to the gated entrance by the birdhouses to drop off luggage. (The receptionist can provide instructions but we ask that you please refrain from driving through the gate onto the fragile flagstone courtyard.)
- Comfortable shoes are a must for safely navigating the property.
- Please pack as lightly as possible to ensure your ability to manage your own suitcase(s). We do not have someone here to assist with luggage. Contact us about shipping ahead of your arrival.
- A receptionist is on duty to serve you between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. If you are checking in after 8:00 p.m., an envelope with your key and other information will be taped to the front door of the Big House.
- Smoking is not permitted in MDLH rooms.
- In keeping with the feel of Mabel’s era, there are no telephones, televisions, internet or alarm clocks in the guest rooms. A telephone and internet access are available in the common area of the Big House.
- MDLH is not air-conditioned, but windows can be opened and fans are available.
- Taos is at an altitude of approximately 7,000 feet above sea level. Please contact your doctor before your arrival if you have any chronic health issues. You will need to drink plenty of water during your stay in order to prevent dehydration. Please ask your participants to bring a refillable water bottle that can be filled from the sinks.
- It is an easy 10 minute walk to historic Taos Plaza. The streets and property can be dark at night. Flashlights are available in your room and from the receptionist as needed.
- MDLH is located at the edge of Taos Pueblo. This is sovereign land and trespassing could result in your arrest.
- We do our best to control for pests, but our location and the change of seasons can sometimes bring them indoors. If you have an unwanted visitor, contact the receptionist and we’ll take care of the problem as soon as possible.
- Due to the high risk of fires in this area, we have limitations on the use of the fireplace in the living room. If you would like to use the Living Room fireplace, please check with the receptionist first. Fires are not allowed in guest rooms.

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