



DAY TRIP TO SHAKESPEARE

From Lordsburg · Hidalgo County, New Mexico



SILVER MINING



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GUIDED TOURS

Private ranch. Guided tours daily when a guide is available; call ahead.

Shakespeare is five minutes from Lordsburg, so a tour fits easily into a drive on I-10. The official site calls the town completely uncommercialized and points visitors to Lordsburg, which has restaurants, grocery and convenience stores.

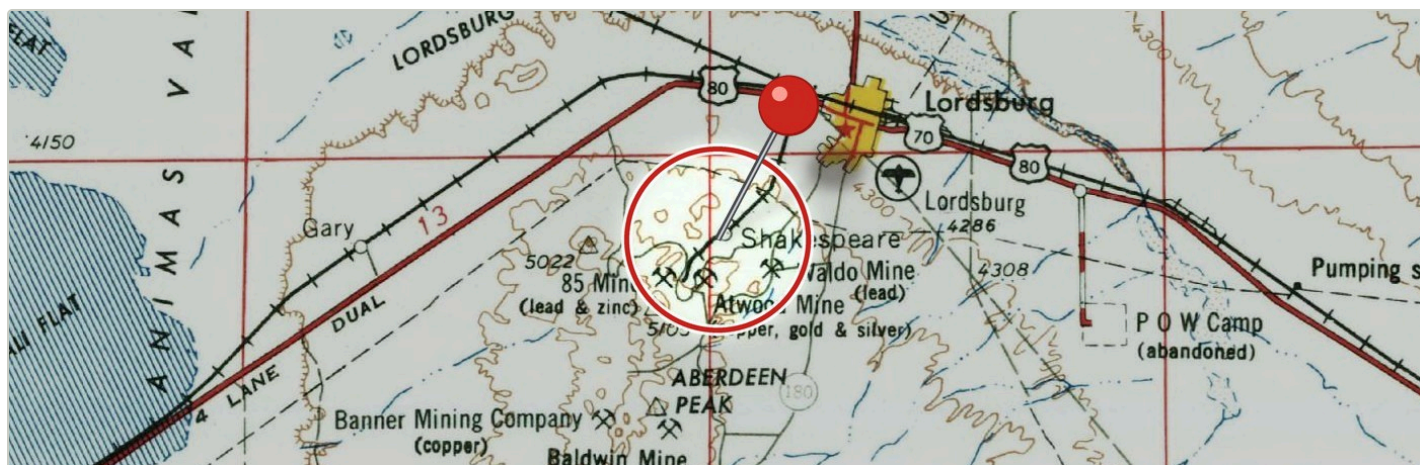
A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ 9:30 a.m. | Call 575-542-9034 to confirm the 10 a.m. tour, then fill up with water and snacks in Lordsburg. |
| ☐ 9:50 a.m. | Drive south on NM 494 to the gate, about five minutes. |
| ☐ 10 a.m. | Guided tour: the Grant House, the Stratford Hotel, the 1850s adobe and the assay office. |
| ☐ Noon | Lunch back in Lordsburg. |

Coming from Tucson? It's about two and three-quarter hours; leave by 7 a.m. Mountain time for the 10 a.m. tour, or aim for noon.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The Stratford Hotel.** The stone front and rusting tin roof stand out against the sky from the open ground in front of the hotel.
- **Hotel interiors.** The dining room and kitchen are dim. Expose for the inside, not the doorway.
- **The town from the hill.** The 2012 views in the gallery were taken from the rise southeast of town. Ask the guide before you climb anything.
- **Drones.** The official site doesn't mention them. This is private ranch land, so ask first.



USGS topographic map, 1954 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	2 mi, about 5 min each way from central Lordsburg. From Tucson: 158 mi, about 2 h 44 min.
OPEN	Daily, with tours at 10 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. Mountain time, if a guide is available. Call ahead on 575-542-9034, or call from the gate.
ADMISSION	\$15 adults, \$7 children 6 to 12, under 6 free. Tours have a \$30 minimum, plus tax.
ON SITE	All visits are guided. The tour goes inside eight buildings.
TIME ON SITE	The official site doesn't give a tour length.
FOOD AND WATER	The official site lists no food or water on site. Lordsburg, 2.5 miles away, has Mexican and American restaurants, fast food, groceries and convenience stores.
RESTROOMS	The official site doesn't say. Plan on Lordsburg.
PHOTOGRAPHY	The official site doesn't state a policy. Ask your guide.
WEBSITE	shakespeareghosttown.com

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 32.32556, -108.73833 • 32°19'32"N
108°44'18"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/new-mexico/shakespeare/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.