

Tempe via taxi, chopper, bus, train, air . . . prayer

By Randy Blauvelt
Tempe via taxi?

That's right. If you can convince a cabby to make a round trip to the Fiesta Bowl, the fare would be about \$1,300. Don't forget the 20 per cent tip—that's \$260.

Or, if you would rather go by helicopter, you can rent one (complete with pilot) for about \$92 an hour. A one-way chopper ride to the Arizona game site would cost about \$1,410.

But for those who reach into their pockets and find nothing but holes, there are cheaper ways to get to the game Dec. 26.

For example, students can take the 32 and one-half hour Continental Trailways bus ride to Phoenix (close to Tempe) for \$76 round-trip, provided they return within a week of their departure.

Greyhound offers a thirty seven and one-half hour bus ride to Phoenix for a round-trip price of \$122.65, but allows a one-year return time.

Spokesmen from both bus companies said there would be no problem getting a bus to the game because extra buses will

be running the routes.

Motor route requests

According to Barb Ketzler, domestic travel manager for the AAA Cornhusker Motor Club, many people are requesting information on motor routes to Tempe because of a space shortage on airlines.

The main "winter route" AAA suggests is Interstate 80 west to Nebraska 183, south across the Kansas border, and connecting west on Kansas 383 (383 turns into 83, but later becomes 383 again), she said. Get off 383 and take highway 54 into Liberal, Kan. and through to Tucumcari, N.M. In Tucumcari, get on Interstate 40 to Albuquerque and continue to Flagstaff, Ariz. From Flagstaff, pick up Interstate 17 south and follow it into Phoenix.

Ketzler said the route is about 1,293 miles one-way and is "not too scenic," but is considered the safest. Most of the route is two-lane highway. AAA has devised a longer route in case of "severe" winter weather.

Ketzler also said motorists can save money by car-pooling, staying at the 55 m.p.h. speed limit (that is the limit, besides, it stretches mileage) and by always driving with the gas tank more than half

full.

The AAA suggests motorists leaving Lincoln early in the morning spend the night in Liberal or Tucumcari. Finding accommodations at either location will not be difficult, Ketzler said.

No student packages

Although no local travel agencies are offering special student package rates for the trip, many plans for the general public are still available.

Lincoln Tour and Travel still has room on a \$229 motorcoach (bus) tour which leaves Lincoln Dec. 22 and returns Dec. 28. Price includes transportation, four nights of lodging in Phoenix, fees for the tour guide, bellboy tips, game tickets and transfers.

The service also offers a \$299 air-trip tour that leaves Lincoln Dec. 22 and flies back after the game on Dec. 26. It includes accommodations, game tickets, transfers, maid tips and a champagne brunch before the game. "A few" openings remain on the air trip, according to a travel agency spokesman.

Both Van C. Duling Travel, Inc. and the Via Van Bloom agency offer \$299 airtrip tours. Duling's tour leaves Lincoln Dec. 25

and returns Dec. 30, while the Via Van Bloom package leaves the city Dec. 23 and returns Dec. 27. Both plans offer the same features as Lincoln Tour and Travel's air-trip tour.

Forget Amtrack

Don't plan on taking Amtrack to the Fiesta Bowl. According to an Amtrack spokesman, a passenger wanting to go to Phoenix would have to leave Lincoln, go all the way to Oakland, Calif., catch a connection to Los Angeles and take a return route through Phoenix.

The resourceful student can really cut cost corners for a bowl-game trip by using the old standard—the thumb. For those considering a hitchhike trip, a few things that should be remembered.

- Dress warmly.
- Use a sign (early in the trip use 'West', closer use 'Phoenix').
- Hitch with a companion.
- If you see a Nebraska car coming, let them know where you are from.
- Get a haircut.
- Plan your route and stick to it.
- Avoid other game-goers who are drunk.
- Pray for a ride.

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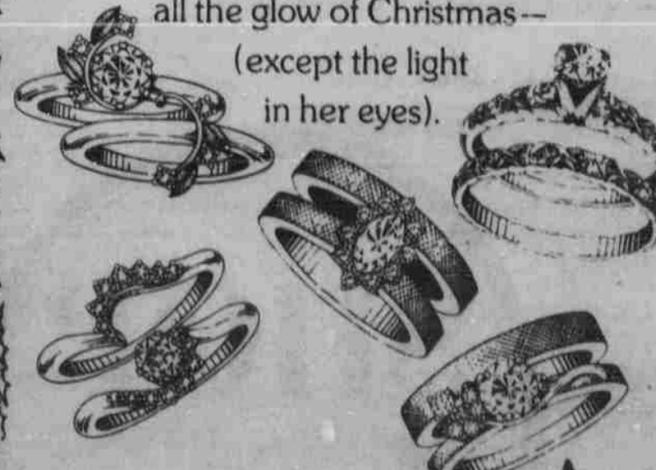
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