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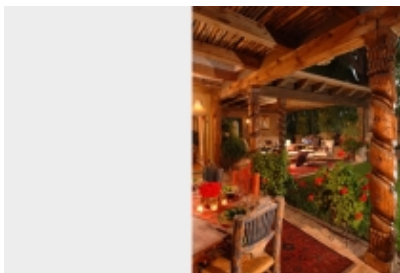
Enchantment on a Budget

Santa Fe, 2 Days

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: Santa Fe's most expensive lodging is found either in the downtown Plaza area or at several resorts outside of town. But along Cerrillos Road are plenty of chain hotels, motels, and more moderately-priced accommodations. The Santa Fe Sage Inn is a good choice as it's across the street from the Santa Fe Railyard and close to downtown as well, while being very affordable. There are plenty of inexpensive restaurants throughout town. The Museum of New Mexico offers a 4 day museum pass that is good for unlimited visits to all 4 of their Santa Fe museums for \$20. The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum offers free entrance on Friday evenings, 5 to 8, the Dale Ball Trail System is a wonderful complex of hiking trails in the foothills on the city limit that has no access fees, the Santa Fe Convention & Visitors Bureau offers free handout information and individual advice - located at the Santa Fe Convention Center downtown, many of the hotels offer music in the evenings without a cover charge, the Palace of the Governors has a Native American artists program every day featuring Indian artists selling their work - the vendor's market is free and the work is guaranteed to be authentic, of high quality, and most of the work is reasonably priced.

Itinerary Overview

things to do
restaurants
hotels
nightlife

Day 1 - Santa Fe

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Cafe Paris
French Bistro



Loretto Chapel
Miracles in the High Desert



The Shed
Reviews Rave About The Shed!



**Institute of American Indian Arts
Museum**
Internationally-Renowned Art Museum



Santa Fe Plaza Travelodge
Convenient accommodations near the Opera House

Day 2 - Santa Fe

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Santa Fe National Forest
Enjoy The Great Outdoors



El Canon
Relaxing At Any Hour

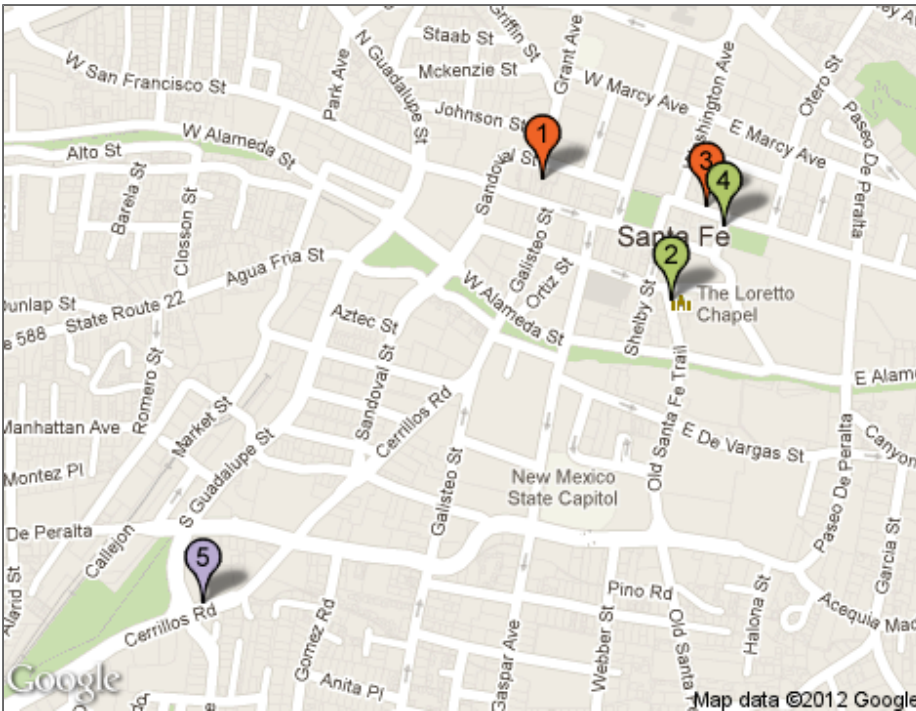


Atalaya Mountain Trail
This easily accessible hiking trail is one of the most popular in Santa Fe.



La Casa Sena
Old-Time Favorite

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<http://www.cafeparisnm.com/>

location:

31 Burro Alley Street
Santa Fe NM 87501

hours:

Daily 8a-10p

1 Cafe Paris

DESCRIPTION: This little French bistro is located just off the Plaza. Owned and operated by a true Parisian, Cafe Paris uses only the finest ingredients to produce the taste of France. For lunch, the Ratatouille Crepe is a very popular dish with eggplant and squash. Other lunch entrees include Quiche Lorraine, Eggs Benedict, and Chicken Cordon Bleu. For dinner, you might enjoy the Filet de Boeuf au Poivre Vert. This wonderful cut of beef is flambéed in cognac with a green pepper cream sauce. © wcities.com



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contact:

tel: 505 982 0092
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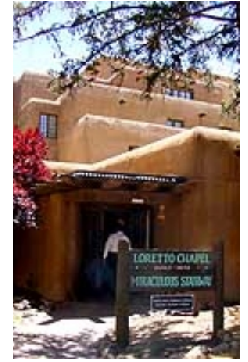
207 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe NM 87501

hours:

Summer: 9a-6p M-Sa;
10:30a-5p Su; Winter: 9a-5p
M-Sa; 10:30a-5p Su

2 Loretto Chapel

DESCRIPTION: Loretto Chapel carries a fascinating architectural legend, some say miraculous, which attracts thousands of curious visitors every yearly. When the church was completed in 1778 it was impossible to enter the choir loft without a ladder so the sisters made a novena to St. Joseph, the patron saint of carpenters for a solution. On the ninth day, as legend has it, a carpenter appeared who, for months of solitary labor, built an elegant circular staircase without apparent visible support - a design unknown at the time. Upon completion the carpenter disappeared without a trace, without thanks or pay. Was it St. Francis himself? The chapel no longer belongs to the Catholic Church. It is a private museum and there is a gift shop on the premises. © NileGuide



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<http://www.sfshed.com>

location:

113 & 1/2 East Palace
Avenue
Santa Fe NM 87501

hours:

Daily 11a-9p

3 The Shed

DESCRIPTION: This longtime locals' favorite is so popular that during lunch lines often form outside. Half a block east of the plaza, a luncheon institution since 1953, it occupies several rooms and the patio of a rambling hacienda that was built in 1692. Festive folk art adorns the doorways and walls. The food is delicious, some of the best in the state, and a compliment to traditional Hispanic and Pueblo cooking. The red chile cheese enchilada is renowned in Santa Fe. Tacos and burritos are good, too. The green-chile stew is a local favorite. The Shed's Joshua Carswell has added vegetarian and low-fat Mexican foods to the menu, as well as a variety of soups and salads and grilled chicken and steak. Don't leave without trying the mocha cake, possibly the best dessert you'll ever eat. In addition to wine and a number of beers, there's full bar service. The cantina style bar is a fun place to schmooze, and the brick patio is well shaded. © Frommer's



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location:

83 Avan Nu Po Road
Santa Fe NM 97508

hours:

Mon-Sat 10am-5pm; Sun
noon-5pm

**4 Institute of American Indian Arts
Museum**

DESCRIPTION: Located in downtown, across the street from the St. Francis Cathedral, this is the only museum in the world that highlights contemporary Native American arts. Carl Beam, James Lavadour, Gerald Clarke and Tom Fields are but a small sampling of artists whose works are on display. Each May, the works of students who are graduating from the institute are put on display. Other events include lectures, book signings and children's activities. © wcities.com



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location:

646 Cerrillos Rd

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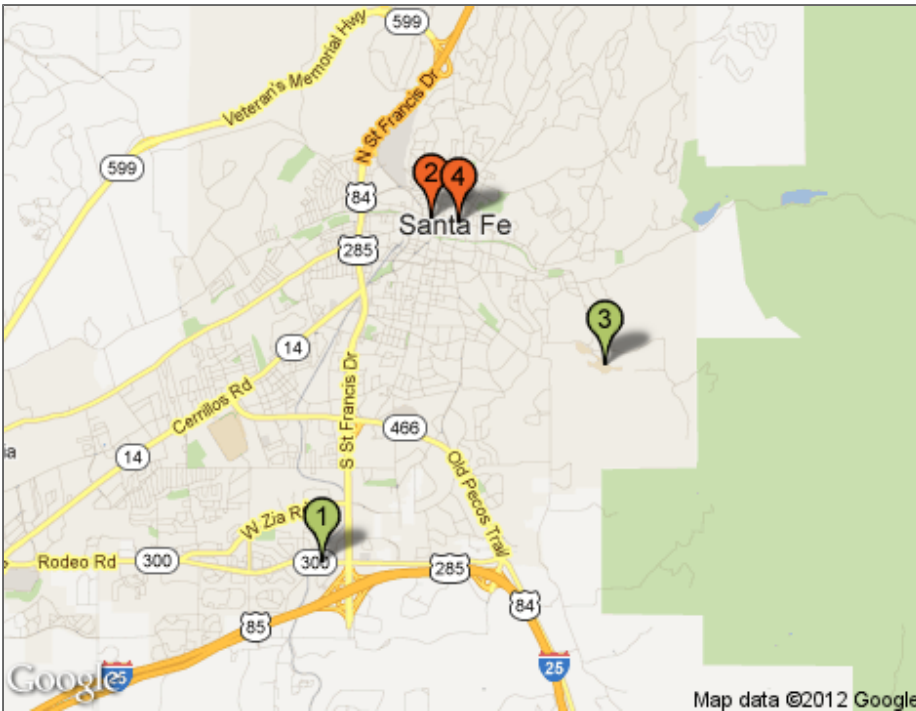
5 Santa Fe Plaza Travelodge

DESCRIPTION: Located five blocks from the historic Santa Fe Plaza, this hotel is three miles from the Santa Fe Opera House. All guestrooms offer refrigerators, coffeemakers, and hair dryers, and include cable TV with premium channels. The two-story hotel has a seasonal outdoor pool, and provides free parking and coffee in the lobby.



Hotels.com

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contact:
tel: 505 438 7840
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<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/>

location:
11 Forest Lane
Santa Fe NM 87505

hours:
10a-5p daily

1 Santa Fe National Forest

DESCRIPTION: If you enjoy the outdoors, you will love this national forest that spans more than 1.5 million acres of mountains and rangeland. Hike in the Pecos Wilderness area, snow ski at Ski Santa Fe or fly-fish in one of the many streams and rivers. In a matter of minutes, you can go from 5,000 to over 13,000 feet in elevation. West of Santa Fe, in the Jemez Mountains, you can observe the fantastic formations created by natural hot springs. The forest service office gladly provides maps and information to assist your visit. © wcities.com



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contact:
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http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/SFEHIHF-Hilton-Santa-Fe-Historic-Plaza-New-Mexico/dining.do#1

location:
100 Sandoval Street
Santa Fe NM 87505

2 El Canon

DESCRIPTION: Located at the Hilton of Santa Fe, this is a wonderful little corner to start the day off right or to relax after a long day. Homemade pastries and gourmet coffee top off the breakfast menu. For lunch, you can enjoy a gourmet sandwich made from freshly roasted meats like ham, turkey or beef on a homemade bun. Homemade soups and stews are available to warm you up on cold days, and if you'd like to end your evening



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hours:
Su-Th 7a-11p; F-Sa 7a-mid

with a glass of fine wine by the fire, this is the place to go. ©
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contact:
http://www.santafe.org/Visiting_Santa_Fe/Things_to_Do/Hiking/

location:
1160 Camino Cruz Blanca
Santa Fe NM 87505

3 Atalaya Mountain Trail

DESCRIPTION: Hiking trails in the Santa Fe area are good and plenty. One of the best all-around is Atalaya south of the Plaza about ten minutes by car. It ranges from easy at the beginning to difficult nearing the top. Seven miles round trip - topping out at 9,121 elevation. Trail head is by the parking lot of St. John's College. Or there's a shorter 4.6 mile Trail 170 further up near the Ponderosa Ridge Development. Parking is limited. Nice panoramic views of Santa Fe below and westward to the Rio Grande Valley. From the Plaza drive south on Old Santa Fe Trail and follow the signs to St. John's College. © NileGuide



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contact:
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location:
125 East Palace Avenue
Santa Fe NM 87501

hours:
Mo to Sa from 11:30 AM to 02:30 PM, Su from 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM, Fr to Sa from 05:30 PM to 10:00 PM

4 La Casa Sena

DESCRIPTION: Combining alluring ambience and tasty food, this is one of Santa Fe's favorite restaurants, though the food here isn't as precise and flavorful as at Santacafé or Geronimo. It sits within the Sena compound, a prime example of a Spanish hacienda, in a Territorial-style adobe house built in 1867 by Civil War-hero Major José Sena. The house, which surrounds a garden courtyard, is today a veritable art gallery, with museum-quality landscapes on the walls and Taos-style handcrafted furniture. During the warm months, this restaurant has the best patio in town. The cuisine might be described as northern New Mexican with a continental flair. One of my favorite lunches is the fish tacos with achiote-corn rice. In the evening, diners might start with a salad of garden greens and grilled mushrooms, then move onto a pork loin with roasted sweet potatoes and a peach prickly pear sauce. In the adjacent **La Cantina**, waiters and waitresses sing Broadway show tunes as they carry platters from the kitchen to the table. The more moderately priced Cantina menu offers the likes of enchiladas with black beans and Mexican rice. Both restaurants have exquisite desserts; try the black-and-white bittersweet chocolate terrine with raspberry sauce. The award-winning wine list features more than 850 selections. © Frommer's



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Santa Fe Snapshot

Local Info

Whether it's snow blanketing sensual adobe walls, spring flowers painting the historic Plaza a kaleidoscope of color, fiestas lasting long into warm summer nights or golden aspens coating the surrounding Sangre de Cristo Mountains, Santa Fe is a city for every season. Lovingly called the City Different, Santa Fe offers a weaving of history stretching from pre-Columbian contact to the nuclear age, and a beauty that draws visitors from all over the world.

La Villa Real de Santa Fe- the Royal Town of Santa Fe- was established by Spanish governor Don Pedro de Peralta in 1608, making the city the oldest continuous capital in what is now the United States. The site at the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains was once home to an Indian Pueblo that had since been abandoned. Humble adobe buildings were built around a central plaza that is still the focus of the city today. One of those buildings, the Palace of the Governors, served as the capitol building for Spanish, Mexican and Territorial U.S. governors. Gov. Lew Wallace wrote his epic book *Ben Hur* while serving here.

One of the best ways to get to know Santa Fe is to visit the city's museums. Today, the Palace of the Governors is a museum(505-476-5100) and displays more than 15,000 artifacts from the Spanish colonial(1540-1821), Mexican(1821-1846) and U.S. Territorial(1846-1912) periods of New Mexico's history. Weapons, armor, documents, clothing, furniture and items of daily life from the Spanish through U.S. statehood in 1912 are proudly displayed. In fact, the museum itself is an archaeological site, with on-going excavations being conducted before a new annex is to be built. Items ranging from Pueblo pottery sherds to china dinnerware are being uncovered, attesting to the cultural and historic mix upon which Santa Fe is literally built. To think that just down the street is where scientists working on the top secret Manhattan Project at Los Alamos during World War II would report for duty can be heady for history buffs.

After learning a bit about New Mexico's founding history, visit the New Mexico Museum of Fine Art(505-476-5072), where the works of early Santa Fe masters underscore how the city earned

its international reputation as a haven for art. In the 1920s, luminaries such as John Sloan, Andrew Dasburg and Russell Cheney trickled into Santa Fe based on word of mouth. The living was easy and the light spectacular. Georgia O'Keeffe is honored with her own museum(505-946-1000) that features her bold and redefining work. On Museum Hill, the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture(505-476-1250) highlights contemporary Native American art such as that of R.C. Gorman, and the Museum of International Folk Art(505-476-1200) features just that, amazing folk art from around the world, including the donated collection of Alexander Girard. An entire room is dedicated to his thousands of clay figurines that depict Pueblo dances complete with camera-wielding tourists, Mexican Day of the Dead celebrations and a scene of Heaven and Hell where even the devils look cheery. The nearby Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian(505-982-4636) and the Museum of Spanish Colonial Art(505-982-2226) display pieces from New Mexico's Native American and Spanish history. Don't miss the Governor's Gallery on the Fourth Floor of the current state capitol, where contemporary artists from across New Mexico are featured. The internationally acclaimed Santa Fe Opera(505-986-5900) and 1930s ornate Lensic Theater(505-988-1234) are just a few of the venues where the performing arts shine.

Does seeing all of this art and history make you want to take some home? Santa Fe is world renowned for its shopping. From pieces of hand-made Native American turquoise jewelry purchased directly from the artist under the Palace of the Governor's portal to exquisite sculptures and paintings found along Canyon Road, beautiful things abound in the City Different. Shops surrounding the Plaza sell Native American pottery and jewelry, fashionable Southwestern-style clothing, books and gifts. Make sure to explore the side streets beyond the Plaza, as many shops filled with treasures are tucked away waiting to be discovered. Galleries line narrow Canyon Road, perhaps the oldest street still in use in the country. The road follows a 13th-century Indian trail leading from the pueblo that Santa Fe was built upon

to the mountains. The Spanish named it El Camino del Cañon- Canyon Road- and began building along it. Firewood was brought from the mountains to Santa Fe via this route. In the 1920s, artists began moving into the small, then-inexpensive houses, and the road's artistic heritage continues today. Gallery after gallery, many in historic buildings, offers some of the best artwork found in America, and has certainly helped Santa Fe solidify its place as the third largest art market in the country. One of the best things serious shoppers can do for themselves in Santa Fe is to bring a good pair of walking shoes.

If all of this walking and shopping makes you hungry, that's not a problem. Santa Fe boasts many romantic restaurants that constantly garner international praise for their exciting blending of tastes from around the world. Almost always at the center of these creations is New Mexico chile. Many of the chefs have written their own cookbooks so you can try their art at home. From lavish gourmet feasts to a quick handheld breakfast burrito, Santa Fe can easily accommodate whatever craving you may have.

Of course an entire trip can be spent discovering the made-made beauty of Santa Fe, but its surrounding natural beauty is also well worth exploring. At 7,000 feet, Santa Fe is cradled by aspen-covered mountains that provide a cool respite in the summer. In the fall, the mountains turn a blaze of yellows and reds, providing a striking backdrop for the city against the almost always brilliant blue sky. You can drive into this display by following Hyde Park-Ski Basin Road. Come winter Santa Fe offers some of the most rewarding skiing, snowboarding, snow shoeing and cross-country skiing in the nation. Near the end of Canyon Road is the trailhead for the new Dale Bale trail system. Winsor Trail has been called one of the best mountain biking trails in the nation. Anglers, rafters and kayakers enjoy a watery playground on the nearby Río Grande. Santa Fe has several shops that specialize in hiking, biking, skiing, fishing and all other forms of outdoor recreation. These shops are a great place to visit for tips on where to go.

After all of this exploring, treat yourself to any one of Santa Fe's world-class spas, especially if you've never been to one.

Santa Fe Snapshot continued

Luxuriate with any number of massages and treatments, from classic Swedish to Southwestern hot rock treatments. Reflexology, scalp and the latest in spa techniques are also easily found. If it's one thing Santa Fe knows how to do, it's how to melt away stress.

Educated, exercised, well fed and relaxed, the only thing left to do is to get a good night's rest so you can do it all again tomorrow. Santa Fe has a number of attentive hotels to choose from, as well

as quaint beds and breakfasts, many in historic homes. In Santa Fe, it's never hard to rest easy.

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