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# Santa Fe: Enrichment for Kids

## **Santa Fe, 3 Days**

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# Guide Description

**AUTHOR NOTE:** Santa Fe offers the traveling family a enriching vacation. Instead of waiting in theme park lines, families can explore centuries old Anasazi villages. Rather than concrete there is hiking. In place of concession lines, there is authentic and delicious Mexican food. Relics of the Old West, traditional and modern Native American life, interesting art and sweeping landscapes will captivate just about any child.

# Itinerary Overview

things to do  
restaurants  
hotels  
nightlife

## Day 1 - Santa Fe

**DAY NOTE:** The Santa Fe Children's Museum puts an emphasis on learning through doing. In addition to well-presented indoor learning stations, a one-acre outdoor exhibit takes the enrichment outside. Visiting artists and musicians entertain and inspire children.



### Santa Fe Children's Museum

Hands-on learning fun for kids of all ages.



### Upper Crust Pizza

Homemade Pizza



### The Planetarium

Get Your Head In The Stars



### Felipe's Tacos

Little taste of Mexico



### Residence Inn Santa Fe

A great place for long-term stays



### PC's Restaurant & Lounge

Native New Mexican

## Day 3 - Santa Fe

**DAY NOTE:** Regularly voted Santa Fe's Best Museum, more than 10,000 pieces of folk art from all over the world at the Folk Art Museum. The collection includes cross-cultural traditional folk art from dolls, puppets and masks to textiles, ceramics and Spanish colonial folk art. Drama, dance and music will captivate children and adults.



### Chocolate Maven Bakery and Cafe

Baked Sweets & Sandwiches



### Museum of International Folk Art

Impressive collection of folk art from around the world.



### Bobcat Bite

Burgers and steaks; prides itself on claiming to have the best green chile cheeseburger in the world, a claim that's hard to refute.

## Day 2 - Santa Fe

**DAY NOTE:** Rail enthusiasts and children will like the Santa Fe Southern Railroad. Departing from the old railyard, the Santa Fe Southern train offers a regular schedule of three-hour trips on restored cars including a dome car. The trip is a great way to see the surrounding countryside and explore the historic town of Lamy.



### Santa Fe Southern Railway

Scenic train rides to Lamy, special holiday trains.



### Tamale Molly, Inc.

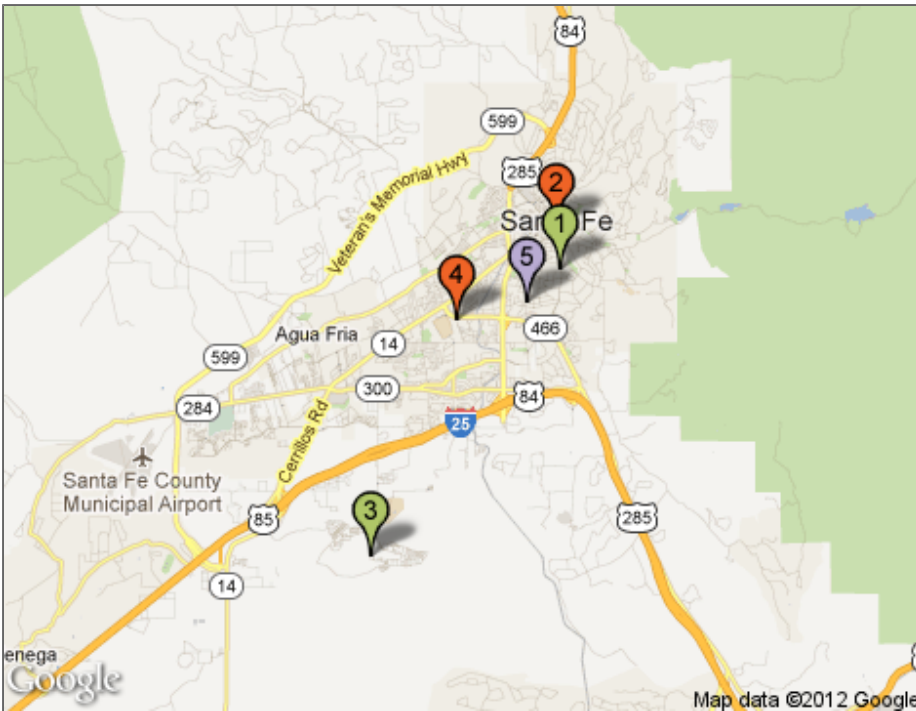
The best tamales in town



### Hyde Park Circle Trail

The Hyde Park Circle Trail is an exciting trail with incredible vistas of surrounding mountains, such as the Sangre de Cristos, the Jemez, the Sandias, the San Pedros, and the Ortiz mountains.

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### contact:

tel: 505 989 8359

fax: 505 989 7506

<http://www.santafechildrensmuseum.org/>

### location:

1050 Old Pecos Trail  
Santa Fe NM 87501

### hours:

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

## 1 Santa Fe Children's Museum

**DESCRIPTION:** If you are traveling with children, and they become bored with the historic sites in and around Santa Fe, this is a great way to lift their spirits. The museum is packed with hands-on exhibits like a climbing wall, obstacle course, bubbles, music, and a working greenhouse featuring daily scavenger hunts. For the fearless, there are even snakes on exhibit. The gift shop has an array of educational toys, puzzles and games. © wcities.com



### contact:

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<http://www.uppercrustpizza.com>

### location:

329 Old Santa Fe Trail  
Santa Fe NM 87501

### hours:

## 2 Upper Crust Pizza

**DESCRIPTION:** Upper Crust serves some of Santa Fe's best pizzas, in an adobe house near the old San Miguel Mission. The atmosphere is plain, with wooden tables; in summer, the outdoor patio overlooking Old Santa Fe Trail is more inviting. Meals-in-a-dish include the Grecian gourmet pizza (feta and olives) and the whole-wheat vegetarian pizza (topped with sesame seeds). You can either eat here or request free delivery (it takes about 30 min.) to your downtown hotel. Beer and



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Summer: Daily 11a-mid;  
Winter: Su-Th 11a-10p, F-Sa  
11a-11p

wine are available, as are salads, calzones, sandwiches, and stromboli. © Frommer's

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<http://www.sfccnm.edu/sfcc/pages/911.html>

**location:**  
6401 Richards Ave  
Santa Fe NM 87505

**hours:**  
Office hours: 9a-5p M-F

### 3 The Planetarium

**DESCRIPTION:** Located at the Santa Fe Community College, this planetarium educates the public about the stars and space in general. Special programs are often scheduled, but the main attraction is the show that is held on the first Thursday of each month. This exhibition displays the current position of the stars overhead. Children are encouraged to attend. © wcities.com



Photo courtesy of Santa Fe Community College

**contact:**  
tel: +1 505 473 9397

**location:**  
1711-A Llano Street  
Santa Fe NM 87505

**hours:**  
M-Sa 8a-9p; Su 9a-6p

### 4 Felipe's Tacos

**DESCRIPTION:** This cozy little strip mall Mexican restaurant sends you on a mealtime journey to Old Mexico where the tacos are served in soft-shells, and cilantro is a staple spice. At Felipe's Tacos, the salsa bar gives you a choice of red or green salsa, pico de gallo and chopped onion, radishes, and slices of lime. The "del mar" seafood dishes are especially tasty. The kitchen is health-conscious and uses no lard. Vegetarian dishes are also available. Viva la comida de Mexico! © wcities.com



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**location:**  
1698 Galisteo St  
Santa Fe NM 87505

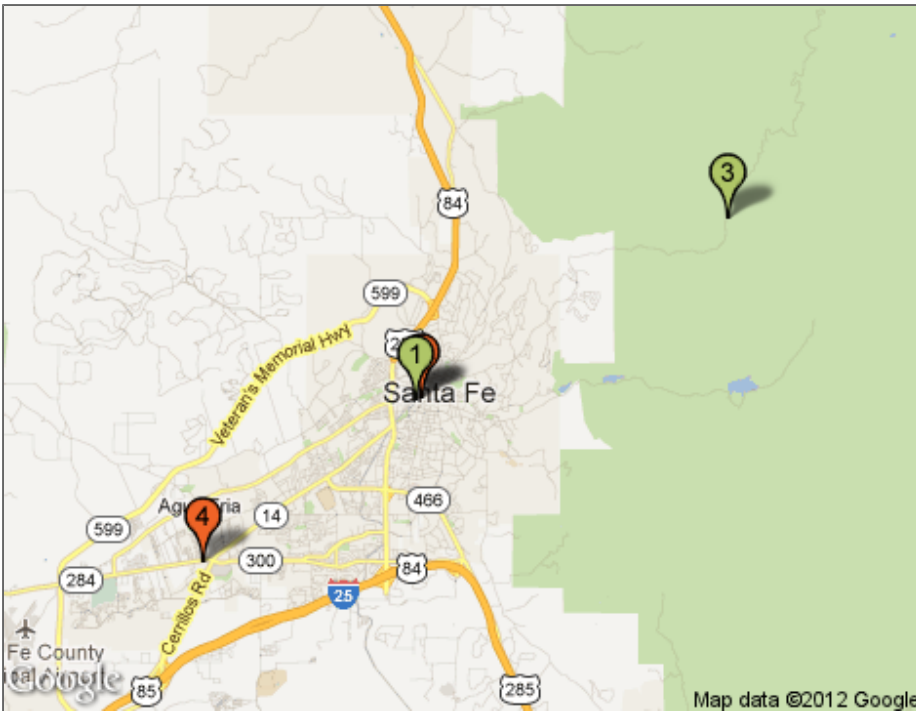
### 5 Residence Inn Santa Fe

**DESCRIPTION:** Designed to look like a neighborhood, this inn provides the efficient stay you'd expect from a Marriott, and a renovation in 2006 brought freshness to the rooms and some common areas. It's a 10-minute drive away from the plaza, through a few quiet neighborhoods. The lobby and breakfast area are warmly decorated in tile, with a fireplace and Southwestern accents such as bancos and drums. There are three sizes of suites, each roomy, each with a fully equipped kitchen. All rooms have fireplaces and balconies and are decorated with Southwestern furnishings. Outside, there are plenty of amenities to keep family members happy, including barbecue grills on the patio. Most who stay here are leisure travelers, but you'll also encounter some government workers and business travelers, all of whom benefit from free high-speed Internet access. Guests gather for complimentary hors d'oeuvres Monday through Wednesday from 5 to 6:30pm. © Frommer's



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# Day 2 - Santa Fe



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### contact:

tel: 505-989-8600,  
888-989-8600  
fax: 505-983-7620  
<http://www.sfsr.com>

### location:

410 S. Guadalupe St  
Santa Fe NM 87501

### hours:

Depending on the season,  
trains depart the Santa Fe  
Depot (call to check schedule)  
9:30am-1pm Mon-Sat. Rides  
also available Fri-Sat evening  
and Sun afternoon

## 1 Santa Fe Southern Railway

**DESCRIPTION:** "Riding the old Santa Fe" always referred to riding the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad. Ironically, the main route of the AT&SF bypassed Santa Fe, which probably forestalled some development for the capital city. A spur was run off the main line to Santa Fe in 1880, and today, an 18-mile ride along that spur offers views of some of New Mexico's most spectacular scenery. The Santa Fe Depot is a well-preserved tribute to the Mission architecture that the railroad brought to the West in the early 1900s. Characterized by light-colored stuccoed walls, arched openings, and tiled roofs, this style was part of an architectural revolution in Santa Fe at a time when builders snubbed the traditional pueblo style. Inside the restored coach, passengers are surrounded by aged mahogany and faded velvet seats. The train snakes through Santa Fe and into the Galisteo Basin, broad landscapes spotted with piñon and chamisa, with views of the Sandia and Ortiz mountains. Arriving in the small track town of Lamy, you get another glimpse of a Mission-style station, this one surrounded by spacious lawns where passengers picnic. Check out the sunset rides on weekends and specialty trains throughout the year. © Frommer's



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**location:**  
323 Aztec  
Santa Fe NM 87501

**hours:**  
Lunch: 11:30a-2:30p daily;  
Take out: 9a-5p daily

## 2 Tamale Molly, Inc.

**DESCRIPTION:** If you have eaten dinner at any local restaurant and had the tamales, chances are that they came from here. This company began by creating gourmet tamales for other establishments. The high demand for these delicacies brought about the restaurant. The variety of fillings used for the tamales here is amazing. You can choose Pine Nut Tamales flavored with cilantro or Goat Cheese Tamales flavored with fresh mint as well as many others. The service is great and in warm weather you can sit on the patio and enjoy the scenery. © wcities.com



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**contact:**  
tel: 505-983-7175  
[http://www.santafe.org/Visiting\\_Santa\\_Fe/Things\\_to\\_Do/Hiking/](http://www.santafe.org/Visiting_Santa_Fe/Things_to_Do/Hiking/)

**location:**  
740 Hyde Park Road  
Santa Fe NM 87501

## 3 Hyde Park Circle Trail

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike travels by both the Hyde Memorial State Park and the Black Canyon campgrounds. The Black Canyon section of the trail intersects with a trail that crosses the meadow from the fenced area behind site 41. The trail has an incline that gains 855 feet in the first 0.94 miles. However, hikers who stick it out are rewarded with spectacular views. © NileGuide



Hyde Park Circle Trail

**contact:**  
tel: 505 473 7164

**location:**  
4220 Airport Road  
Santa Fe NM 87507

**hours:**  
Breakfast: Daily 9a-2:30p;  
Lunch: Tu-Su 11a-2:30p; Tu-Sa Dinner 5:30p-9p

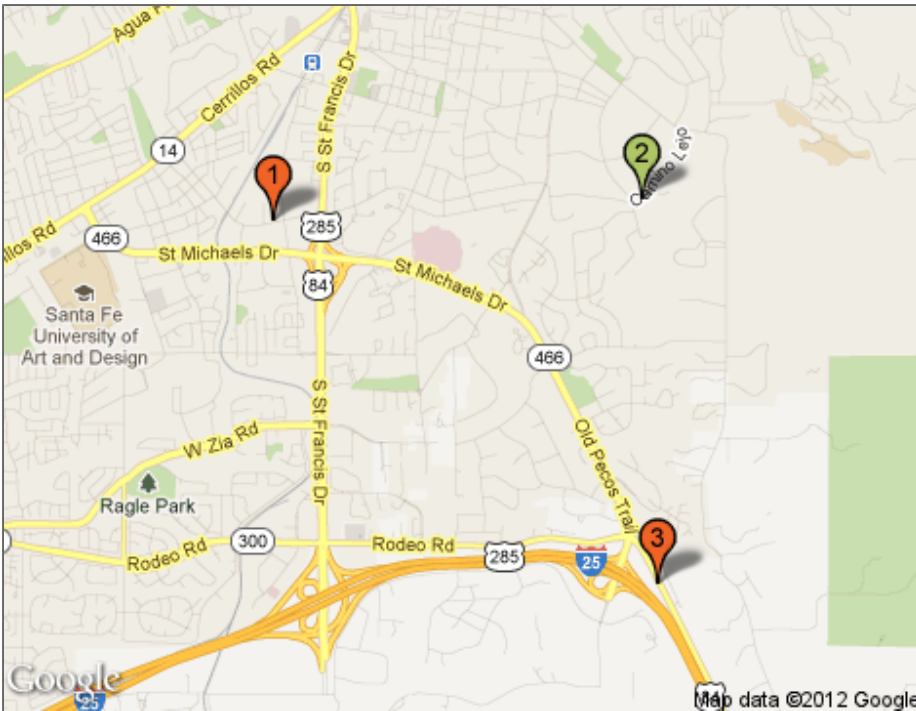
## 4 PC's Restaurant & Lounge

**DESCRIPTION:** Take a break from the trendy, crowded downtown restaurants and sink your teeth into authentic food cooked by a native New Mexican chef. Everything on the menu at PC's Restaurant and Lounge is homemade, right down to the mini tortillas and the green chile salsa. A children's theater keeps the little ones entertained on weekends. The full-service bar offers award-winning margaritas made with Cuervo Especial. They perfectly complement the restaurant's chips and salsa, which rate as the best in Santa Fe. © wcities.com



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Santa Fe NM 87505

### hours:

Daily 7a-9p

## 1 Chocolate Maven Bakery and Cafe

**DESCRIPTION:** Bite into the healthy, yet massive sandwiches at the Chocolate Maven Bakery and Cafe, but save room for the baked desserts behind the counter. Salads, with a myriad of dressing choices like fresh raspberry vinaigrette, are crispy and fresh, while the grilled sandwiches are a local favorite. House-recipe pizzas are made before your eyes and are baked in old, slate ovens. The bakery is known as the official doughnut supplier of a number of local businesses. © wcities.com



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### contact:

tel: 505 476 1200  
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<http://www.internationalfolkart.org/>

### location:

706 Camino Lejo

## 2 Museum of International Folk Art

**DESCRIPTION:** This branch of the Museum of New Mexico may not seem quite as typically Southwestern as other Santa Fe museums, but it's the largest of its kind in the world. With a collection of some 130,000 objects from more than 100 countries, it's my favorite city museum, well worth an hour or two of perusing. It was founded in 1953 by the Chicago



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Santa Fe NM 87504-2087

hours:

Daily 10am-5pm Memorial Day to Labor Day; Tues-Sun the rest of the year 10am-5pm

collector Florence Dibell Bartlett, who said, "If peoples of different countries could have the opportunity to study each other's cultures, it would be one avenue for a closer understanding between men." That's the basis on which the museum operates today. The special collections include Spanish colonial silver, traditional and contemporary New Mexican religious art, Mexican tribal costumes and majolica ceramics, Brazilian folk art, European glass, African sculptures, and East Indian textiles. Particularly delightful are numerous dioramas of people around the world at work and play in typical town, village, and home settings. Children love to look at the hundreds of toys on display throughout the museum, many of which are from a collection donated in 1982 by Alexander Girard, a notable architect and interior designer, and his wife, Susan. The couple spent their lives traveling the world collecting dolls, animals, fabrics, masks, and dioramas. They had a home in Santa Fe, where they spent many years before they died. Their donation included more than 100,000 pieces, 10,000 of which are exhibited at the museum. The Hispanic Heritage Wing houses a fine collection of Spanish colonial and contemporary Hispanic folk art. Folk-art demonstrations, performances, and workshops are often presented here. The 80,000-sq.-ft. museum also has a lecture room, a research library, and two gift shops, where a variety of folk art is available for purchase. © Frommer's

contact:

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<http://bobcatbite.com/>

location:

420 Old Las Vegas Highway  
Santa Fe NM 87505

hours:

11a-7:50p Wed.-Sat.

**3 Bobcat Bite**

**DESCRIPTION:** If you are really hungry and fancy some solid food, Bobcat Bite is just the place to visit. Try the famous Green Chile Cheeseburger, or go in for a steak. Bobcat Bite has been around since 1953. Why that name? Because bobcats from the neighboring mountains were fed regularly at the doorstep of this eatery! It has retained its unique rustic charm as well as its loyal clientele. Great food and service, a vibrant ambiance, and affordable prices make eating here an experience worth repeating. Remember to carry cash as no credit cards are accepted. © wcities.com



photo courtesy of Bobcat Bite

# 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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