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Whirlwind Santa Fe

Santa Fe, 2 Days

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Guide Description









AUTHOR NOTE: Driving through and can only stay a night?
Here's a great way to see an array of sites in record time.




Itinerary Overview

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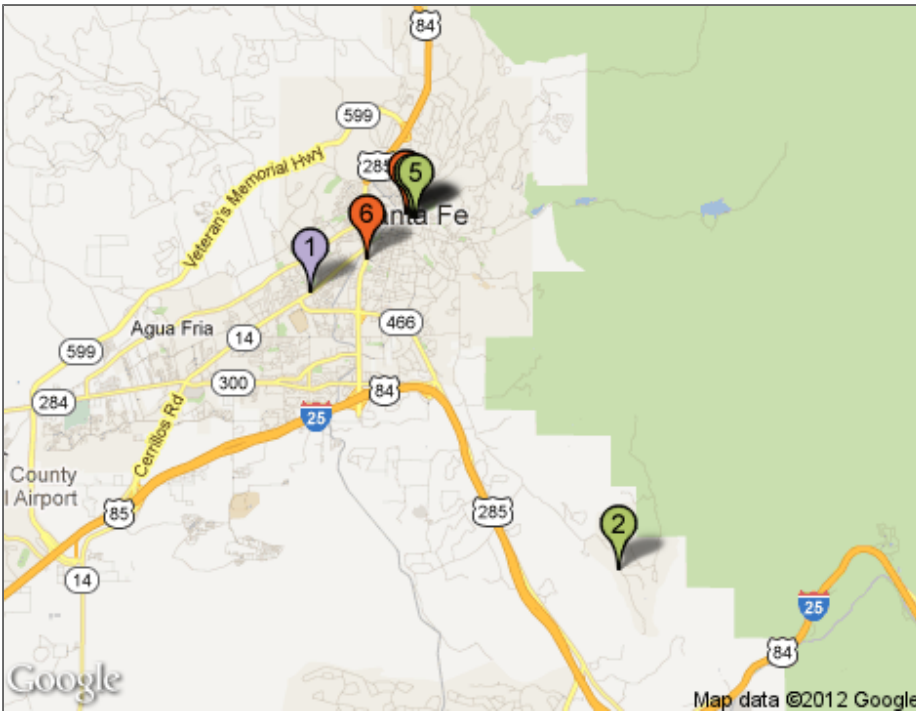
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	El Rey Inn Historic garden setting
	Santa Fe Plaza Historic Downtown Area
	Loretto Chapel Miracles in the High Desert
	San Francisco Street Bar & Grill Best Hamburger In Santa Fe
	St. Francis Cathedral Historic Landmark
	Maria's New Mexican Kitchen Phenomenal Food, All Homemade

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	Canyon Road Galleries, studios, shops and dining
	Zia Diner Santa Fe Favorite

Day 1 - Santa Fe



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location:

1862 Cerrillos Rd
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1 El Rey Inn

DESCRIPTION: Staying at "The King" makes you feel like you're traveling the old Rte. 66 through the Southwest. The white stucco buildings of this court motel are decorated with bright trim around the doors and hand-painted Mexican tiles on the walls. Opened in the 1930s, it received additions in the 1950s, and remodeling is ongoing. The lobby has vigas and tile floors, and it is decorated with Oriental rugs and dark Spanish furniture. No two rooms are alike. The oldest section, nearest the lobby, feels a bit cramped, though the rooms have style, with Art Deco tile in the bathrooms and vigas on the ceilings. Some have little patios. Be sure to request a room as far back as possible from Cerrillos Road. The two stories of suites around the Spanish colonial courtyard are sweet deals. These rooms make you feel like you're at a Spanish inn, with carved furniture and cozy couches. Some rooms have kitchenettes. To the north sit 10 deluxe units around the courtyard. These rooms offer more upscale amenities and gas log fireplaces, as well as distinctive furnishings and artwork. A complimentary continental breakfast is served in a sunny room or on a terrace in the warmer months. There's also a sitting room with a library and games tables, as well as a picnic area, a playground, and an exercise room. Wireless Internet access is available in the lobby. © Frommer's



Hotels.com

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tel: +1 505 983 7317

location:
100 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe NM 87501

hours:
24 hours daily

2 Santa Fe Plaza

DESCRIPTION: Signs that say, 'You Are Here' and 'Start Here' tell us where we are and how to get where we want to go. So it is with the Santa Fe Plaza. It's Santa Fe's reference point, the starting point for all the places you want to find. Any destination in Santa Fe is always in relationship to 'The Plaza'. The art gallery you seek is only "two blocks west of the Plaza". The best chili in town is a "five minute walk from the Plaza." You get the picture: think 'start here' from the Plaza. And a more colorful, inviting place than the Santa Fe Plaza would be hard to find. A 300 year-old social center town square, the Spanish conquistadors founded it in the early 1700's. Enjoy the feast-for-the-senses on all four sides with artisans selling their arts and crafts, a strolling mariachi, taste bud-beckoning burritos on one corner and all-around good people-watching. On the north side Indians sell their exquisite silver jewelry under the eaves of the oldest building in the U.S., the Palace of the Governors built in 1612. Shopping and dining abound for every budget and taste. There are plenty of benches and green grass on which visitors can rest, watch and breathe the divinely clean 7,000 elevation air here at Santa Fe's friendly starting place, the historical Plaza. © NileGuide



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location:
207 Old Santa Fe Trail
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hours:
Summer: 9a-6p M-Sa;
10:30a-5p Su; Winter: 9a-5p
M-Sa; 10:30a-5p Su

3 Loretto Chapel

DESCRIPTION: Loretto Chapel carries a fascinating architectural legend, some say miraculous, which attracts thousands of curious visitors every year. 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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location:
50 East San Francisco Street
Santa Fe NM 87501

hours:
Daily 11a-11p

4 San Francisco Street Bar & Grill

DESCRIPTION: Located in the Plaza Mercado on the upper level, this wonderful little spot is a great place to dine. The most popular item on the menu is the hamburger, which has been proclaimed by Esquire Magazine as Santa Fe's "Best Burger." The homemade soups and crisp fresh salads are a great way to start off any meal. Other entrees include Saltimboca, Fajitas, steaks and fresh fish. The full bar offers premium beer, fine wine and mixed drinks. © wcities.com



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location:

131 Cathedral Pl
Santa Fe NM 87501

hours:

M-Sa 6a-6p; Su 7a-7p

5 St. Francis Cathedral

DESCRIPTION: Just east of the Santa Fe Plaza lies one of North America's oldest Catholic churches: Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. The basilica dates back to 1598 when Franciscan friars entered what is now New Mexico in the company of Spanish colonists from Mexico City. Archbishop Lamy commissioned this French Romanesque cathedral in 1869, and it took more than 15 years to complete. It is still maintained by the archdiocese of Santa Fe. This long-standing landmark houses many religious relics including the chalice used by Lamy and the oldest Madonna in the United States. Daily masses are held in the Cathedral and the public is welcome for tours and prayer. Outside the huge front doors is Our Lady of Conquistadora, the oldest representation of the Virgin Mary in the United States. Admission is free. © NileGuide



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hours:

Daily 11a-9p

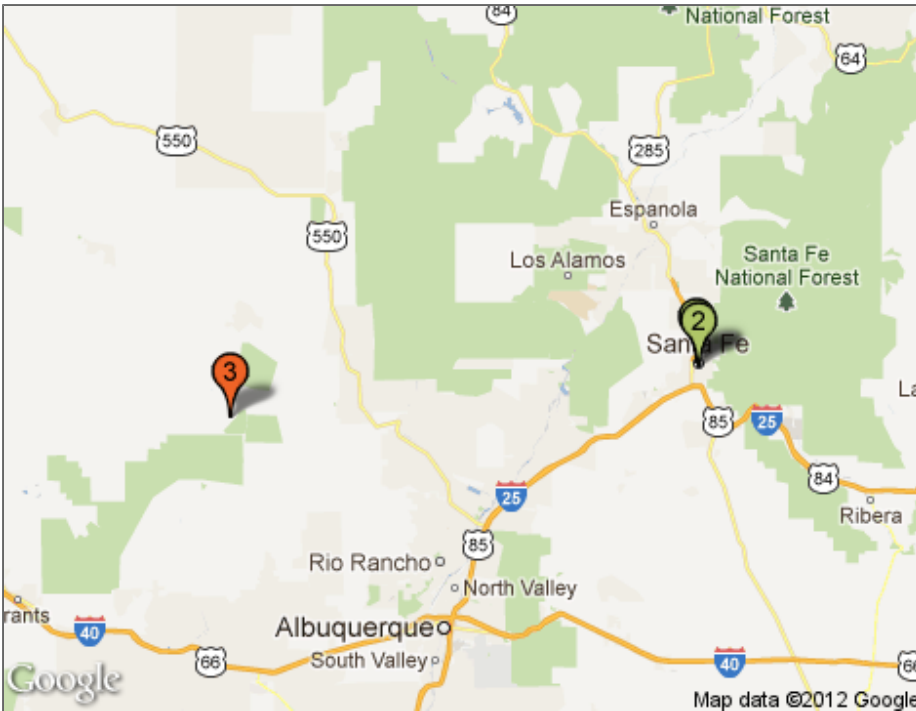
6 Maria's New Mexican Kitchen

DESCRIPTION: Maria's New Mexican Kitchen began as a simple take-out place in Maria and Gilbert Lopez's home. Maria's home cooking was so popular that the house was eventually converted into the current restaurant. The menu offers a variety of steaks, Mexican entrees, and local favorites. The Blue Corn Enchiladas and the Chile Rellenos are both outstanding, and also come with Spanish rice and beans. If you cannot decide what to order, try the combination plate; it has a little of everything. The cantina offers beer, wine and cocktails. © wcities.com



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Day 2 - Santa Fe



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hours:

M-Th & Sa-Su 10a-5p, F
10a-8p

1 Georgia O'Keeffe Museum

DESCRIPTION: The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, inaugurated in July 1997, contains the largest collection of O'Keeffes in the world: currently 1,149 paintings, drawings, and sculptures, and 1,851 works by other artists of note. It's the largest museum in the United States dedicated solely to an internationally known woman artist. You can see such remarkable O'Keeffes as Jimson Weed, painted in 1932, and Evening Star No. VI, from 1917. The museum presents special exhibitions that are either devoted entirely to O'Keeffe's work or combine examples of her art with works by her American modernist contemporaries. My favorite in recent years brought together works of O'Keeffe and photographer Ansel Adams. The rich and varied collection adorns the walls of a cathedral-like, 13,000-square-foot space -- a former Baptist church with adobe walls. O'Keeffe's images are tied inextricably to local desert landscapes. She first visited New Mexico in 1929 and returned for extended periods from the '20s through the '40s. In 1949 she moved here permanently. An excellent film at the museum depicts her life. © Frommer's



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2 Canyon Road

DESCRIPTION: Santa Fe's Canyon Road is on every art lover's top five list. It is an art Mecca for many and center stage for America's second largest art market (only New York tops Santa Fe). Here, a few blocks south of Santa Fe Plaza, on a one mile stretch, are over one hundred art galleries, studios, specialty shops and restaurants blended appealingly into historic adobe structures. Canyon Road is pure Southwestern charm and authenticity. Touches of contemporary art mingle with western themes, 400 year-old Indian artifacts and eye-pleasing aesthetics. There's a sense of spirituality on Canyon Road, a church-like atmosphere in which people talk in soft voices and art pervades everything. In spring and summer the streets and tidy yards are ablaze with New Mexico's flowering beauty - breathtaking bright with yellow leaves on tall aspens and cottonwoods. On Friday evenings, gallery artist's showings are perfect for art collectors and other viewers to see what's new. Christmas Eve brings out locals and visitors on the traditional Canyon Road stroll warmed by carolers, street bonfires and cider. Hours are 11:00 - 5:00 year round. © NileGuide



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location:

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hours:

Daily 7a-10p

3 Zia Diner

DESCRIPTION: Eclectic 1950s is the best way to describe Zia Diner, this long-time favorite of local Santa Fe business people. If you thought mom's meatloaf was the best, try the green chile and pinon nut meatloaf and a new champion will reign. You will not find freeze-dried mashed potatoes here. They serve only the real thing alongside one of the tastiest chicken fried steaks around. A full bar complements the authentic soda fountain, and makes for some interesting combinations of potent potables. © wcities.com



Zia Diner

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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