

THE SANTA FE HIT LIST

WHERE TO EAT, WHERE TO DRINK,
WHERE TO PLAY, WHERE TO STAY AND
WHERE TO LEARN

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WHERE TO EAT

Santa Fe is a city of ~80K people with 500 restaurants.

Traditional New Mexican cuisine (try a fried egg on your enchiladas and never pass on green chile or sopapillas!), tops the "must-eat" list.

However, Santa Fe dining doesn't just play one note, with a diverse array of cuisines on offer.

LET'S GET STARTED

La Choza (New Mexican)

Tomasita (New Mexican)

La Plazuela at La Fonda
(Regional)

Sazon (Mexican Fine Dining from
an acclaimed chef)

Izanami (Japanese Small Plates,
not sushi)

El Farol (Tapas, Live Flamenco)

Milad Persian Bistro (Persian)

Kakawa Chocolate House (Eating
and Drinking Chocolate)

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WHERE TO DRINK

THE MARGARITA TRAIL

Download the **Santa Fe Margarita Trail app** (it's like a passport) and earn a maximum of 2 stamps per day, while saving \$1 on special margaritas. Collect 5 stamps and get a Margarita Trail t-shirt.

TIP: Enjoy your first margarita at **La Fonda**, an historic inn on the town plaza and a popular local meeting place.

CRAFT SPIRITS

New Mexico distillers boldly use local flora to flavor their spirits. Don't miss Wheeler's Western Dry Gin at **Santa Fe Spirits**, with its notes of sage and cacti. Combined with housemade tonic, it makes a G&T unlike any other. Or try Santa Fe Spirits' liqueurs with regional flavors, **Slow Burn** and **Atapiño**.

Another option, again featuring local botanicals, is **Tumbleroot Brewery**, a family-friendly spot featuring local beer and spirits, food and live music.

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WHERE TO PLAY

WINTER

Winter is an especially good time to visit Santa Fe to take advantage of the town's quiet season and to ski or snowboard at **Ski Santa Fe**.

3,000 feet above town, Ski Santa Fe offers exceptional family skiing value. 20% of the ski area's 83 trails are beginner, with 40% intermediate and 40% advanced/expert. Stunning views and good snow abound.

TIP: After skiing, stop at Ten Thousand Waves for a Japanese-inspired soak.

YEAR-ROUND

Adjacent to National Forest, hiking and mountain biking are year-round activities.

Visit **SantaFe.org** for self-guided walking tours, or join **Routes Bicycles Tours** for a leisurely, fun overview of the city's architecture, history and art. **Routes** is family-friendly with a supply of trailers and kid-sized bikes.

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WHERE TO STAY

While Santa Fe doesn't have as many hotels as it does restaurants and art galleries, you'll find every option.

We have first-hand experience with two properties.

Hotel Santa Fe is in the Railyard District, near the Saturday Farmers' Market and a short walk from the plaza, old town and state government buildings.

The only Native American-owned hotel in downtown Santa Fe, the rooms are spacious, and there is a gym, pool and hot tub. Prices are reasonable, especially in winter. It's a convenient choice for families looking to enjoy all that Santa Fe offers.

The **Four Seasons Resort Rancho Encantado** is an enclave of luxury casitas on an historic ranch in the Santa Fe foothills. The resort's adventure programming includes hiking, mountain biking and excursions throughout the Santa Fe region. Dining is excellent and amenities are many.

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WHERE TO LEARN

The best option for families is a **\$30 New Mexico Culture Pass**. It's good for 12 months and provides entry to 15 state museums and historic sites, including four museums in Santa Fe.

The **New Mexico Museum of History** provides a hands-on introduction to the state's many cultures and the unique role of Los Alamos during World War II (spies and intrigue, anyone?)

Specific to art, look for **Meow Wolf**, an interactive and immersive art experience; the **Georgia O'Keeffe Museum** and the **IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Art**, as well as three museums on the Culture Pass: the **Museum of Indian Arts and Culture**, the **Museum of International Folk Art** and the **New Mexico Museum of Art**.

Finally, don't miss the **Native American artists** who assemble each day at the Palace of the Governors to show and sell their traditional and modern artwork.

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