



# SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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## FAST FACTS

- ◆ Santa Fe is the capital of New Mexico.
- ◆ New Mexico joined the U.S. as a state in 1912.
- ◆ You do not need a visa or passport to visit Santa Fe - unless you're from a true foreign country.
- ◆ Santa Fe means "Holy Faith" in Spanish. It is often called "the City Different."
- ◆ Santa Fe is located in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, 7,000 feet above sea level, with nearby peaks as high as 12,000 ft.
- ◆ Santa Fe has plenty of sunshine, an average of 300 days each year. But it can snow as early as October and as late as May.
- ◆ Santa Fe averages 14 inches of rainfall a year—and 30 to 34 inches of snow.
- ◆ You can ski from Thanksgiving to Easter.
- ◆ Santa Fe is a community where 60,000 people live and work.
- ◆ Santa Fe is the second oldest town in the U.S., founded in 1607 by the Spanish, 13 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock.
- ◆ Indians lived here long before Santa Fe was even a town, more than 1,000 years ago.
- ◆ Santa Fe has 5,700 hotel and motel rooms, as well as charming bed and breakfast inns.
- ◆ Santa Fe has 200 restaurants, 250 art galleries, 50 Indian jewelry shops 13 major museums, and a world-famous opera.
- ◆ Santa Fe is one of the largest art markets in the world.
- ◆ You will love visiting Santa Fe.

## TIPS

Take it easy. Santa Fe's high altitude (7,000 feet above sea level) means air is rarefied, or thinner. It usually takes about 48 hours to adjust.

Watch your alcohol intake. One drink is the equivalent of three at sea level.

Use sunscreen and wear a hat. There are no beaches, but Santa Fe is closer to the sun, and the sun shines 300 days of the year.

It's dry, sometimes less than 20 percent humidity. Nights and early mornings are coolish even in July and August.

Santa Fe is in mountain and ski country, so expect six to eight major snowfalls from November to April.

Make hotel reservations in advance. Weekends in the summer are usually booked near capacity, and rooms during Santa Fe's Indian Market (third weekend in August) are booked up to a year in advance.

If you're staying outside the downtown area, your best bet is to have a car. There is city-wide taxi service and a public bus system, Santa Fe Trails, that serves the city with six routes. Buses operate from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays. There is no service on Sundays or holidays. Schedules are available on each bus, at libraries and at locations throughout the city. For schedule, rate and fare information, call 984-6730.

Parking can be tight in Santa Fe in June, July and August, though most attractions are within walking distance of downtown hotels. There are convenient city-owned parking lots in the downtown area.

Be patient in traffic and mindful of pedestrians.

Reservations are always recommended for upscale restaurants. Busiest dining hours are from 6:30 pm to 8:00 p.m. Casual dress is acceptable in most restaurants.

Standard tipping is 15 to 20 percent of bill. Some restaurants will add a service charge up to 18 percent for parties of five or more.

Seniors: Check with your doctor regarding any physical condition that could be affected by Santa Fe's high altitude. Wear sturdy walking shoes and be aware of uneven floors when entering historic buildings. If you have dietary concerns, call the restaurant ahead of time for information.

# GETTING TO AND AROUND SANTA FE, NM

Santa Fe is located in Northern New Mexico an hour's drive North of Albuquerque, the state's largest city and major air gateway. The Albuquerque International Sunport, as the airport is officially known, is serviced by all of the major U.S. airlines. Flying into Albuquerque and renting a car is by far the most popular way of traveling around New Mexico. But not the only way. Train service provides access to New Mexico on a daily basis as does the bus. Santa Fe municipal airport is serviced by a commuter airlines connection as well as being open to private aircraft. Shuttle service is available from the Albuquerque airport, Santa Fe airport and the train station which is located in Lamy, New Mexico, about 20 miles from Santa Fe. Once in town, getting around is easy. Downtown Santa Fe and the surrounding historic districts are compact and most conveniently traveled on foot. For longer trips there is a local taxi service, a public transportation system, Santa Fe Trails, charter vans and limousine service. Rental cars can also be picked up in Santa Fe.

## SHUTTLE SERVICE

Several services provide transportation 7 to 10 times daily between the Albuquerque airport and downtown Santa Fe hotels.

Santa Fe Shuttle: (888) 833-2300, (505) 243-2300.

Sandia Shuttle Express: (888) 775-5696, (505) 474-5696.

Santa Fe's own municipal airport, at the southwest corner of the city, handles all types of private aircraft. Commuter service into and out of Santa Fe is provided by Great Lakes Airlines.

## SANTA FE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Airport Manager.....(505) 955-2900

Airport Information Line.....(505) 955-2908

Great Lakes Airlines.....(505)473-4118/800-224-5111

Santa Fe Jet Center (FBO).....(505) 471-2525

Santa Fe Executive Aviation (FBO).....(505) 471-2700

Enchantment Airways Luxury Jet Services

Toll free: (877) 433-6242

NM Call: (505) 983-7333

fly@enchantmentairways.com

## CAR RENTAL IN SANTA FE

Advantage Rent A Car

1907 St. Michaels Drive

309 W. San Francisco, Eldorado Hotel

(505) 983-9470

Avis Rent A Car

Garrett's Desert Inn, 311 Old Santa Fe Trail, (505) 982-4361

Municipal Airport, (505) 662-5046

1-800-982-4376

Budget Rent A Car

1946 Cerrillos Road

(505) 984-8028; 1-800-527-0700

Classy Car Rentals of Santa Fe

La Posada de Santa Fe Resort and Spa,

330 East Palace Avenue

505-690-3296

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

2641 Cerrillos Road

(505) 473-3600

Hertz Rent A Car

Hilton of Santa Fe, 100 Sandoval, (505)-982-1844

Municipal Airport, (505) 471-7189

1-800-654-3131

Sears Car Rental

505-984-8038

Thrifty Car Rental

2721 Cerrillos Road

(505) 474-3365; 1-800-367-2277

## SANTA FE TRAILS:

Bus transportation in Santa Fe only, (505) 438-1464

## TRAIN SERVICE

Amtrak's Southwest Chief trains—eastbound from Los Angeles and westbound from Chicago—meet each afternoon at Lamy, New Mexico. Call the Lamy Shuttle at (505) 982-8829 to arrange transportation to downtown Santa Fe (14 miles) or area hotels for possible pickup.

# MUSEUMS IN SANTA FE, NM

Santa Fe's remarkable history, art and cultural heritage are preserved in many of its museums, both state-operated and private. Here is a guide to the most popular:

Museum of New Mexico oversees four museums in Santa Fe and five historic monuments located around the state. Older than New Mexico itself, the Museum of New Mexico's facilities house some of the country's most remarkable art and historic and cultural works.

## **Palace of the Governors**

100 Palace Ave.  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(505) 476-5100

Now a Southwestern history museum, the Palace was constructed as a government building by the Spanish in 1610. It remains the nation's oldest public building still in continuous use. The building faces Santa Fe's downtown Plaza, and American Indian artists sell their wares under its historic portal as part of the Native American Vendors Program.

## **Museum of Fine Arts**

107 Palace Ave.  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(505) 476-5072

Located just west of the Plaza, the museum displays an extensive permanent collection of Southwestern artists, including major pieces by Georgia O'Keeffe. New exhibitions are always being mounted that cover the works of contemporary artists of all kinds.

## **Museum of International Folk Art**

706 Camino Lejo  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(505) 476-1200

The Folk Art Museum features ethnic crafts from hundreds of cultures. Noted for its Hispanic heritage wing and the Girard Collection, the museum contains the largest collections of folk art in the world. The Neutrogena Wing brings a vibrant and diverse assemblage of folk art to the museum from one man's lifelong travels and passion for collecting.

## **Museum of Indian Arts and Culture**

710 Camino Lejo  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(505) 476-1250

The outstanding collection showcases classic and contemporary Southwestern Indian paintings, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, basketry and weaving. A permanent exhibition tracing the life of American Indians, "Here Now and Always" was curated in part by Native American elders, scholars and tribal members.

## **MUSEUM OF NEW MEXICO CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Georgia O'Keeffe Museum**

217 Johnson Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(505) 946-1000

This beautiful facility can easily be considered one of the country's most important museums housing the works of one of the century's most important artists. The 13,000 square-foot museum is located in downtown Santa Fe and is convenient to the Plaza. From July through October the museum is open 7 days a week. From November through June it is closed on Wednesdays. Hours are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm except on Fridays when hours are 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Admission is \$8 for adults, free for children 17 and under and students with ID. \$4 for New Mexico residents with ID. Thursdays, \$7 for senior citizens 60 and over. Fridays are free 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

### **Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian**

704 Camino Lejo  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(505) 982-4636

The Wheelwright is housed in a building based on a traditional Navajo hogan and houses contemporary and historic art and craft from all Native American cultures.

### **The Museum of Spanish Colonial Art**

750 Camino Lejo  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
505-982.2226

The Spanish Colonial Arts Society collections were initiated in 1928. Today with 3,000 objects, the collections are the most comprehensive compilation of Spanish Colonial art of their kind. Dating from the Middle Ages to the New Millennium, the collections span centuries in art, place and time. Among the various media featured are santos (painted and sculpted images of saints,) textiles, tinwork, silverwork, goldwork, ironwork, straw

appliqué, ceramics, furniture, books and more. All combined, the collections represent the artistic history and ongoing evolution of Hispano culture in New Mexico while firmly establishing its important place within the global arts landscape. Hours: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, 7 days a week. Museum of New Mexico, \$15 for access to five museums for four days. Without the Pass: Adults \$6, kids under 17 free.

#### **El Rancho de las Golondrinas**

334 Los Pinos Road  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
(505) 471-2261

What once was a stop on the Camino Real is now a living museum that has preserved the Spanish Colonial and Territorial way of life on a 200 acre ranch just outside of Santa Fe. Docents in period dress, period buildings from around the Southwest and hands-on demonstrations make this a perfect spot for families.

#### **Institute of American Indian Art**

108 Cathedral Place  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(505) 983-8900

The museum is home to the National Collection of Contemporary American Indian Art. It is the Nation's only cultural center featuring contemporary art by and about Native People.

#### **Santa Fe Children's Museum.**

1050 Old Pecos Trail  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(505) 989-8359

This wonderfully thought out kids museum offers education and entertainment for families with interactive programs and exhibits. Learning by doing is the theme with indoor and outdoor areas.

#### **The Awakening Museum**

125 North Guadalupe St.  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(505) 954-4025 or 505-989-7363

Jean Claude Gaugy began work on *The Awakening* in 1985 as an expression of his yearning for connection with The Divine. During the next 13 years Gaugy carved and painted complex and powerful imagery on four hundred panels of wood covering 8,000 square feet of ceiling, doors, and walls. The monumental work was reinstalled in Santa Fe in an historic space. The Museum has a contiguous meditation garden as well as a gift shop that offers a wide range of books, CDs, jewelry and other items that echo the sacred nature of the space. With love and transcendence as its central themes, *The Awakening* is a reminder of the formidable capacity of art to express universal motifs that transform and elevate our lives. The museum is operated by a not-for-profit foundation which also has educational and charitable outreach programs.

#### **Institute of American Indian Arts**

108 Cathedral Place  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501  
505-983-8900

The Institute of American Indian Arts Museum houses a national collection of contemporary American Indian art. Its collection of over 8,000 pieces includes paintings, prints, sculpture and photography. It also includes traditional arts such as pottery, jewelry and beadwork. It receives over 40,000 annual visitors. In addition to the galleries, the museum houses a small performance space for presentations of poetry readings, dance, film and slide shows. There is also a gallery shop that has a great selection of Contemporary American Indian art for sale.

#### **SITE Santa Fe**

1606 Paseo De Peralta  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501  
505.989.1199

SITE Santa Fe is a private not-for-profit contemporary arts organization committed to enriching the cultural atmosphere in Santa Fe, New Mexico, by providing an ongoing venue for regional, national, and international exhibitions and interdisciplinary programs.