

Santa Fe Snap Guide

TO/FROM THE AIRPORT

Sandia Shuttle Express

888/775-5696, 505/474-5696, sandia shuttle.com

Shuttle between Albuquerque International Sunport and most Santa Fe hotels costs \$23 each way, \$43 round trip. Reservations required. Check online for schedule.

Santa Fe Shuttle

888/833-2300, shuttlesantafe.com

Shuttle between Sunport and most Santa Fe hotels costs \$21 each way, \$38 round trip. Reservations required. Check online for schedule.

Twin Hearts Express & Transportation

800/654-9456

Shuttle between Sunport and Santa Fe hotels costs \$20 each way. Reservations required. Check online for schedule.

GETTING AROUND

BUS

Santa Fe Trails

505/955-2001, santafenm.gov

Ride the city's bus service with a \$2 all-day pass. Route maps available at most hotels.

TAXI

Capital City Cab

505/438-0000

Initial fare \$2.50, \$2.20 per mile, and 48¢ per minute of waiting time, plus 7 percent tax.

BICYCLES

Sun Mountain Bike Company

102 E. Water St., 505/982-8986, sunmountainbikeco.com

Day rentals (\$26) include helmet, lock, and map.

ON FOOT

Downtown extends from **Santa Fe Plaza** and is best explored on foot. A short drive to the **Sangre de Cristo Mountains** leads to excellent hiking at both moderate and challenging levels. Free basic trail maps at the Santa Fe Convention & Visitors Bureau (201 W. Marcy St.); the Travel Bug (839 Paseo de Peralta) sells more-detailed maps.

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND TOWN

Free on the street: *Santa Fe Reporter*, sfreporter.com

At newsstands: *Journal Santa Fe*, abqjournal.com

The Santa Fe New Mexican, santafenewmexican.com

TOURS

Santa Fe Detours

800/338-6877, 505/983-6565, sfdetours.com

Seasoned tour operators arrange raft, train, and horseback trips; hands-on classes in Pueblo cooking and pottery; as well as respectful excursions to Native American pueblos and historic ruins. Tours start at \$10. Check online for events.

Santa Fe Southern Railway

888/989-8600, 505/986-8600, sfsr.com

Ride an old-time train 36 miles round trip from a 1908 depot in downtown Santa Fe to sleepy Lamy, a bustling railroad stop of the Wild West era. Seasonal events include Friday cocktail trips and Saturday barbecue bashes with campfire and cowboy songs. Yeehaw! From \$28.

Palace of the Governors Downtown Walking Tour

505/476-5109, palaceofthegovernors.org

Museum docents offer an expert education on centuries of Santa Fe history. April–Oct., Mon.–Sat., 10:15 A.M., starting from the blue gate on the Lincoln Avenue side of the palace, the state's history museum. \$10, kids under 17 free.

Museum of Fine Arts Downtown Walking Tour

505/476-5072, mfasantafe.org

Savvy guides focus on Santa Fe art and architectural history during downtown walking tours. April–Nov., Mon., 10 A.M., starting at the museum gift shop. \$10.

NUMBERS TO KNOW

Museum of New Mexico Info Line

505/827-6463, museumofnewmexico.org

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

505/843-7270 (in Albuquerque), indianpueblo.com

NEW MEXICO FARE

Carne adovada Chunks of meat, generally pork, marinated in a red chile sauce

Chile vs. chili Chile with an "e" refers to native New Mexico chile peppers. Chili with an "i" is the Texas-style meat dish. Chilly with a "y" just means the sun's gone down

Empanada Little deep-fried turnovers traditionally filled with currants, pine nuts, spices, and wine

Flan Dessert made of caramel custard topped with a syrup of burned sugar

Huevos rancheros Breakfast staple of fried eggs draped with red chile sauce and served with cheese, lettuce, and beans

Natillas Traditional vanilla custard dessert

Posole A thick stew made with hominy and often pork

"Red or green?" A chile question that stumps tourists dining in New Mexican restaurants. The inexperienced should ask which variety is hotter. Request "Christmas" and you'll get both. You may also get indigestion if you're not used to spice

Sopaipilla Literally "little pillows" made of fried dough, usually served with honey

Sleep

Budget Travel

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El Paradero

220 W. Manhattan Ave., 505/988-1177, elparadero.com
Victorian and Territorial charm waft through a rambling 17th-century Spanish adobe farmhouse with 14 rooms. Relax over home-cooked breakfasts, then watch the day go by from the flagstone courtyard. From \$80 in low season, \$95 in high season.

El Rey Inn

1862 Cerrillos Rd., 800/521-1349, 505/982-1931
elreyinnsantafe.com
A Southwest oasis that locals love to recommend. Its quiet 86 rooms, contoured white walls, and vibrant gardens suggest Old Mexico rather than New Mexico. Slip into the tiled outdoor pool and you might even forget you're in the desert. From \$75 in low season, \$89 in high season.

Grant Corner Inn

122 Grant Ave., 800/964-9003, 505/983-6678
grantcornerinn.com
A romantic retreat just off the Plaza, with brass and four-poster beds, antique quilts, and second-story porches; it oozes colonial charm. The daily breakfasts and afternoon teas justifiably draw locals as well as inn guests. From \$130 in low season, \$145 in high season.

Hotel St. Francis

210 Don Gaspar Ave., 800/529-5700, 505/983-5700
hotelstfrancis.com
A beloved downtown landmark since 1880 with Old Victorian decor. Daily afternoon tea served in the spacious, elegant lobby also belongs to another era. Got questions? Revered concierge Inger Boudouris knows everything about Santa Fe. From \$129 in low season, \$149 in high season.

Inn on the Alameda

303 E. Alameda St., 888/984-2121, 505/984-2121
inn-alameda.com
A downtown inn tucked behind adobe walls, with 71 rooms showcasing the essence of Santa Fe style—rustic wood furniture, balconies, hand-hewn vigas, round kiva fireplaces, and stained wooden gates leading to brilliant gardens abloom in spring and summer. It's so peaceful, it's easy to oversleep and miss the hefty breakfast spread. From \$130 in low season, \$215 in high season.

Inn on the Paseo

630 Paseo de Peralta, 800/457-9045, 505/984-8200
Small and sweet, with 18 southwestern-style rooms, contemporary art, and a community breakfast table where hearty meals fuel the day. Step out the door into the stream of the city and walk to any downtown attraction. From \$79 during low season, \$109 in high season.

Pueblo Bonito

138 W. Manhattan Ave., 800/461-4599, 505/984-8001
pueblobonitoinn.com
Originally a judge's estate and later an apartment complex for struggling artists and rising politicians, the 18-room adobe B&B charges more than yesteryear's \$35 monthly rate, but it's still a bargain. From \$85 in low season, \$130 in high season.

Territorial Inn at the Marcy

105 E. Marcy St., 866/230-7737, 505/989-7737
territorialinn.com
Fourteen eclectic guest rooms featuring turn-of-the-century furnishings and an inviting lobby with wingback chairs that practically require relaxation with a snifter of brandy. Indulge in the spa and gourmet breakfasts. From \$69 in low season, \$139 in high season.

The Madeleine

106 E. Faithway St., 888/321-5123, 505/982-3465
madeleineinn.com
An 1886, three-story Victorian estate at the top of a sleepy side street; it has turrets, a clay roof, and other ornate architectural features that sprang up in Santa Fe once the railroad arrived. Settle into one of five old-fashioned rooms that reflect an earlier, slower era. From \$120 in low season, \$145 in high season.

\$ SPLURGE La Fonda

100 E. San Francisco St., 800/523-5002, 505/982-5511
lafondasantafe.com
Formerly a famed Harvey House, the hotel's 167 rooms epitomize Santa Fe style, but that's just one reason this multitiered historic adobe hotel streams with guests year-round. Anchoring the corner of downtown Santa Fe Plaza, it's a hotspot. From \$219 in low season, \$299 in high season.

\$ SPLURGE La Posada de Santa Fe

330 E. Palace Ave., 866/331-7625, 505/986-0000
laposada.rockresorts.com
A pricey renovation transformed these Pueblo Revival-style adobe casitas into a downtown luxury resort with high-end spa and restaurant. To steep in history, hang out in the library and lounge at the Staab House, an 1880s brick mansion built by a Santa Fe merchant whose wife reportedly still haunts the halls. From \$139 in low season, \$209 in high season, plus resort and parking fees.



Altitude sickness If you're a sea-level dweller, drink lots of water and don't overindulge in alcohol. The sudden change in altitude can cause headaches, dehydration, and nausea.

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EAT 315

315 Old Santa Fe Trail, 505/986-9190, 315santafe.com

A perennially popular French bistro that serves superb Provençal-inspired fare from white wine-soaked mussels with club fries to duck breast with dried cherries. Book a table or join the serious oenophiles rubbing elbows and bragging about bouquets at the cozy wine bar.

EAT Andiamo!

322 Garfield St., 505/995-9595, andiamoonline.com

A little Italian spot that rarely misses. Aptly named for the Italian word that translates as “Let’s go,” its elegant small dining rooms are awash in color and soft light. Savor the crispy polenta with rosemary and gorgonzola, then try the penne with spicy lamb sausage. Dinner only.

EAT Bobcat Bite Restaurant

420 Old Las Vegas Hwy., 505/983-5319, bobcatbite.com

Although the 1950s-style roadhouse sits on the outskirts of town, its green chile cheeseburgers are world-famous, old-fashioned, and just plain great. The crispy french fries ain’t bad, either. While you’re waiting for a coveted table or countertop seat at lunch or dinner, look for the bobcats—They’re everywhere. Open Wed.–Sat.

EAT Cafe Pasqual's

121 Don Gaspar Ave., 800/722-7672, 505/983-9340
pasquals.com

This festive restaurant with bright Oaxacan paper cutouts and colorful murals looks as good as it tastes. Try the fried yellow-and-blue cornmeal mush at breakfast and the organic chicken mole enchiladas at dinner.

EAT Counter Culture Cafe

930 Baca St., 505/995-1105

Locals love this hip, unpretentious café housed in a former warehouse. Kick off the morning with coffee and sour cream coffee cake, then return at lunch for silky salmon-coconut Thai soup or Vietnamese spring rolls and cold sesame noodles. Heck, even the burgers with haystack fries are a hit. Breakfast and lunch only.

EAT Mu Du Noodles

1494 Cerrillos Rd., 505/983-1411, mudunoodles.com

A sweet, authentic noodle house where regulars know there’s truth to the ancient motto “long noodles, long life.” At the end of a busy day, there’s nothing like Mu’s Malaysian laksa, pad thai, or spicy beef jantaboon enjoyed in the colorful dining rooms or on the outdoor garden patio. Dinner only. Closed Sun.

EAT The Plaza Restaurant

54 Lincoln Ave., 505/982-1664

Regulars alternate between New Mexico fare like cashew mole enchiladas and Greek specialties such as gyros. The venerated diner opened in 1918 in the heart of the Plaza. Affordable and affable, it’s hopping at breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

EAT La Choza

905 Alarid St., 505/982-0909

Reliably good New Mexican chili ladled over authentic enchiladas, tamales, *carne adovada*, and other staples of the local cuisine. Get the combo plate and try all three. The two dining rooms, brightly painted with flowers, and the charming outdoor patio provide ideal settings for conversation over lunch or dinner. Closed Sun.

\$ SPLURGE Geronimo

724 Canyon Rd., 505/982-1500, geronimorestaurant.com

A Santa Fe culinary star that draws diners seeking sophisticated food. Geronimo Lopez, whose spirit reportedly still hangs around, built the handsome Territorial house in 1756. Perhaps he pines for divine dishes that fuse flavors from around the world, like the mesquite-grilled filet mignon with country ham or the charred salmon with shrimp and smoked jalapeño risotto. Open for lunch, dinner, and Sun. brunch. Closed Mon. lunch.

DRINK Cowgirl Hall of Fame

319 S. Guadalupe St., 505/982-2565

In good weather, the patio at this Western-themed watering hole and restaurant resembles a busy beach in high summer, save for the Stetsons. Live music mingles with the voices of locals and tourists swapping stories and sipping Santa Fe-brewed beers and frozen margaritas. Happy hours and specials include \$1 Pabst Blue Ribbon Night on Tues.

DRINK El Farol

808 Canyon Rd., 505/983-9912

A long-standing warm-weather Santa Fe tradition involves a salty margarita and tapas under the portal at El Farol, the oldest bar in Santa Fe. Tired of fresh air? Step into historic adobe rooms, where flamenco dancers shake the floor, guitarists strum Latin music, and old-timers tap their feet.

DRINK The Pink Adobe's Dragon Room Bar

406 Old Santa Fe Trail, 505/983-7712, thepinkadobe.com

A world-famous bar that has showcased true Santa Fe style for decades. Artists, movie stars, government workers, well-heeled tourists, jaded locals, and other regulars toss back Silver Coin and Rosalita margaritas, while listening to live music. A Chinese elm that grows through the roof of the bar has been a quiet witness to the rowdy scene that’s been going strong since artist Rosalea Murphy founded the Pink Adobe in 1944.

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VISUAL ARTS

SEE Museum of Fine Arts

107 W. Palace Ave., 505/476-5072, mfasantafe.org

A state museum that features some of the best modern and contemporary art in New Mexico, as well as top-notch touring exhibits. The 1917 multi-story adobe is itself a work of art, reflecting Pueblo architecture as well as ancient Franciscan mission churches. Open Tues.–Sun., 10 A.M.–5 P.M. \$7, New Mexico residents \$5, 16 and under free; Fri. 5–8 P.M. free.

SEE Museum of International Folk Art

706 Camino Lejo on Museum Hill, 505/476-1200, moifa.org

World's largest collection of folk art contains colorful toys, textiles, totems, and other prized pieces from around the globe. This state museum's busy schedule includes excellent exhibits and fine educational programs. Open Tues.–Sun., 10 A.M.–5 P.M. \$7, New Mexico residents \$5, 16 and under free.

SHOP Canyon Road

Join the throngs of serious and amateur art aficionados at the traditional Friday-evening openings hosted by galleries lining Canyon Road, the famous one-mile stretch of art from around the world. Uneven pavement and sidewalks that simply disappear make walking an exercise, so leave the heels at home.

PLAY Baca Street

An emerging alternative art scene on the city's southwest side that pulses with activity. Contemporary glassblowers, Celtic jewelers, painters, and sculptors surround **Box Gallery** (916 Baca St., 505/989-4897), which showcases contemporary New Mexico artists. The hip eatery, **Counter Culture Cafe** (see p. 3), feeds them all.

ESCAPE Shidoni Foundry in Tesuque

Bishop's Lodge Rd., five miles north of Santa Fe Plaza
505/988-8001, shidoni.com

A leading bronze foundry, Shidoni takes its name from a Navajo greeting. Aptly, visitors are welcomed to galleries with work by eminent artists. Bring a picnic and walk through towering works of wonder in the outdoor sculpture garden. Watching molten bronze heated to 200 degrees and poured into ceramic molds will inspire you to quit your day job and become an *artiste*. Call ahead for pour times.

TIP

Bargains The Museum of New Mexico operates four Santa Fe museums, which have individual admission fees. A four-day pass (\$15) gets you into all four museums, as well as the non-state Museum of Spanish Colonial Art.

LITERARY AND PERFORMING ARTS

SEE Lentic Performing Arts Center

211 W. San Francisco St., 505/988-7050 (ticket info)
505/988-1234, lentic.com

A 1931 vaudeville and film palace built in faux Moorish and Spanish Renaissance architectural styles and recently renovated into a high-tech venue. The Lentic hums with local and international theater, as well as music, dance, film, and literary events. Schedule and tickets available online.

SEE Santa Fe Playhouse

142 E. DeVargas St., 505/988-4262, santafeplayhouse.org

Santa Fe's historic community theater presents original and classic productions, as well as staged readings, dance performances, and more. A great venue for viewing local talent. From "pay what you wish" Sunday matinees to \$20.

SHOP Nicholas Potter Bookseller

211 E. Palace Ave., 505/983-5434

The city's oldest used-book shop offers a fine collection of compelling books, including fascinating titles about the Southwest.

SHOP Collected Works Bookstore

208B W. San Francisco St., 505/988-4226, collectedworksbookstore.com

Santa Fe's community bookstore also hosts book signings with literary lions. Employees are impressively well read.

PLAY La Cantina at La Casa Sena

125 E. Palace Ave., 505/988-9232, lacasasena.com

At this casual bar, which is part of an established Santa Fe restaurant housed in a historic hacienda, servers don theatrical finery and croon Broadway and jazz standards. The audience has a ball. Make a request and you might be serenaded as you eat nachos and nurse a margarita.

ESCAPE The Santa Fe Opera

West side of U.S. Hwy. 84/285, seven miles north of Santa Fe
800/280-4654, 505/986-5900, santafeopera.org

Hear impeccable highbrow music in the high desert. You can't miss the 2,128-seat opera house's open-air roof, flung against the sky like a giant white ship sailing turquoise seas. Opening-night tailgaters in tuxes and gowns, or jeans and cowboy hats, have established a long-standing summer ritual in the parking lot—requiring fine linens, polished silver, and haute cuisine. Tickets from \$24. Check online for schedule.

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PUEBLOS

SEE The Museum of Indian Art & Culture

710 Camino Lejo, 505/476-1250, miaclab.org

A state museum, MIAC focuses on Native American art and culture. It houses an impressive permanent collection, and offers special exhibits, public lectures, and field trips. Open Tues.–Sun., 10 A.M.–5 P.M. \$7, 16 and under free.

SEE The Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian

704 Camino Lejo, 800/607-4636, 505/982-4636

wheelwright.org

Changing exhibits of American Indian and traditional and contemporary art highlight the Southwest. The Case Trading Post museum shop hosts related lectures, artist receptions, and other events. Open Mon.–Sat., 10 A.M.–5 P.M.; and Sun. 1–5 P.M. Free.

SHOP Portal of the Palace of the Governors

105 W. Palace Ave., 505/476-5100

In a long-standing tradition, Native American artists draw a daily lottery to determine who gets to sell their work—rain or shine—under the palace portal. Tourists and locals chat with artists and buy their silver and turquoise jewelry, elegant pottery, beaded items, and other coveted pieces.

PLAY Camel Rock Casino

10 minutes north of Santa Fe on U.S. Highway 84/285
800/462-2635, camelrockcasino.com

The casino circuit fronts major highways near Santa Fe, and the Pueblo-owned resorts have cheap buffet spreads, hotels, and venues for major acts such as comedian Jerry Seinfeld and the rock band Metallica. Owned by the Tesuque Pueblo tribe, this cavernous casino has table games, more than 700 slots, bingo, and a \$5 southwestern buffet on Saturdays. This is a place to hole up and play the numbers.

ESCAPE Pueblo dances

505/843-7270, indianpueblo.org

Colorful and mesmerizing with rhythmic drumming and chanting, pueblo dances are centered on seasonal cycles and spiritual beliefs tied to nature. Many of New Mexico's 19 pueblos open their dances to the public. Respectful behavior is mandatory, so don't do any of the following: talk during the dance, applaud once it's over, assume you can take photographs, or walk into people's houses or sacred sites on the pueblo. Performances depend on the position of the moon, so call ahead for schedules.

SPANISH COLONIAL

SEE Museum of Spanish Colonial Art

750 Camino Lejo, 505/982-2226, spanishcolonial.org

Inside an early-20th-century Spanish Colonial–style building designed by famed Santa Fe architect John Gaw Meem, this museum documents the fabulous art and rich culture of the Spanish colonies that thrived in New Mexico and elsewhere. Open Tues.–Sun., 10 A.M.–5 P.M. \$6, New Mexico residents \$3, 17 and under free.

SHOP Spanish Market

505/982-2226, spanishmarket.org

Hispanic artists working with Spanish Colonial traditions sell their work twice a year in festival-style markets featuring demonstrations, live music, and regional food. The art reflects the religious beliefs of the 16th-century Spanish settlers. Find the summer market on the Santa Fe Plaza the first full weekend in July, and the winter market on the first full weekend in December at the **Sweeney Convention Center** (201 W. Marcy St.) Free.

PLAY Maria Benitez Cabaret at the Radisson Santa Fe

750 N. Saint Francis Dr., 800/982-9198, 505/992-5800

Famed flamenco dancer Maria Benitez's Teatro Flamenco troupe takes the summer stage at the romantic cabaret that bears her name. Wrought-iron rails, faux ivy, soft candlelight, and fiery guitarists contribute to the Old Spanish atmosphere. Call for schedule and ticket info.

ESCAPE El Rancho de las Golondrinas

15 miles south of Santa Fe, Exit 276 off Interstate 25

334 Los Pinos Rd., 505/471-2261, golondrinas.org

A living-history museum devoted to the heritage and culture of Spanish Colonial New Mexico, with more than 30 historic buildings. Costumed docents interpret life in early New Mexico, and special events and festivals celebrate old traditions that still thrive in the northern part of the state. Keep an eye out for the *golondrinas*, or swallows. Open June–Oct., Wed.–Sun., 10 A.M.–4 P.M. \$5.

SHOPPER'S GUIDE TO SPANISH COLONIAL ART

Bultos Three-dimensional, wood-carved representations of saints

Retablos Paintings of saints on wood boards

Reredos Paintings of saints on church walls and panels, also called *tablas*

Santos Literally “saints” in Spanish, but also refers to the saintly images created by artists called *santeros* (men) and *santeras* (women), or “saint-makers,” who create religious folk art in Spanish Colonial tradition

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BODY-MIND-SPIRIT

SHOP Body

333 Cordova Rd., 505/986-0362, bodyofsantafe.com

A one-stop shop for the body and soul, with an organic, vegan, and raw-food café; serene spa; cool boutique; child-care center; and movement studio with classes in yoga, Pilates, and Nia Technique (\$12–\$15). Clients float out of the spa (acupuncture, massage, Rolfing, facials, and body-scrub treatments are priced from \$35), then linger in the boutique browsing soothing music, insightful books, great exercise gear, and natural body products. Check online for schedules.

PLAY Absolute Nirvana Spa, Tea Room & Gardens

706 Faithway St., 505/983-7942

Finding an exotic teahouse in the common room of a late-19th-century Victorian inn may throw off some guests. But sip fragrant green-tea leaves infused with jasmine blossoms and any perplexities vanish. Guests couldn't be more relaxed unless they also indulge in a massage and rose-petal bath at the adjacent Indonesian spa.

“I think that New Mexico was the greatest experience from the outside world that I have ever had.”

—D.H. Lawrence

ESCAPE Ten Thousand Waves

3451 Hyde Park Rd., 505/982-9304, tenthousandwaves.com

De-stress at this rustic Japanese mountain spa retreat minutes from Santa Fe. Soak in outdoor hot tubs (from \$14 for a 55-minute soak), relax with massage and body treatments (from \$40), and have a healthy snack by the koi pond. Not ready for reality? Check into one of 12 minimalist guest suites at the Houses of the Moon, nestled among the pine trees, and you may never want to descend from the mountain. Rates from \$190 in low season, \$210 in high season.

ESCAPE Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs

50 Los Baños Dr. in Ojo Caliente, one hour north of Santa Fe, 800/222-9162, 505/583-2233, ojocalientespa.com

Soak away your cares in the serene outdoor hot springs at one of the country's oldest health resorts. Rustic cabins, a healthy restaurant, and stunning scenery combine for the ultimate peaceful getaway. Day access to the hot springs starts at \$16.

GREAT OUTDOORS

SEE Randall Davey Audubon Center

End of Upper Canyon Rd., 505/983-4609, nm.audubon.org

In the 1920s, well-known Santa Fe painter Randall Davey transformed an 1840s sawmill into his home and studio. Today, the 135-acre property belongs to the National Audubon Society, which maintains the hiking trails. Free guided bird walks depart at 8:30 A.M. Sat., and \$5 house tours begin at 2 P.M. Mon.

SHOP The Santa Fe Farmers Market

505/983-4098, santafefarmersmarket.com

Rows of organic lamb and buffalo meat, cheese, jams, salsas, chiles, and New Mexico fruits and vegetables are sold by several hundred regional farmers. Body products, crafts, and live music crop up everywhere, too—it's a very happy scene. The outdoor market runs Tues.–Sat., 7 A.M.–noon, from April's third weekend through October in **Railyard Park**, where Cerrillos Road intersects Guadalupe Street. The winter market runs Sat., 9 A.M.–1 P.M., Nov.–early April, at **El Museo Cultural** (1615 Paseo de Peralta).

PLAY New Wave Rafting Company

1101 Cerrillos Rd., 800/984-1444, 505/984-1444

newwaverafting.com

Explore the world-class white water of the Rio Grande with seasoned guides. River rafting trips run 5 to 16 miles through wild and scenic areas. From \$43. Reservations required.

ESCAPE Ski Santa Fe

16 miles NE of Santa Fe on Hwy. 475 (Artist Rd./Hyde Park Rd.), 505/982-4429, skisantafe.com

In the Santa Fe National Forest, this 12,053-foot mountain has steep mogul trails for experts as well as easy runs with fantastic Santa Fe views. It's a great family destination with mountainside dining and a solid ski school. Snowboarders dig it as much as Nordic skiers. All-day lift tickets cost \$49 adults, \$35 children and seniors.

UNDERSTANDING SANTA FE

Arroyo River or irrigation ditch

Farolitos Paper bags filled with sand that hold little glowing candles, traditionally displayed at Christmas

Órale qué pasa The local greeting, Spanish for “Hey, what's up?”; it's usually followed by “bro”

Sangre de Cristo Not a cocktail (that's sangria), but Spanish for “blood of Christ.” Also the official name of the Santa Fe Mountains, foothills of the Rocky Mountains that turn dramatic shades of red at sunset

“Visualize Turn Signal Use” One of Santa Fe's many bumper-sticker slogans. This one reflects the opinion of local drivers that indicating a turn with a signal indicates a personality flaw