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Travel Guide

Best of Santa Fe:
Restaurants, Galleries, Hotels, and More 2011





Hacienda Doña
Andrea de
Santa Fe

Top lodging

Our seven favorite places to stay in Santa Fe

Bishop's Lodge Resort. Once a retreat where Archbishop Lamy cultivated orchards and flowers, a lovely Sangre de Cristo hillside miles from Santa Fe Plaza is home to this well-known resort and its Shánah Spa. Shánah translates from Navajo as “vigorous, energetic, and healthy”—states of being you might attain through the aromatherapy and hot stone massage available here. Organic treatments are made with local herbs, many grown in the archbishop's beloved gardens. Special spa packages available to guests.

From \$159; www.bishopslodge.com

Don Gaspar Inn. Situated in a historic neighborhood, this cozy B&B feels like a private escape. *From \$165; dongaspar.com*

Hacienda Doña Andrea de Santa Fe. Tucked along the Turquoise Trail, high in the Ortiz Mountains with views all the way to Santa Fe, this inn has Old World style: thick adobe walls and colorful Talavera tile, plus kiva fireplaces, cast-iron canopy beds, and brightly colored folk art. Spend a crisp morning in the umbrella-shaded courtyard, gazing out over

the Galisteo Basin. It's only a short hop down the hill to Cerrillos for a hike or a horseback ride before browsing the art galleries in the tiny town of Madrid. Book the Chávez de Contreras or Carroll rooms for the best views: city lights or piñon-studded mountains. *From \$229; hdasantafe.com*

Hotel St. Francis. This downtown spot has gotten a make-under of sorts. The rooms are a study in gorgeous simplicity with stone walls and unfinished wood furniture, but the place is not all about restraint—just try the signature cachaça and red-chile salt cocktail at the Secreto Bar (\$). *From \$159; hotelstfrancis.com*

Inn of the Five Graces. You wouldn't expect that a place filled with crafts and antiques from Afghanistan, India, and Tibet would feel much like Santa Fe. But somehow the Inn of the Five Graces takes these Eastern elements and creates an experience that is Santa Fe through and through. Arrayed around courtyards and in adobe buildings, the inn is hidden away in one of the city's most historic neighborhoods, the Barrio de Analco. The rooms are rich with the textures of rough woods and the glow of vibrant colors—reds, golds, and deep blues—that suggest exotic locations but offer homey comfort. Here's a spot for anyone looking for a retreat rather than a resort. *From \$425; fivegraces.com or 505/992-0957.*

La Fonda. It may be one of Santa Fe's oldest hotels, but it has a host of modern amenities: a state-of-the-art fitness center, an outdoor pool and indoor spa designed and created by local artisans, luxurious suites built around a private rooftop garden, and a “nuevo Latino” menu in the beautiful La Plazuela restaurant. Plus there's the rooftop Bell Tower Bar, where you can peer over at the narrow, adobe-lined streets of downtown—and the high desert all around you. Tourists and locals arrive in droves to watch the sun set over the Jemez Mountains. Get there early if you want a table. The drink to order: the Silver Coin Margarita on the rocks, with salt, of course. *From \$185; lafondasantafe.com*

Pueblo Bonito Bed and Breakfast Inn. An easy three blocks' walk from the Plaza, this B&B has 18 rooms, most in adobe casitas and all with private entrances and kiva fireplaces. Luxurious but relaxed. *From \$110, including full breakfast; pueblobonitoinn.com*