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**Cover**—Doug, from the Santa Fe Models and Eaton agencies, poses for photographer Daniel Nadelbach at the Double Take at the Ranch in Santa Fe. His H Bar C Western shirt and an array of jewelry are all from Double Take.





# the color of santa fe

The buildings may all be adobe brown  
(in fact, city codes require it), but the locals will delight  
you with a special hue all their own.





Things to Know  
Before You Go

## [Shopping]

## What to buy in Santa Fe

From jewelry to boots, pottery to beauty products, it's all here.



Apples for sale at the farmers market.

Santa Fe offers a smorgasbord of goods from the region and all over the world. Here are a few shops in unexpected locations that offer authentic items at a reasonable price: ■ Rows of vendors offer an eclectic mix of goods from every corner of the world at the **Tesuque Pueblo Flea Market** (pueblo office 983-2667), located next to the Santa Fe Opera and open on weekends March through mid-December. **Merry Foss's** wildly colorful booth is packed with vintage ceramics and devotional pieces, ranging in price from \$25 for a majolica Peruvian cup to an \$8,000 devotional piece, all

handpicked by Foss on her travels throughout Latin America ([www.merryfoss.com](http://www.merryfoss.com); 982-9776). You'll find gorgeous old pawn jewelry at the **Fresquez's** booth (983-4920) and, at **Ooh-La-La Designs** (984-8854), a display of kitschy matchboxes decorated with sparkling saints (\$5). **Heart of the Lotus** (466-1374) is packed with Buddhas and beads from across Asia and enchanting crystal singing bowls (\$155-225). If you can't live without a hat from Ghana or beads from Sudan, visit **African Rough Gemstones** (453-7449). ■ The **Case Trading Post** at the **Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian** (704 Camino Lejo; 982-4636) presents an extensive selection of books as well as quality kachinas, jewelry, pottery, and fetishes created by contemporary Native American artists. Prices range from an \$8 fetish to a \$16,000 Two Gray Hills textile. ■ On the **Pueblo of San Ildefonso**, located 23 miles north of Santa Fe, meet potter Kathleen Sanchez (747-7100), great-granddaughter of the acclaimed potter Maria Martinez, and buy a piece of her serene traditional-style blackware pottery with a contemporary multicolored motif. A small seed pot costs \$225. ■ **El Potrero**

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## When should I go?

Santa Fe, at 7,000 feet above sea level, is a year-round destination with a temperate climate. It has cool, snowy winters (average temperature 42°F with 30-34 inches of snow) and a ski season that usually runs Thanksgiving through Easter. The summer months are warm (80°) with low humidity.

## What can I do outdoors?

The **Santa Fe National Forest** (438-7840), encompassing 1.6 million acres, is great for cycling, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and fishing. In the fall, ride the chair lift at **Ski Santa Fe** (982-4429; [www.skisantafe.com](http://www.skisantafe.com)), located in the Sangre de Cristo Mts., to see Santa Fe's brilliant fall foliage. In the winter, Ski Santa Fe offers 44 downhill ski runs. Other ski resorts near Santa Fe are **Angel Fire** (800-633-7463; [www.angelfireresort.com](http://www.angelfireresort.com)) and **Taos Ski Valley** (776-2291; [www.skitaos.org](http://www.skitaos.org)).

## What are the best local spas?

For a unique spa experience, visit **Ten Thousand Waves Japanese Health Spa** (992-5025; [www.tenthousandwaves.com](http://www.tenthousandwaves.com)), which combines the adobe style of Santa Fe with the traditions of a Japanese hot-spring resort. Herbal wraps, Japanese hot-stone and Thai massages, facials, and outdoor hot tubs are a few of the offerings. **Avanyu Spa at La Posada de Santa Fe** offers Southwestern-inspired treatments in downtown Santa Fe (986-0000; [www.laposada.rockresorts.com/info/spa.asp](http://www.laposada.rockresorts.com/info/spa.asp)). Adobe mud wraps and "corn dance purifications"—a blend of corn, oatmeal, and white clay applied to the skin to remove oil and dead cells—are services with regional flair.

## What are some good sources of local information?

The daily newspaper, *The New Mexican* ([www.thenewmexican.com](http://www.thenewmexican.com)) provides information on news and weather. Check out Friday's "Pasatiempo" section for event listings of the upcoming week. The weekly *Santa Fe Reporter* ([www.sfreporter.com](http://www.sfreporter.com)) also offers an event calendar and entertainment news.

## For More Information:

■ **Santa Fe Convention and Visitors Bureau**, 201 W. Marcy St., Santa Fe, NM 87501; 800-777-2489; [www.santafe.org](http://www.santafe.org).

## Sourcebook/Contact Information

## »Phone calls

The area code for Santa Fe is 505.

## »Mentioned in the Story

- **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi**, 131 Cathedral Pl.; 982-5619.
- **Gabriel's**, 4 Banana Ln.; 455-7000. \$20.
- **Loretto Chapel**, 207 Old Santa Fe Trail; 982-0092; [www.lorettochapel.com](http://www.lorettochapel.com).
- **Nambé Pueblo Church of San Francisco de Assisi**, Nambé Pueblo; 455-2036.
- **Palace of the Governors**, 105 W. Palace Ave.; 476-5100; [www.palaceofthegovernors.org](http://www.palaceofthegovernors.org). Closed Mon.; fee.
- **Scottish Rite Temple**, 463 Paseo de Peralta; 982-4414.
- **Tesuque Pueblo Flea Market**, Tesuque Pueblo; 995-8626.
- **Tomasita's Restaurant**, 500 S. Guadalupe St.; 983-5721. \$18.

