

SANTA FE and surrounding area



The Santa Fe area is home to dozens of **museums**, including El Rancho de las Golondrinas, the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, the New Mexico Museum of Art, the Santa Fe Children's Museum, the New Mexico History Museum and the Palace of the Governors, which is not only a museum but the oldest public building in the United States. Be sure to visit the Native American artists showing and selling well-crafted silver and turquoise jewelry under the Palace's portal. See www.santafenm.gov/index.aspx?nid=991 for more information.

A stroll down the **famous Canyon Road** is de rigeur for art enthusiasts. And be sure to see the **miraculous staircase at the Loretto Chapel**. Ask just about anyone for easy directions to both.



The **mountain-biking and hiking** trails around Santa Fe are breathtaking, especially in the fall. Sign up for guided adventures with any of the local outfitters or strike out on your own on the Dale Ball Trail system, which starts just two miles from the Plaza. See www.santafenm.gov/index.aspx?NID=1059 for more information.

Drive up the Santa Fe Ski Basin Road to **hike numerous trails in the nearby Santa Fe National Forest**. The timing should be good for a colorful show of fall colors.



Discover the magnificent landscape and diverse cultures surrounding Santa Fe by taking one — or more — of the **five day trips** detailed at http://santafe.org/Visiting_Santa_Fe/Things_to_Do/Day_Trips/index.html. Visit Indian ruins, high mountain towns, the majestic red rock country captured by Georgia O'Keeffe, the home of the Manhattan Project or the country's "other" Las Vegas.

Make a 45-minute pilgrimage north of Santa Fe to visit Chimayo, home of **El Santuario de Chimayo**, a healing, mission-style church known as the "Lourdes of America".



For those with canine traveling companions, Santa Fe has the **Frank S. Ortiz Dog Park** where they can stretch their legs off leash. See <http://www.santafenm.gov/index.aspx?NID=548> for information.