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Santa Fe guide: where to eat, stay, and go

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At 7,000 feet in the southern Rockies with crisp mountain air all summer long and an autumn that's just as invigorating, the City Different is the perfect climate for cowboy and contemporary to flourish.

You'll meet locals like Nobel Prize-winning physicist Murray Gell-Mann and visitors like the 55-year-old John Wayne Haynes, who recently rode his Appaloosa here 2,000 miles from Michigan.

Come summer, the beauty quotient intensifies as purple and pink cosmos sprout, woodpeckers and hummingbirds alight on lush cottonwoods, and apricot trees ripen alongside thick-walled adobe homes.

Santa Fe is a place where, as Richard Bradford wrote in *Red Sky at Morning*, one can hide from the world.

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Indian Market, Indian summer

Hide from the world — or not. In Santa Fe, population 70,000, everyone turns out for Indian Market. And visitors pour in by the thousands for the annual event. It falls in August — this year, August 22–23 — still high-season summer, and even in a wavering economy, things bustle.

Lucky you if you're flying out of Dallas: In June, American Airlines added a new nonstop flight into Santa Fe on American Eagle.

Two new restaurants have recently launched to success: iA La Mesa!, propelled by its charismatic chef, and Vinaigrette, where insiders lunch.