

City style

Santa Fe

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Enjoy the urban outpost's eclectic charm, art, fine dining and cowgirl chic



2 NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

Explore the rugged landscape of New Mexico on foot or on horseback. The Santa Fe National Historic Trail extends for nearly 1,200 miles across five states, and takes you through the struggle, drama and history of the area. 1100 Old Santa Fe Trail (00 1 505 988 6098; nps.gov).



3 THE INN OF THE FIVE GRACES

A magical warren of small courtyards leads you to 24 17th-century stone and adobe bungalow suites. Each is a virtual explosion of colour and texture – mosaic-tiled bathrooms, Oriental rugs, ethnic tapestries and carved wooden furniture vie for your attention in one of the most romantic hotels imaginable. 150 East De Vargas Street (00 1 505 992 0957; fivegraces.com).

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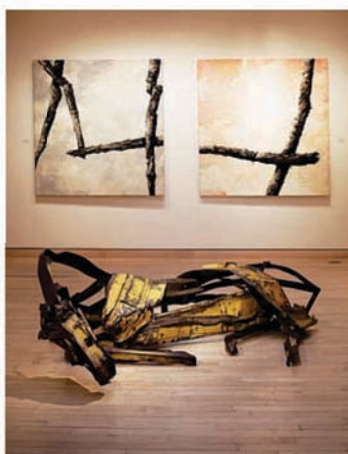
1 COWGIRL BBQ

The Cowgirl has become a local institution. Dig into authentic barbecue food gathered from family recipes and regional road trips, or simply pop in for a cold glass of the local microbrew. In the summer, sit under the stars on the patio, listening to the cicadas competing for attention with the nightly entertainment. 319 South Guadalupe Street (00 1 505 982 2565; cowgirlsantafe.com).



4 GERALD PETERS GALLERY

Santa Fe has always been associated with the artist Georgia O'Keeffe, who settled in New Mexico in her later years and is well known for her abstract paintings of objects from nature. Get a feel for her work and those of her local Santa Fe and Taos contemporaries in mixed-media exhibitions at this elegant gallery. 1011 Paseo de Peralta (00 1 505 954 5700; gpgallery.com).



6 NATHALIE

Embrace your inner cowgirl or boy at this one-of-a-kind Native American boutique, described as the Hermès of the West. Owner Nathalie Kent, a former fashion editor at French Vogue, sources vintage and new jewellery, suede shirts and trousers and custom-made boots, as well as one-off items such as a silver-mounted parade saddle. Yee haw. 503 Canyon Road (00 1 505 982 1021; nathaliesantafe.com).



5 GERONIMO

The prettiest restaurant in town also happens to serve some of the finest food in the US. *The New York Times* says its food presentation is "an art form", and the mouthwatering delights include Asian pear salad and peppery elk tenderloin with applewood-smoked bacon. 724 Canyon Road (00 1 505 982 1500; geronimorestaurant.com).

