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Days of Wine and Roses

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Does the gray of winter have you daydreaming of a mid-season getaway? Perhaps destinations where an immersion into an atmosphere of art, culture and romance will transform that reverie into a dream come true.

THE INN OF THE FIVE GRACES

Rising 7000 feet above sea level, the high desert capital of New Mexico has a heritage dating to approximately 1000 A.D. The character and multi-cultural traditions of Santa Fe create an intersection where history and hospitality unite.

Steeped in the cultural potpourri of the 17th-century Barrio de Analco, or Quarter "Across the Water," is The Inn of the Five Graces. Forged from ruins of decrepit buildings, this hotel, with 23 guest rooms and suites, rose like a phoenix from the ashes. Innkeepers Ira and Sylvia Seret, internationally recognized importers of Oriental rugs and antiques, designed each room with Near Eastern articles and antiques from their collections. It was the influence of Afghani and Tibetan art, relics and treasures throughout the hotel that provided the name signifying the five "graces" of Tibetan culture—sight, sound, touch, smell, taste.³

Interlocking courtyards, featuring the natural artistry of blooming flowers and providing a sanctuary for man and nature, connect the guest rooms and suites. The fascination of the Orient is realized in each room as the signature designs of Sylvia Seret recreate Old World mystique. Hand-painted Afghani beams, tile mosaics, local river stone and copper ceilings are some

of the details woven throughout the inn. Piquing the senses of sound and smell is the mesquite crackling in their kiva fireplace.

Luxury and comfort permeate the inn, invoking the spirit of the five graces. The spa offers a revitalizing massage after a hike or a after simply enjoying a day discovering the color and charm of Santa Fe. Breakfast either in your room, the courtyard or dining area is served until 11 a.m. daily.

The Pink Adobe is a 400-year-old Santa Fe landmark and the restaurant on the grounds of The Inn of the Five Graces. Patrons from near and far are comfortable in this welcoming venue. Local foods and "traditional tastes in new combinations" make "The Pink" Santa Fe's most famous restaurant.³

Art and culture are literally next door to the inn with the Santa Fe Playhouse as its neighbor and the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum nearby. Shopping is available at a continental level at Seret and Sons with an array of treasures akin to an Eastern bazaar.

Indulge your senses and sensibilities at The Inn of the Five Graces, "where the Orient and the Old West come together, surprisingly at home in one another's arms."³