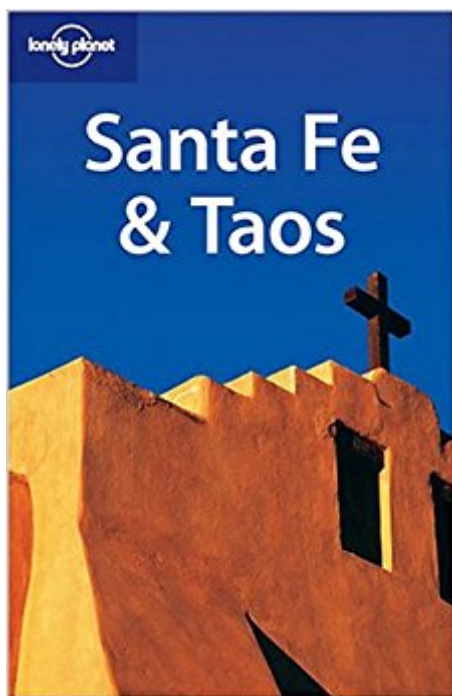


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# Lonely Planet Santa Fe & Taos (Lonely Planet)



## Synopsis

This travel guide explores Santa Fe and Taos, from soothing spas, psychedelic sites, to pinons, pueblos, missions and museums. It provides thorough coverage of the Southwest art scene and gives advice on where to hike, bike, ski and fish.

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## Customer Reviews

I first borrowed a stack of New Mexico books from the library - and then decided to purchase this book to take with me on my visit to NM. This book was GREAT to take along, went everywhere with me as I referred to it nearly every day. It was easy to read, well organized and every time I opened the book I found something interesting. I don't know why it isn't titled Albuquerque, Santa Fe & Taos as the very first part is a section on Albuquerque. I was not impressed with New Mexican cuisine, and perhaps for this reason I disagreed with the book review of the restaurants I visited. I thought the reviews were a little too enthusiastic while the food/service was actually mediocre. I am from Chicago though - and we just have some fantastic restaurants. We did get lucky and found a great Mexican restaurant (word of mouth) - Sandi's at the Sandia Mountain - the Margarita's were great and the service very pleasant; and The Gorge in Taos had great service, a great balcony, and delicious burgers. The book is not very recent and I could not find a new edition by the same author - still glad I purchased it. Lastly - because of this book we changed plans during our stay in Taos. We were going to be leaving Taos, I had noticed the book review of the Adobe & Stars B & B and happened to be driving right by it. We decided to stop in to ask to see the rooms. We LOVED this B&B so very much that we changed our plans and booked two nights there. We got the view of the

mountains we had hoped to get...right from the balcony of our room...and at night..we could see a blanket of stars studded in the sky. Judy at this B&B suggested a particular nearby hike...it was terrific. I would probably have passed this place, not gone on that hike if I had not read about it in this book...that was one of the highlights of my trip. Whenever I return to NM, I'll be bringing this book again

I just returned from my first trip to Santa Fe. I solely depended upon the Lonely Planet (Santa Fe/Taos) guide to help me navigate/acquaint myself to Santa Fe and the surrounding areas. It was a wonderful resource and would recommend it highly to anyone traveling to Santa Fe, as I could not find my thing lacking in it. Oh, do visit the Chocolate Smith in Santa Fe. As the author noted, they have wonderful organic chocolate to please any chocolatophile (is that a word?).

The reviews previous to mine only seem to address Santa Fe, and perhaps that portion of the book is more accurate. But I went to Taos and was bitterly disappointed by unfortunate inaccuracies. Inspirations doesn't serve sandwiches on the weekends, a detail the book left out. "Tiwa Kitchen" is actually "Tewa Kitchen", and though it wasn't the book's fault never opened on the day I wanted to go. Zen Ranch went out of business, and I'd really been looking forward to eating there. One restaurant I went to for the much ballyhooed huevos rancheros looked at me as though I had sprouted horns - not exactly a friendly establishment. It might have been nice to know about the nightly indian dance demonstrations at Kachina Lodge, which is the only regular demonstration performed by Pueblo indians in town, or Wired? Coffee House, which is actually a lot cooler than Cafe Tazza and offers free wi-fi. Overall, it felt as though the author had really rushed through, and perhaps some of the places she raves about were only nice to her because she told them that what she was writing.

I am a frequent user of Lonely Planet books. Santa Fe & Taos is no different then the others, very insightful, very useful, and very easy to use. It gave great recommendations for restaurants, and for day trips, and I particularly enjoy the suggested 1 day, 2 day, 3 day... itineraries, based on the duration of your stay.I highly recommend it.

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