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## 6 Steps to Plan Your Summer Trip to Santa Fe!



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**What can you expect from summer in  
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## ▶▶▶ TRES ◀◀◀ DO

Summer brings days that never end! Here's our [roundup of markets, festivals, and exhibitions.](#)

## VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS





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- **May 31–August 28:** If you like music and movies, you are going to love the [Summer Scene](#), presenting FREE films and live concerts from local and national musicians at the historic downtown Plaza, the Railyard, SWAN Park, and Reunity Resources.
  - **June 6–September 17:** Enjoy music all summer long at one of the prettiest spots in The City Different. The [Santa Fe Botanical Garden Sunset Concert Series](#) blends natural beauty and natural musical talent for a soul-restoring experience.
  - **June 7 & 8:** More than 150 vendors exhibiting and selling fine art to photography, jewelry to clothing, sculpting to metal work and pottery inhabit the Santa Fe Plaza for [Challenge New Mexico Arts & Crafts Festival](#). And by shopping here, you are benefitting their Horseback Riding Program, which provides services to the special needs community.
  - **June 13–22:** The [CURRENTS 2025 Arts & Technology Festival](#) offers immersive and expansive art experiences in animation, virtual and augmented realities, interactive installations and video, multimedia performances, experimental documentaries, workshops, and more!
  - **June 13:** The [New Mexico Performing Arts Society's](#) Season Finale Opera is just one of those performances you don't want to miss! Maestro Vote does not disappoint!
  - **June 21–29:** Embark on an unforgettable journey this summer! Immerse yourself in a vibrant art scene during the highly anticipated [Santa Fe Studio Tour](#). Celebrated as New Mexico's premier open studio tour, this remarkable 9-day FREE event takes place over two weekends and proudly showcases the extraordinary talents of our diverse city and county artists.
  - **June 27–August 23:** The 68th festival season of the [Santa Fe Opera](#) brings to the stage international operatic superstars in five world-class performances: *La Bohème*, *Marriage of Figaro*, *Rigoletto*, *The Turn of the Screw*, and *Die Walküre*.
  - **July 9 & 10:** The 4th biennial Design Summit is this year titled [Dignify by Design](#) and it arrives in a flourish with a gathering of leaders in the fields of design, craft, art, architecture, and film to discuss their creative process and how dignity informs their work.
  - **July 9–13:** Don't miss the 21st annual [Santa Fe International Folk Art Market](#), the world's largest of its kind, featuring one-of-a-kind artworks created by 142 master artists from more than 57 countries.

- **July 9–20:** Enjoy more than 100 art experiences, including artist demonstrations, book signings, children's events, live music, studio tours, and workshops through [Santa Fe Art Week](#). And don't forget: Santa Fe hosts 250+ galleries, so get out and explore!
- **July 11–13:** [Art Santa Fe](#), Santa Fe's only contemporary fine art fair, presents modern and contemporary art and design from 85+ galleries and emerging artists.
- **July 13–August 1:** That beautiful sound you hear is the 24 voices of the [Santa Fe Desert Chorale](#) with several chances to experience their music.
- **July 13–August 18:** The [Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival](#) presents its 52nd season, which features an international lineup of nearly 100 distinguished musicians performing in more than 40 concerts. Highlights include 12 artists making their Festival debuts and a new series called BAM!! Insights on the Brain & Music. Get your tickets now!
- **July 26 & 27:** Experience [Traditional Spanish Market](#), presented by the Atrisco Heritage Foundation, at Santa Fe's historic Plaza! Now in its 73rd year, this beloved event celebrates New Mexico's rich artistic heritage with handcrafted works by more than 160 juried Hispanic artists. From colcha embroidery and painted bultos to straw appliqué and more, explore one-of-a-kind pieces rooted in Spanish Colonial tradition. Enjoy live music, cultural performances, art demonstrations, and the flavors of regional cuisine all weekend long. Admission is free.
- **July 26 & 27:** [Contemporary Hispanic Market](#) celebrates 39 years with juried Hispanic artists presenting their contemporary carvings of wood or stones peppered along the rows of booths, and individual expression in the mediums of painting, printmaking, sculpture, photography, furniture, jewelry, ceramics, weaving, and more.
- **September 14:** The [Santa Fe Symphony](#) 2025–26 season kicks off with a stunner of an event. Back by popular demand, violinist Alexi Kenney, performs Sibelius' Violin Concerto.
- Throughout the summer: Don't miss an opportunity to peruse the fine painting, printmaking, photography and sculpture of the [Santa Fe Society of Artists](#) in locations downtown and at the Railyard, now in its 44th year!

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## OUTDOORS



- **June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, and Halloween:** The [Canyon Road Summer Walk](#) is back for a second year! Join the community for an engaging amble, complete with food, music, arts & crafts, to celebrate summer and the rich artistic and cultural heritage of Santa Fe's historic Canyon Road.
- **June 1–28:** It's the [32nd anniversary of Santa Fe PRIDE](#). Participate in a variety of activities, including drag bingo, block parties, and comedy. And, by all means, **DO NOT MISS THE PARADE** through downtown and party



on the Plaza, Saturday, June 28. And check out this [nice write-up](#) in *Travel Pulse* about Santa Fe as a Pride destination sans crowds.

- **June 7 & 8:** El Rancho de las Golondrinas opens the doors for the busy season on its vast rural acreage with the [20th Annual Spring Festival](#). Expect sheep-shearing, live entertainment, Pueblo pottery and dance, and more.
- **June 18–21:** Join the heart-pounding fun of the [76th Rodeo de Santa Fe](#), roping the hearts of cowboys and rodeo fans with barrel racing, bareback, bullriding, and more since 1949!
- **August 22–24:** It's the 33rd annual [Zia Regional Rodeo](#), the second-largest LGBTQ event in Santa Fe, showing up in style with exciting animal-friendly breakaway calf roping, team roping, barrel racing, flag race, pole bending, steer riding, and other rough stock events. Also, there's the highly entertaining, hilarious, and unpredictable Wild Drag Race (wigs, dresses, an uncooperative steer), which you have to see to believe!
- **September 21:** The [Santa Fe International Half Marathon](#) offers more options than the namesake half (13.1 miles), including a 5K and a 1K. Absolutely worth it for the fun running community and the beautiful scenery!

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## CULTURE & HISTORY



- **July 4:** Treat yourself to this tasty hometown tradition. [Pancakes on the Plaza](#) is a fun and family-friendly way to kick off our nation's birthday!
- **August 15 and September 27:** In its 4th year, [IndigenousWays Festival](#) will celebrate its mission to give Native and Indigenous artists of all walks a platform. Highlights include Grammy-recognized hip-hop artist **G Precious**, two-time Grammy Award-winner **Robert Mirabal**, and more. At the Railyard.
- **August 8–11:** Collections of American Indian and international tribal art not found anywhere else in the world can be found at the [Whitehawk Antique Indian & Ethnographic Art Show](#).
- **August 16 & 17:** Meet and purchase from 500 Indigenous artists at [Free Indian Market](#), where they showcase their authentic work on the green shady Federal Park expanse.
- **August 16 & 17:** Celebrate the 103rd anniversary of [Santa Fe Indian Market](#), the largest and most prestigious intertribal art market in the world.
- **August 29:** Happy 101st [Burning of Zozobra](#)! The 50-foot-tall mythical monster of gloom, Zozobra, is burned along with our woes in a highly choreographed and storied performance. This event WILL SELL OUT. Get your tix!
- **August 30–September 7:** At 313 years old [Fiesta de Santa Fe](#) is the longest continuously running celebration in the US! With the Burning of Zozobra, the Mariachi Extravaganza, concerts, culturally rich music performances and food booths, beloved and time-honored parades —[Desfile de Los Niños](#) and [Desfile de la Gente](#)— as well as arts and crafts markets, and more, Fiesta de Santa Fe embraces The City Different's complex past and present and is a feast for all of the senses.
- Bring the whole family to El Rancho de las Golondrinas for one of these enriching kid-friendly annual events, such as the [22nd Annual Fiesta de los Niños \(July 19\)](#), where you can meet the resident animals, and learn from the past with tin stamping, tortilla making, mini adobe house building, and the [17th Annual Santa Fe Renaissance Faire \(September 13 & 14\)](#), where you'll travel back to the Middle Ages in costume and you can frolic with fairies and cheer on knights. Live entertainment and food available at both events.

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## CUISINE



- **May 30–June 8:** Check out the lively calendar of events during [New Mexico Cocktail Week](#), including mixology seminars, cocktail pairings, and dinners, some of which brought courtesy of [Cocktails & Culture Festival](#).
- **Tuesdays & Saturdays**, roll out of bed and down to the [Santa Fe Farmers' Market](#) (open from 8 am to 1 pm) to support our local growers and to get yourself some greens.
- Make the mini road trip (20 mins!) out to El Rancho de las Golondrinas for something refreshingly different, such as the [31st Annual Santa Fe Wine Festival](#) (**July 5 & 6**), where you can sample the liquid grape crafted across New Mexico, and the [7th Annual Santa Fe Beer and Food Festival](#) (**August 9 & 10**).
- Thirsty for a signature margarita? Get on the Santa Fe Margarita Trail, where you can quench that thirst at 50+ of Santa Fe's most popular bars and restaurants! Purchase a passport from any of our Visitors Centers or download the app, and [meander the Santa Fe Margarita Trail](#).

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## THE DO SPOTLIGHT

### *3 Thoughts on the 7th Annual Santa Fe Art Week*







## What excites you about the 7th annual Santa Fe Art Week, July 9–20?

1. **STACEY EDGAR**, *Executive Director of the International Folk Art Market* says, “I’m excited for Santa Fe Art Week to kick off with the International Folk Art Market (IFAM), featuring 142 master artists from 57 countries! This year, we’re also marking the 20th anniversary of Santa Fe as a UNESCO Creative City with a special booth at IFAM, highlighting local New Mexican folk artists. It’s the most fun, art-filled week of the summer and we’re proud to be part of it!”



2. **LISA STEWART**, *Executive Director of the Santa Fe Gallery Association* says, “Art Week 2025 will see the city sizzle from the fine art exhibition at the Santa Fe Regional Airport, *Bridges: The Space Between Us*, to private dinners in galleries, panel discussions on hot topics in curation and collaboration, and tens of thousands of visitors to our world-class cultural events, fairs, museums and markets. At the Santa Fe Gallery Association, we are excited to present a contemporary installation in the SFGA Pavilion for Art Santa Fe.”



3. **LINDA MARIANO**, *Managing Director of Marketing, Redwood Art Group*, says, “Art Santa Fe 2025 marks a spectacular 25th Anniversary Edition, and we’re celebrating in style! As the only contemporary art fair in Santa Fe, this milestone event brings together an exciting mix of galleries, designers, artists, and makers—offering collectors, curators, and art lovers a one-of-a-kind experience, all under one roof. Set against the stunning backdrop of the Santa Fe Convention Center, and taking place during Santa Fe Art Week, it’s more than just an art fair—it’s a full-on celebration of creativity, culture, and community. Join us as we celebrate 25 incredible years of Art Santa Fe!”



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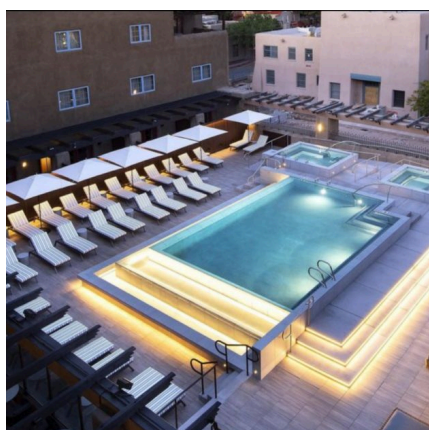
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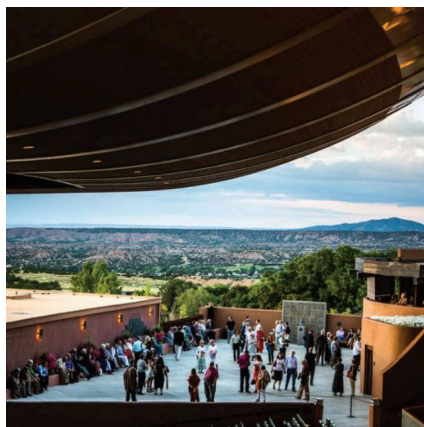
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- **CONGRATULATIONS** to James Beard Foundation Award "Best Chef of the Southwest" semifinalists Cristian Pontiggia, formerly of Sassella and now at Anasazi Restaurant; Joseph Wrede of Joseph's, and Fernando Ruiz of Escondido.
- And another **CONGRATULATIONS** to Chef Kathleen Crook of Marketsteer Steakhouse, who was just named to the James Beard Foundation's 2025–2026 lineup of TasteTwenty chefs, an annual selection of “ones to watch” in the industry!
- Speaking of the James Beard Foundation, did you know Santa Fe hosts MANY James Beard Foundation Award winners, finalists, and nominees?

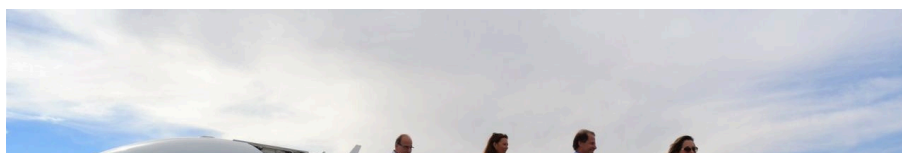


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