

Santa Fe Restaurants

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Listing good restaurants in Santa Fe is like listing fun things to do at Disneyland but here are some to start your journey. Rule of thumb...if it is in business, it is good. Restaurants where dinner reservations are required have been noted, but it is always a good idea to call ahead to any of these restaurants.

Restaurants	Address/Phone	
Tia Sophia ...If you want to see how real Santa Fe locals eat, go to this friendly downtown restaurant, now in its third decade. Daily breakfast specials are offered. This is a popular place so be prepared to wait for a table.	210 W. San Francisco 505-983-9880	W,B/L
Plaza Café ...Santa Fe's oldest restaurant has been serving authentic traditional dishes since 1918. You'll find everything from blue corn green chile carne asada enchiladas to chicken fried steak with mashed potatoes and moussaka with a Greek salad on the side. Breakfasts are excellent and hamburgers and sandwiches are good.	54 Lincoln Avenue 505-982-1664	W,B/L
La Plazuela at La Fonda Hotel ...At the heart of the historic La Fonda is La Plazuela, a beautiful enclosed courtyard restaurant featuring a menu crafted to showcase old favorites with New World influences and authentic New Mexican cuisine. Note: There is a great French pastry shop in the La Fonda		W,R
The Shed ...A luncheon institution since 1953, this longtime locals' favorite is so popular that during lunch lines often form outside. Half a block east of the plaza, it occupies a rambling hacienda built in 1692. The food is some of the best in the state and a compliment to traditional Hispanic and Pueblo cooking. The red chile cheese enchilada is renowned in Santa Fe. The green-chile stew is a local favorite.	113 E Palace 505-982-9030	W,R
The San Francisco Grill ...Occupying a sun-filled, second-floor space near the Plaza, this restaurant offers inexpensive, well-prepared American fare. It's family-friendly, with comfy booths and smaller hardwood tables and chairs.	50 E San Francisco 505-982-2944	W
Pasqual's ...Named for the folk saint of New Mexican kitchens, Pasqual's serves excellent food, made with organic local ingredients All its sauces, bread, and ice cream are made by hand on a small scale, to great results. Don't let the long lines scare you off. It is worth the wait!	101 Don Gaspar 505-983-9340	W,R
Blue Corn Café ...If you're ready for a fun and inexpensive night out to eat decent New Mexican food, this is your place. Enchiladas, chalupas, tacos, tamales and rellenos are some of the dishes to sample, along with nightly specials.	133 Water Street 505-984-1800	W
Geronimo ...Occupying an old adobe structure known as the Borrego House built in 1756, this elegant restaurant serves Global Fusion-Southwest cuisine utilizing seasonal produce. The menu features entrees such as Maryland soft-shell tempura crabs, mesquite grilled New York strip steak, beef tenderloin, Hawaiian swordfish and peppery Elk tenderloin to name a few. If you enjoy dining outside, reserve a spot on the porch.	724 Canyon Road 505-982-1500	P,R
The Compound ...Featured in <i>Gourmet</i> and <i>Bon Appétit</i> magazines as one of America's best restaurants, the Compound serves contemporary American cuisine focused around regional ingredients. Signature entrees include dishes of grilled beef and tuna, classic choices feature pork, seafood, and duck.	653 Canyon Road 505-982-4353	P,R
Inn of the Anasazi ...This ranks as one of Santa Fe's more interesting dining experiences. Named for the ancient people who once inhabited the area, the food here is inventive, utilizing regional and seasonal ingredients.	113 Washington 505-988-3030	W,P
Santacafé ...Located near the Plaza in the Padre Gallegos House, a 150 year old adobe structure, this restaurant serves unique American cuisine with a southwestern flair. Featured dishes change to take advantage of local and seasonal specialties.	231 Washington Ave. 505-984-1788	W,P,R
Mateo's ...A Canyon Road neighborhood restaurant, Mateo's serves delicious, Italian and Mediterranean cuisine. Lovely Tuscan look inside, great people watching from the front patio; quiet rear patio.	802 Canyon Road 505-989-1949	R
The Ore House The Ore House's second-story balcony, at the southwest corner of the plaza, is an ideal spot from which to watch the passing scene. Inside, the decor is cozy Southwestern. The menu offers fresh seafood and steaks, as well as some Nueva Latina dishes that incorporate some interesting sauces. Daily fresh-fish specials are also popular.	101 W. San Francisco 505-983-8687	W,R
The Pink Adobe ...The rosy facade of this 300-year-old house is easily spotted just opposite the San Miguel Mission downtown. Known affectionately by locals as "The Pink," the menu features steaks, seafood and creative Southwestern cuisine. The founder's French Onion soup and French apple pie have been favorites since 1944.	406 Old Santa Fe Trail 505-983-7712	W,P,R

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R-Need reservations for dinner; B/L-Great for breakfast and lunch; P-Pricey; W-Within three blocks of the Hotel