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Santa Fe

Pink adobe architecture, colorful culture and sheer beauty combine to make "the city different" a truly enchanting place. **STORY BY LINDA HAYES**



1. **ENCANTADO** Set on 57 acres in peaceful Tesuque (just 10 minutes from the center of Santa Fe), this luxe lodging's contemporary adobe-style design feels uniquely at home amid the New Mexico landscape. Sixty-five low-slung casitas are scattered around the property. Terra Restaurant and the sanctuary-like spa are tops. 877-262-4666, encantadorresort.com

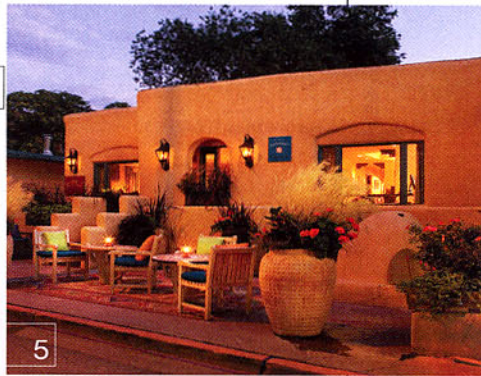


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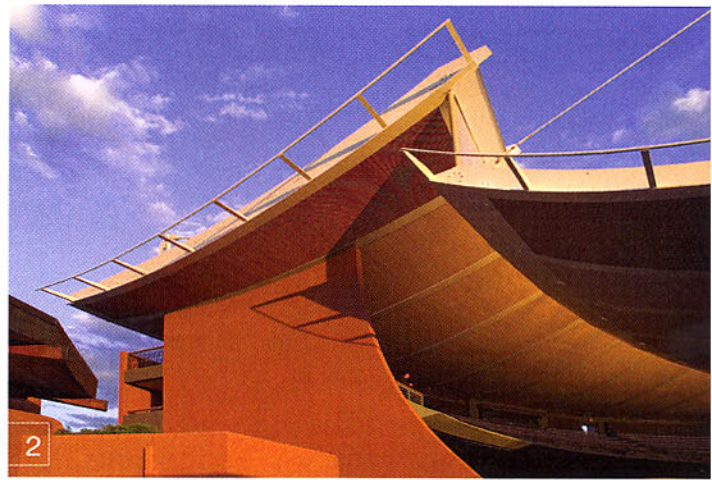
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2. SANTA FE OPERA Spend an evening under the stars at this open-air venue, home to one of the country's premier summer opera festivals. Highlight performances this season (July-August) include "La Traviata," "The Elixir of Love," "The Letter" and "Don Giovanni." 505-986-5900, santafeopera.org


3. NATHALIE HOME STORE Owned by Nathalie Kent, a former *French Vogue* editor, this unique shop set in a historic Canyon Road adobe mixes an international and American West collection of wares (pillows, candlesticks, paintings, curtains) with leather furniture and accessories crafted by master tooler Phil Smith. 505-982-1021, nathaliesantafe.com

4. VICTORIA PRICE ART & DESIGN Located in Pacheco Park, this edgy shop is the place for modern home couture by Poltrona Frau, Cassina, Kartell, Peter Danko and others, plus Native American textiles, jewelry and contemporary and ethnographic art. Design services, too. 505-982-8632, victoriaprice.com

5. THE INN OF THE FIVE GRACES Delightfully eccentric rooms and suites in stone and adobe buildings are filled with Tibetan and Indian artifacts, and interlocking courtyards and a tiny, tasteful restaurant dazzle the five senses at this Relais & Chateaux inn two blocks from the Plaza. 505-992-0957, fivegraces.com

6. AMAVI Amavi means "love of life," and you'll love chef David Sellar's regional Mediterranean cuisine. The menu, which changes daily, features dishes like plum-glazed free-range Texas quail, grilled elk tenderloin with white truffle risotto, and yellowfin tuna niçoise—all inspired by seasonal ingredients. 505-988-2355, amavirestaurant.com

7. THE "HIGH ROAD" TO TAOS A must-do side trip, this winding, 59-mile route to Taos passes through the Sangre de Cristo range. If you don't want to go all the way, stop in the village of Chimayo to visit the Santuario de Chimayo or Truchas for quality weavings.

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