

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Santa Fe, the capital of New Mexico, is located approximately 300 miles south of the Colorado border. With an elevation of 7,199 ft, Santa Fe is the highest state capital in the United States, as well as the oldest. The local population of about 72,000 makes Santa Fe the fourth largest city in New Mexico, and it continues to grow. With Santa Fe Institute, Sandia National Laboratories, Los Alamos National Laboratories in close proximity, Santa Fe routinely hosts a number of well-renowned technical conferences. Its rich history and emphasis on artistic culture also make it a very popular tourist destination.



Economy and Tourism

Tourism accounts for the second largest percentage of Santa Fe's economy. With its gorgeous mountains and breathtaking views, much of the tourism in Santa Fe revolves around nature and outdoor activities such as skiing, hiking, camping, and rafting. Host to thousands of galleries, Santa Fe is also famous for its emphasis on the arts, being named the second largest art center in the United States after New York City.

Transportation

Air: The closest international airport to Santa Fe is the Albuquerque Sunport (ABQ) and is approximately two hours away by shuttle. Santa Fe is home to a smaller airport (SAF), so connecting flights may be available.

From Albuquerque to Santa Fe:

Bullet Train: The Rail Runner Express runs between downtown Albuquerque and Santa Fe, and a cab can then be taken from the depot in Santa Fe to the conference hotel. Click [here](#) for the Rail Runner website.

Shuttle:

There are several reliable shuttles that run between the Albuquerque Sunport and Santa Fe, and the cost is approximately \$25/person each way. Click [here](#) for the Sandia Express shuttle service.

Santa Fe's Art

Santa Fe has been home to many famous artists, including painter Georgia O'Keeffe and photographer Eliot Porter. Much of the art showcased in the city's hundreds of galleries focuses on Santa Fe's breathtaking landscapes, Spanish influence, and southwestern style. Santa Fe is also home to the Santa Fe opera, a major performing arts venue that has hosted a myriad of plays, festivals, and concerts.