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# Five Reasons to Visit Santa Fe Now

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I can never get enough of the fall, especially during the extravagant spectacle that plays out as the leaves burst brightly into flame. This year an invitation to check out the latest trend in luxury wellness resorts at a new property outside Santa Fe, New Mexico coincided with the Aspen trees' annual dazzling display; when I arrived they were positively glowing. But any time of year really, Santa Fe is an enchanted place. Here are five reasons to make Northern New Mexico a destination in your very near future.

## THE FIVE GRACES

In parts of Asia, the senses are referred to as the graces, and it is believed that throughout a lifetime one must experience all five of them to the max. It's hard not to at [The Inn of the Five Graces](#), a collection of traditional and ancient adobe houses that has been transformed into a sumptuous 24-suite Relais & Chateaux hotel. The property springs from the fertile imagination of Ira and Sylvia Seret whose voyages and collecting began in the 1960s when they were young hippies and the world was such that travel to places like Afghanistan, Nepal and Tibet was undertaken with a sense of adventure rather than fear. Over the years and on additional journeys through Central and Southeast Asia, the Serets amassed a mind-blowing symphony of exotic antiques, rugs, textiles and architectural elements, and the hotel has become the showcase for their collection. Each unique suite overflows with textures, color and patterns.



**Mosaic bathroom at The Inn of the Five Graces**  
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The mosaic bathrooms fashioned out of smashed pottery and vibrant tiles that anyone except an artist like Sylvia Seret would never dare to put together are breathtaking. Even the big screen TVs have covers made from gorgeous fabric so as not to distract from the aesthetic when not in use. The fridges are filled with gratis goodies: brie, snickers, San Pellegrino; on a cold winter night, with the kiva fireplace glowing in the corner, you might want to cancel your dinner reservation and just hang out in your fabulous, albeit temporary, Santa Fe home.

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