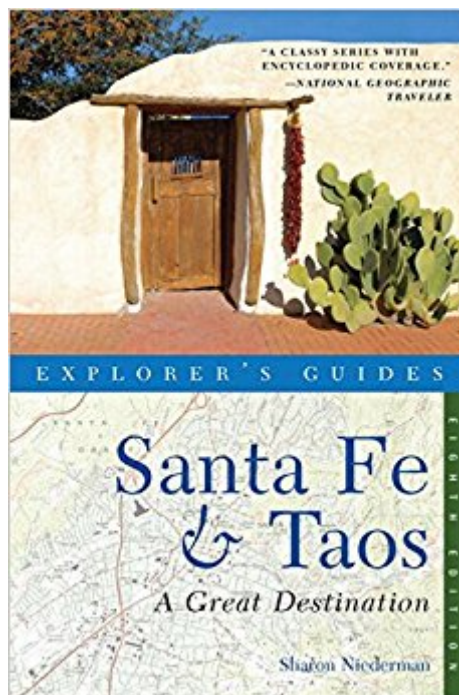




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Highly recommended by Travel and Leisure and New Mexico magazines, this is the ultimate guide to Santa Fe and Taos. Now in its eighth edition, *Santa Fe & Taos: A Great Destination* is a comprehensive guide to the land of enchantment. The author provides up-to-date information on all the attractions unique to this area: traditional festivals and markets, funky caf  s, lavish health spas and beautiful scenery, along with information about Northern New Mexico's fascinating history. This completely updated new edition has hundreds of recommendations on the best lodging, dining, sightseeing, and shopping and is now in full-color, featuring detailed maps and more than 100 vibrant photos. 1

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Customer Reviews

Sharon Niederman is an award-winning Southwestern author and photographer living in northern New Mexico. She specializes in cuisine, travel, history, women's history, and spirituality. Her 2012 book, *Signs & Shrines*, received the prestigious Lowell Thomas Travel Writing Award and the Society of American Travel Writers Gold Award. She has twice received the Border Regional Library Association Southwest Book Award for "literary excellence and enrichment of the cultural heritage of the Southwest." Her articles have appeared in *Sunset*, *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Albuquerque Journal*, *Santa Fe New Mexican*, *Denver Post*, and many other publications. She serves on the board of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum and is past president of New Mexico Press Women and the New Mexico

The book is uneven compared to traditional guide books. It is excellent in its coverage of lodging and dining, with attractive descriptions, what is needed to make a decision. The best part of the book, unlike most guides for which this tends to be very telegraphic and not informative. On the not so good portion is the coverage of sightseeing which is rather short and with very few photographs. Would have liked more detail on the pueblos and the natural sights, what to do there, what to look for. Which is what most guides cover well. Also would have liked more detail on galleries and art. It is obviously written by a local, with deep knowledge of the area, which shows in the lodging and dining sections, but this biases the author towards items that visitors may not care too much about, which shows in the lack of detail on sightseeing and much detail on shopping, supermarkets, liquor stores, banks, etc. I disagree with other reviewers about the warnings of the author, which I welcomed. This is not a propaganda guide, as those put out by the local tourist offices, but an honest review of the area. I appreciated the honesty. Like other reviewers I would also liked to have a guide like those that DK puts out (San Francisco, New York, London, Paris, etc.), but this is a small town, with relatively low demand that cannot justify the investment. But all in all is a highly recommended guide.

We were looking for a guide book for these two region-- though the way the book is organized -- by categories (e.g. culture, food etc) rather than by location-- was frustrating. Information on one location is scattered all over the book. We just prefer the type of guide book that is organized geographically-- easier when you are on the road and trying to decide where to go next or when you pull into an area spontaneously. Also I had purchased it because it was the only 2013-- and still many of the fees were not updated. History and background were appreciated however.

Oh how I wished that there had been a great Eyewitness Guide to Santa Fe and Taos with aerial maps, color photos, logical organization and concise descriptions. Sharon Niederman's guide is the exact opposite. There are very few maps and those that there are are vague, lacking in detail and accuracy. The photos do nothing to assist the reader - poor quality and grainy. The worst aspect of the book is the manner in which it is organized. To get an overview of any site or feature, the reader has to flip back and forth from section to section, trying to use the inadequate index as a guide. It's an exercise in frustration with very little valuable information provided. Santa Fe, Taos and the surrounding areas deserve a much better guide. Eyewitness please take note.

Lots of good ideas. I just flagged the pages pertaining to my planned visit. Good general overview.

As first time visitors to Santa Fe, we chose this book as our travel guide. We found the restaurant recommendations to be accurate and very useful. We were glad we had this guide book.

This is a really good guide to travel in this area. not just hotels and reataurants (whihc are there) but also history and other information generally not included.

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