

## Do You Know The Way To Santa Fe?

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Everyone knows that Arizona is the best place to live. With its mild winters, sunshine, clear skies and breathtaking views, there is no better place to call home. However, when summer rolls around and temperatures begin to hit the triple digits, the key to surviving the heat is to escape from it. Summer is the time to be outside at festivals, parades and barbecues. A time to attend art walks, wander through outdoor markets and have picnics in the park while listening to live music and laughing with family and friends. That is where LAS CAMPANAS comes in.

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Sites on the property range in size from one-third-acre lots up to five-acre lots, and homes range from Club Casitas to custom homes at prices ranging from \$600,000 to more than \$4 million. Las Campanas' Clubhouse has been honored as a Platinum Club of America from 2014 to 2016 and is the only exclusive country club of its kind in New Mexico. The club offers two championship 18-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature golf courses (Sunset ranked No. 1 and Sunrise ranked No. 3 by Golf Digest in the top 10 courses in the state); state-of-the-art Indoor Golf Performance Center; a fitness and tennis center with top-tier equipment, a resort-style outdoor pool and an indoor saline-purified lap pool; a luxury spa and salon and an equestrian center.

The equestrian center is one of Las Campanas' most unique and impressive assets. The facility encompasses a world-class barn with space to board up to 80 horses, a 32,000-sq.-ft. indoor riding hall, large outdoor jumping rings and access to more than 68,000 acres of outdoor trails. Instructors for personal lessons are available, and if members do not personally own a horse, they have access to use one of the club's horses upon request. Members of Las Campanas love to hit the trails with their friends and wander through the land of New Mexico, exploring new sites and taking in all of nature's beauty.

May 5, Cinco de Mayo, marks the fifth anniversary of the turnover of the club from the developer to the members. Since then, the community has been on a continual uphill climb. An investor group, Cienda Partners of Dallas, purchased the rest of the property. They are represented by Las Campanas Realty, Jerry Maher, Associate Broker.

"The nice thing about this club is you can be as involved as you want to be, or you can just kind of use it as your own oasis and your own home away from home. It's completely up to you. The members just want you to love it no matter what," says Director of Membership Development at Las Campanas, Colleen Edwards, who believes that the members themselves are really what make the community of Las Campanas so special.

The community offers the ultimate luxury and relaxation lifestyle to members and is an ideal location for Arizonans looking to buy a second home, as it is not a far trek back and forth and is still an escape from the summer heat. Santa Fe's high desert climate remains mild throughout the entire summer

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After buying a home in Las Campanas, you'll want to furnish it. Emily Henry's Millicent furniture collection is the perfect fare to add to a Santa Fe home. Millicent is a small collection of handcarved, North American wooden furniture made in Taos and Santa Fe. The process of each piece begins with Henry's initial drawings and carving designs. She says she spends hours exploring the land and sketching different designs for potential carvings. Each of Millicent's impressive designs seem to be popping off of the furniture and are a sure way to awe buyers. The unique style of Henry's furniture is a true reflection of the artistic and cultural city where it is developed.

The captivating beauty of the Las Campanas community will make it difficult to want to leave, with mountain views from almost every angle of the property. However, Santa Fe's downtown area is another site for sore eyes and offers plenty of activities to the community. While wandering the streets of downtown Santa Fe, be sure to stop in to the Shiprock Gallery on the Plaza to browse the collection of historic and contemporary textiles, jewelry, pottery, sculpture, basketry and fine art by leading Native American artists. The gallery truly expresses the talent and history of New Mexican art and can be appreciated by everyone that comes in contact with it. A pit stop for lunch is next on the list, and Santa Fe is proud to be home to John Sedlar's Eloisa restaurant located inside the Drury Hotel.

After spending almost 20 years gracing the people of Los Angeles with his delectable cooking, Sedlar decided to come home to Santa Fe. Eloisa offers a unique menu of both small and large modern Southwestern plates. The contemporary modern interiors of Eloisa complement the fare that Sedlar adds to his food perfectly. Sit back on the patio and order the pastrami tacos with sauerkraut, pickled serranos and ballpark mustard to start. They will shock your taste buds and are an absolute must try. After lunch, relax in the plaza, soak in the sights of the city or take a stroll down Canyon Road, a magical half mile in the historic art district that features more than 85 art galleries and studios. While traditional adobe architecture gives Canyon Road its unique charm, diversity and color are its true claims to fame. Aside from art galleries, this half-mile stretch features jewelry stores, clothing boutiques, home furnishings shops, studios and gourmet restaurants. (The town is No. 2 in the country for shopping.) Whether art collectors prefer contemporary, abstract, modern, figurative or traditional art, it's all there. Galleries showcase paintings in several mediums along with woodcuts, engravings and sculptures in stone, bronze, wood and glass.



After your stroll down Canyon Road head to the Bell Tower Bar atop the La Fonda Hotel to enjoy one of the best views of the city. Santa Fe sunsets are something else, and this is the best spot in town to kick back with a specialty margarita and enjoy the scenery of the Southwest.

When dinnertime in this city approaches, it's time to make a difficult decision of where to dine, as there are so many options to choose from. The new restaurant inside of La Posada Resort was named after the ghost of Julia from the original family who lived at the property. According to multiple guests, the ghost of Julia is still at the property and, as a tribute, the hotel decided to name this fine dining restaurant after her, as she was an excellent host back in her day. Executive Chef at Julia-A Spirited Restaurant & Bar, Todd Hall, has created a beautiful menu of innovative locally sourced dishes. Dining at Julia is an experience for all of the senses where your taste buds will have a chance to explore unique flavor combinations and new takes on classics.

The city hosts a number of different social events throughout the year that you won't want to miss. Color will flood the streets of Santa Fe even more than normal this summer while the city's museums and galleries host a series of colorful exhibitions at the Summer of Color event happening now through October. The Santa Fe Opera House offers a number of shows throughout the year and is aligned perfectly to enjoy the stunning sunset while watching the show. Typical summertime events like live music in the plaza, fresh farmers' markets and art walks are especially charming when paired with the city's rich culture and its inhabitants' love for where they live. "You'll get hooked. Members that I have worked with recently say it's not the land of enchantment; it's the land of entrapment," Edwards says.