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TripAdvisor Recognizes Taos as Top Destination in 2018

Taos called an "Epic 2018 City Vacation"

(Taos, NM) The Town of Taos is pleased to announce that it has been featured as one of TripAdvisor's 30 Top USA Cities to Visit in 2018.

Destinations were chosen by TripAdvisor staff for criteria such as exciting events, rising culinary scenes and startling revivals. Taos is only one of two New Mexico towns to be included in the ranking.

TripAdvisor praised Taos for its rich culture, beautiful landscapes and long list of interesting activities throughout the year.

"To the north of Santa Fe is popular Taos. You can see the epic landscapes that inspired artist Georgia O'Keefe from a soaring hot air balloon, or even a train or chairlift ride. The most impressive attraction is still the UNESCO-rated Taos Pueblo, the huge adobe complex that's housed locals for 1000 years. Another highlight is the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge," the article reads. "As usual, there's plenty going on in Taos this year: secret supper clubs, farmer's markets, the Music on the Mesa festival—they've even got an annual music festival to celebrate Mother's Day."

Tourism in New Mexico is on the rise, and this ranking isn't the first time in recent months that Taos has received national recognition. This winter, Taos was named the #3 Best Christmas Vacation in the world by the U.S. News and World Report. One of only two U.S. destinations, Taos beat out major cities like London, Zurich, and Amsterdam. In addition, the February 2018 issue of Sunset Magazine named Taos as one of their "Best Places to Live in the West."

For more information and to see the full list of TripAdvisor's top 2018 destinations, visit <https://www.tripadvisor.com/VacationRentalsBlog/2018/01/02/top-usa-cities-to-visit/>.

More about the Town of Taos...

Located just 135 miles from Albuquerque's International Sunport and a short, 90-minute drive from Santa Fe, Taos is home to the country's oldest continuously inhabited community (Taos

Pueblo), the state's newest national monument (Río Grande del Norte), and the highest peak in New Mexico (Wheeler Peak). World-class skiing, hiking, camping, whitewater rafting, kayaking, fishing, and mountain biking can all be found nearby. Motorists enjoy the region's celebrated scenic drives, including the Enchanted Circle and the High Road from Santa Fe to Taos. The area also boasts ample four-wheeling and off-road trails that crisscross the backcountry. *Golf Digest's* four-star-rated Taos Country Club championship golf course offers players spectacular scenery and panoramic mountain views. Other hidden Taos travel gems include cultural sites like the San Francisco de Asís Church, the downtown plaza, "El Corazon de Taos," as well as museums and galleries, weekend music and art festivals, and even llama trekking adventures. Finally, most Taos travelers find that their getaways are not complete without indulging in the local New Mexico cuisine and its famous red and green chile options that infiltrate everything from breakfast burritos to pizza. To learn more, go to www.taos.org.

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