SHOPPING & DINING in Taos

MORNING

You’re going to need some fuel before embarking on a shopping adventure. Head to The Coffee Apothecary where locals say is home to the best lattes in Taos. After some caffeine stop by Manzanita Market right off Taos Plaza for a quick bite of breakfast. While at Taos Plaza, make sure to stop by the surrounding shops like Made in New Mexico, Taos Mountain Candles, Coyote Club and Taos Mountain Outfitters for everything from green chile to homemade candles. Known as the heart of Taos, The Plaza is home to Taos Farmers Market on Saturdays and free entertainment for Taos Plaza Live on Thursdays in the Summertime.

Head on over to Kit Carson Road for some of the finest art galleries in Taos offering regular art walks, exhibitions and openings. Step into Kit Carson Home & Museum and learn about The Taos Society of Art founders at Couse-Sharp Historic Site. Discover this lively street and take home a memory of Taos.

AFTERNOON

Taos Pueblo is a living Native American community, continuously inhabited for over 1,000 years. Your trip wouldn’t be complete without a visit to the Pueblo to experience its unique history and culture. Find curio shops, art and food throughout – being sure to observe signage and respect local culture by only entering buildings marked for visit since some are private homes. Bring cash if you’d like to bring home mementos from your Pueblo trip.

For lunch at the Pueblo, visit Tiwa Kitchen & Bakery for a great selection of homemade, authentic Native American and New Mexican food. Make Ledoux Street your next stop for an extra dose of arts and culture. This street is lined with traditional adobe shops, galleries, museums and studios – framed with established country flower gardens and murals. Don’t miss the Harwood Museum of Art and check out nearby Guadalupe Plaza for trendy boutiques and cafés.

EVENING

Make your way to Parcht Bottleshop + Bites to nibble on charcuterie and discover unique wines at this cozy specialty wine bar. In the heart of the Downtown Historic District, find the charming John Dunn Shops and the Bent Street Shops lined with galleries, one-of-a-kind shops, bookstores, jewelers, clothing boutiques and artists co-operatives. Those with a sweet tooth won’t be able to resist the delectable chocolate confections at Chokola Bean to Bar where everything is handmade in small batches from cacao beans imported from around the world.

Top the night off with an amazing meal and drinks at Lambert’s of Taos for locally sourced contemporary American fare. Just north the Plaza, charming Lambert’s is consistently hailed as the best of Taos.

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There’s so much more to take home from Taos than just photos and memories. Handcrafted goods from one-of-a-kind artisans, authentic Native American jewelry and southwest styles await shoppers looking something a little different. Be prepared to go home with more than you came with. Don’t say we didn’t warn you!