



Balloon Ascension by [Geraint Smith](#)

## Calendar

**August 29 to October 19**

[Fall Art Workshop Series](#)

Experience a wide range of creative workshops this fall — storytelling, jewelry making, weaving, etc. Visit the above link for more information.

Location: [Taos Ski Valley](#)

**September 20 & 21**  
**Old Taos Trade Fair**

Experience the historic traditions of Northern New Mexico — celebrating cultural diversity through food, music and art with ongoing folk art demonstrations. For more info, call 575.758.4250.

Location: [Martinez Hacienda, Ranchos de Taos](#)

**September 26 to October 5**

[The Taos Artist Organization \(TAO\) County-Wide Tour of Visual Artist's Studios](#)

This is the largest artist studio tour in New Mexico, featuring 128 Taos artists. Click the above link for more information.

Location: [Throughout Taos County](#)



*Ed Sandoval at work*

**September 26 to October 13**

[Taos Fall Arts Festival](#)

Open daily 10–5, featuring two prestigious shows, including the Special Exhibition: The Taos Living Masters Invitational. Visit the above link for more information.

Location: [120 Civic Plaza Drive, Taos, NM](#)

**September 29 to 30**

[Taos Pueblo San Geronimo Day](#)

Experience this centuries-old trading event and shop for authentic American Indian arts and crafts. Ceremonial pole climbing. (No cameras.)

Location: [Taos Pueblo Plaza](#)

**December 3 to 7**

[9th Annual Santa Fe Film Festival](#)

This annual film festival features cinema in a non-commercial context that represents aesthetic, critical and entertainment standards. Local New Mexican films, new American and foreign films are all included.

Location: [Santa Fe](#)

For more events, [click here](#).

## Must-See Sites



### Rio Grande Gorge Bridge

On the go this Fall? Plan to visit the breathtaking Rio Grande Gorge Bridge. This cantilever truss bridge, among the highest of these types of bridges in the United States, spans 1280 feet, the Rio Grande Gorge sitting 650 feet below. The bridge has been featured in several films, including *Natural Born Killers*, *Twins*, *She's Having a Baby* and 2007's buddy adventure, *Wild Hogs*. Now the much anticipated *Terminator 4* is in the works at the Gorge as well. See video of movie crews filming *Terminator Salvation: The Future*, [here](#).

## Lodging Deals

### Indian Hills

Pay 3 nights and the 4th night is free. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Sagebrush Inn

Romantic getaway  
[Click here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) for a listing of great lodging specials and packages.

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for more information, visit [Taos Vacation Guide](#)

7,000 feet in elevation / average fall temperature of 64° / 360 days of sunshine...you can't afford to miss a Taos vacation

## Up, Up and Away

Lift off at the Taos Mountain Balloon Rally October 24 – 26, 2008. Attendees can experience the New Mexico skies in a hot air balloon or enjoy the rally from the ground. Events include mass balloon ascensions and a balloon shine, called *Balloomenshine*, in which the hot air balloons are tethered and illuminated against the darkening New Mexico sky. The name *Balloomenshine* is derived from Ernest Blumenshein, a famous Taos artist who was instrumental in establishing the Taos Society of Artists. The event also includes a parade and a picnic. For more on the Taos Mountain Balloon Rally, visit [their website](#).

## Don't Let Gas Costs Stop You From Visiting Taos This Year



Taos is an escape that seems worlds away...but is right next door. Relax and reconnect with the authentic and get great value for your travel dollar, starting with a cost of around \$150 or less per round trip! Check out how close Taos is to you:

- **Albuquerque** 135 miles / 2.15 hours
- **Amarillo** 302 miles / 5 hours
- **Dallas** 682 miles / 11 hours
- **Denver** 300 miles / 5 hours
- **Durango** 208 miles / 3 hours
- **El Paso** 400 miles / 6 hours
- **Oklahoma City** 559 miles / 8.15 hours
- **Phoenix** 568 miles / 8.30 hours
- **Salt Lake City** 594 miles / 10 hours
- **Santa Fe** 72 miles / 1.15 hours
- **Tucson** 579 miles / 8.45 hours
- **Vail / Breckinridge** 270 miles / 4 hours



## Annual Taos Mountain Film Festival

The 8th annual Taos Mountain Film Festival, a member of the exclusive National Mountain Film Festival Association, showcases adventure, culture and wildlife of the world's most remote regions including oceanic and arctic settings. Films also examine threats to the environment and human rights.

In addition to the films, the festival will feature work from photographers such as Geraint Smith and Glen Denny. Additionally, readings from mountaineering literature will be featured. All programming will reflect the distinct character of the Town of Taos with its unique landscape and spiritual and environmental awareness.

The Festival runs October 9 to 12, 2008. For more information about tickets and passes, [click here](#).

## Take Advantage of Outdoor Adventure

Experience a free hike or bird-watching walk with a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) ranger at the Wild River Recreation Area and Orilla Verde Recreation Area. These two great trails offer signage indicating unique or interesting wildlife, vegetation and geology. Wild Rivers is also outstanding for that bike ride you've been wanting to take.



Additionally, BLM recreation offers fee areas for day use that run \$3.00 per vehicle. Camping costs range from \$5.00 per night for undeveloped sites to \$7.00 per night for developed sites. Sites are available along the Red River at El Aquaje and the Rio Grande south of Taos. Bring your family for a memorable outdoor adventure in Northern New Mexico. Visit the BLM Website [here](#) for more information.

## Intriguing Workshops at San Geronimo Lodge

Experience great art and spirituality workshops at the [San Geronimo Lodge](#), among the most historic properties in Taos.

These unique workshops start in September 08 and continue into Winter 09. They include 'plein air painting' with Harvard trained, Charles Montgomery, BA, MPA. Hopi pottery with White Swan, a third generation Hopi Artist, and a yoga and astrology seminar with Kathy Crabb, MA. [Click here](#) for information on these great workshops or call San Geronimo Lodge at 800-894-4119.

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