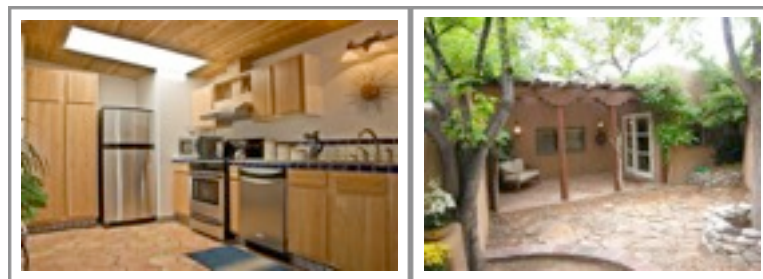


Welcome to Casita de Soledad

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Welcome to Casita de Soledad -- a one-bedroom, 1000 sq ft casita located in the Historical Guadalupe District of Santa Fe. We hope you enjoy your stay in Santa Fe as much as we enjoy living here. Santa Fe has a unique mix of culture, arts, outdoor activities, and more than 400 years of history under both Spanish and US rule. The Railyard Area is only a short walk away (400 m, 1/4 mile, 2 blocks), and the main Santa Fe Plaza a modest walk away (1200 m, 3/4 mile, 6 blocks).



Note: a PDF or this document can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/23qvcsy>
For reservations contact Barbara Doddek, 505.920.8416



Historical Guadalupe Area

Sitting just a few blocks west of the Plaza is the Historic Guadalupe district. The Historic Guadalupe neighborhood got its name from Guadalupe Street, an ancient route from Mexico, and was once a sacred site where pilgrims sought a safe voyage from St. Francis, the patron saint of Santa Fe. The Guadalupe district is now a bustling marketplace and a favorite shopping and eating district for Santa Feans. The area is characterized by historic architecture, particularly the Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, which was built on the northernmost edge of the district, in 1781, and is oldest shrine to our lady of Guadalupe in the United States. It's 3-foot-thick adobe walls and humble-yet-powerful profile remind everyone of the area's roots. This district is also home to the city's art scene and features numerous galleries, as well as El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe, which showcases Hispanic art, culture and history.

Originally a farming community, the arrival of the railroad in the late 1800s transformed the Guadalupe District into a bustling commercial marketplace. Neglected for a time when the railroad ceased, it was rediscovered in the 1960s by newcomers to Santa Fe, giving it a counterculture flair (similar to Greenwich Village in New York City or Saint-Germain-des-Près in Paris, but with a typically Bohemian Santa Fe style that incorporates the strong Spanish roots that date back more than 400 years). That creative, eclectic spirit persists to this day: its streets are lined with boutiques and restaurants selling everything from Asian antiques to hiking gear, chile fries to capellini con pomodoro, served by a Broadway singing waiter. The Sanbusco Center offers a variety of diverse shops, from doggie boutiques to toys that defy science, and on summer afternoons at the Santa Fe Farmer's Market you'll find fresh fruits, vegetables, cheeses, honey, and crafts, and neighbors catching up.

And there's the artistic renaissance that's taking place. Anchored by El Museo Cultural and SITE Santa Fe, the city's internationally recognized contemporary art

space, the Guadalupe District's galleries offer a different type of zest to Santa Fe's famed art scene.

To truly kick back like a local, grab a buffalo burger and a beer at the Cowgirl Hall of Fame or Willie's Blues Bar. Both are perfect for late-night food and live music, and you'll be boot scootin' like a local in no time.

Lock Box

Keys to the house can be found in the lock box by the front gate. Use the **four digit code** provided to you. The same code also disarms the alarm. Simply enter the **four digit code** on the keypad next to the rear door.



Lock box to the right of the front gate.

Front Door Lock

To unlock the front door, simply rotate as far as you can in a clockwise direction, then push down on the handle. To open the second half of the door, first rotate the lock knob on the inside as far as you can in a clockwise direction, then push down on the handle.

To lock the second half of the door, close the door, then pull up on the handle. Finally turn the lock knob on the inside as far as you can in a counter-clockwise direction. You should not be able to move the handle from either the inside or the outside. After you have exited, close the first half of the door, then pull up on the handle. Finally lock the door by turning the key as far as you can in a counter-clockwise direction. Check to make sure that both handles can not be moved.



(from left to right) Pushing the handle down to unlock the door. Pushing the handle up to latch the door. Rotating the inside lock knob counter-clockwise to lock.

Television

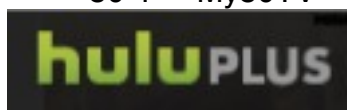
The casita has a 40" LCD flat screen HDTV with a BlueRay DVD player. The BlueRay player is connected via wifi to the internet. There is one remote that works the TV and another that works the BlueRay player. There are two power buttons on the DVD remote, the red one on the left turns on the BlueRay player. To change the source to the BlueRay player press the Menu button on the TV remote, choose External Inputs, then choose Video 6 DVD. To change back to live TV simply press the Channel + button on the TV remote.



Remote controls for the BlueRay DVD and HDTV

The volume and the channels are adjusted by the buttons on the bottom of the remote of the TV remote. The channels available on the TV are:

2-1	Fox HD
2-2	Cool TV
4-1	NBC HD
4-2	this TV
5-1	PBS HD #1
7-1	ABC HD
9-1	PBS HD #2
9-2	PBS #3 Create
11-2	Weather Nation
19-1	CW
50-1	My50TV



Via the BlueRay player one can access Netflix and Hulu Plus. The player has been authorized to a Netflix account. Simply choose the Netflix icon when the player is turned on and follow the menus to choose a film and watch it in high definition. Several online games, news, and weather are also available via the BlueRay player. There are over 15,000 HD movies and TV shows ready for immediate viewing.

Note that even though the BlueRay player is 3D capable, the TV is not able to display those movies.

Internet

High speed internet is available. The speed is up to 7 Mbps download and up to 5 Mbps upload (practically, 4 Mbps download and 1 Mbps have been measured). The router is in the bedroom beside the bed. The simplest way to use it is via wifi. The network name is **casita.qwest.net** and the password is **stay4awhile**.

Telephone

There is telephone service to the casita. The number is (505) 988-7561. Only local outgoing calls can be made. All incoming calls are allowed.

Garbage

The garbage is picked up on Tuesdays. Put the garbage out at the curb the night before. One bin is shared by units A & B.

iPod Speaker System and Alarm Clock

There is a wired speaker system throughout the casita. It is controlled by the amplifier on the desk in the bedroom. There is a docking station for your iPod attached to it (use the input selector to choose BD/DVD to connect to the iPod). You can also play FM/AM radio (select via the input selector). You can choose either the “A speakers” (bedroom/bathroom), the “B speakers” (main room), or both by pressing the small speaker select button below the power button. Normally, you can set the volume to about 40. Further adjustments to the volume can be made by the three wall dials located in the bedroom to the right of the bed, in the bathroom to the left of the entry door, and in the kitchen to the left of the large bank of cabinets.

An iHome dock is also provided next to the bed on the left hand side to dock and recharge your iPod (and serve as your alarm clock).



Amplifier for wired speaker system throughout the casita with iPod dock.

Sleeper Couch

The couch in the main room can also serve as a queen size bed. The pillows and sheets can be found in the closet.

Alarm & Fire Detectors

There is an alarm system that is kept activated and monitored. The control panel is located next to the backdoor. To unarm it simply enter the **four digit code** that you were provided. You have 30 seconds to do so after you have entered the casita.

To arm it, press the **Exit** button. Make sure that all doors are closed and no one is moving around the casita before activating the alarm, otherwise the alarm will not arm. The Armed light on the keypad will display, if you have been successful. You have 90 seconds to leave the casita and shut the front door.

In order to arm the alarm, but not the motion detectors, suitable for staying in the casita, press the **Stay** rather than the Exit button. In case you have accidentally set off the alarm call Two Casitas immediately.

There are two smoke detectors in the casita that are monitored as part of the alarm system (one above the TV in the main room, and another in the bedroom). The fire department will be notified if they have been set off. The alarm system does not need to be activated. If they have been set off accidentally, call Two Casitas immediately. There is a third combined smoke detector and carbon monoxide monitor in the bedroom that is not monitored, but will set off a separate alarm.



Alarm control pad. Exit button has been pushed and the red Armed light is on.

Heating and Fireplaces

The casita is heated by the two fireplaces. The pilot lights should be lit. If they are not, contact Two Casitas. The thermostat control for the main fireplace is located to the left of the fireplace above the TV. We have found the casita is kept quite warm with a setting between 65 degrees, and environment is respected at the same time by conservation of energy. Several minutes after the fireplace is lit, a fan will come on (it is thermostatically activated). The fan will continue for several minutes after the fireplace is turned off, until the fireplace has cooled down. The setting on the thermostat is the temperature that the fireplace will be turned on. It remains on until the temperature reaches two degrees above the set temperature.

The fireplace in the bedroom works much the same. The control is located to the right side of the bed, on the wall. Simply press the **on/off** button to turn it on. Press the **+** or **-** buttons to adjust the temperature. The first time that the **+** or **-** button is pushed the set temperature will be displayed. After several seconds the temperature display will return to the actual temperature. The control should be in "auto" mode. If it is not, simply press the auto/man button until "auto" is displayed.



*(left) Thermostat control for the bedroom fireplace next to the volume control for the wired speaker system in the bedroom. Shown on the display is the current temperature and the fact it is in “auto” mode. The top button in the **on/off** button . The two below it are the **+** and **-** buttons. (right) Thermostat control for the main fireplace.*

Water and Water Heater

The water heater and water shutoff valves can be found in the closet near the back door. To turn the water heater on press the on/off button. The water shutoff valve is inside the small cabinet. Turn it counter-clockwise until it is aligned with the pipe to turn it on. Turn it clockwise until it is perpendicular to the pipe to shut it off.

The water heater is a continuous flow water heater. Unlike with a tank water heater, where the water is heated well above the temperature needed, then mixed with cold water to increase the effective capacity; the water is only heated to the desired temperature of 120 degrees. The water is heated as it flows through the unit, giving an unlimited supply of hot water. You might need to limit the flow of hot water into the bath tub so that the water heater can keep up with the flow. This is a much more efficient water heater, conserving a significant amount of energy.



(from left to right) View of the water heater to the right of the access door for the main water valve. Main water valve rotated counter-clockwise into open position. Main water valve rotated clockwise into closed position. Water heater “on/off” button being pushed (water heater currently “on” and set to 120 degrees).

Checkin List

After arriving make sure that:

- Thermostat in main room is set to 65 degrees
- Thermostat in bedroom is turned on
- Main water valve is turned on
- Water heater is turned on

Checkout List

Before leaving make sure that:

- Thermostat in main room is set to 62 degrees
- Thermostat in bedroom is turned off
- Trash is put into rubbish bin by street
- Lights are turned off
- Main water valve is turned off
- Water heater is turned off
- Leave door to water shutoff valve and closet open (in winter)
- Lock all doors and windows
- Alarm is activated

Restaurants

Here are a few of our favorite restaurants. We have indicated which ones do take out.

Zia Dinner, <http://www.ziadiner.com>, 505.988.7008, 326 S Guadalupe Street (casual diner, takeout)

Cafe Pascal, <http://www.pasquals.com>, 505.983.9340, 121 Don Gaspar (one of best, yet casual restaurants, ask to sit at the community table for good random conversation, Michael's favorite)

Coyote Cafe, <http://www.coyotecafe.com>, 505.983.1615, 132 W Water (classic fine dining)

Tomasita's, 505.983.5721, 500 South Guadalupe (casual New Mexican food by the railyard)

TuneUp, <http://tuneupcafe.com>, 505.983.7060, 1115 Hickox (great small Bohemian restaurant, used to be the old Tomasita's before they moved to the larger space)

Bubble Bee's, <http://www.bumblebeesbajagrill.com>, 505.820.2862, 301 Jefferson (Baja Mexican, takeout and drive thru)

The Shed, <http://www.sfshed.com>, 505.982.9030, 113 1/2 E Palace (classic New Mexican food in a historic building on the Plaza)

Harry's Roadhouse, <http://www.harrysroadhousesantafe.com>, 505.989.9629, 96 Old Las Vegas Highway (a favorite diner of the locals, best margaritas - period, takeout)

Cowgirl BBQ, <http://www.cowgirlsantafe.com>, 505.982.2565, 319 S Guadalupe (great BBQ with a bar, live music and play area for the kids, take out)

San Francisco Street Bar & Grill, <http://www.sanfranbargrill.com>, 505.982.2044, 50 E San Francisco (great casual restaurant on the Plaza)

Santacafé, <http://www.santacafe.com>, 505.984.1788, 231 Washington (fine dining near the plaza)

Il Vincino, <http://ilvicino.com/santafe>, 505.986.8700, 321 W San Francisco (casual Italian between the railyard and Plaza)

Los Potrillos, 505.992.0550, 1947 Cerrillos (traditional Mexican food out off of Cerrillos)

Maria's New Mexican Kitchen, <http://www.marias-santafe.com>, 505.983.7929, 555 West Cordova (casual New Mexican)

La Casa Sena, <http://www.lacasasena.com>, 505.988.9232, 125 E Palace (fine dining, New Mexican)

La Plazula @ La Fonda, <http://www.lafondasantafe.com/dining/>, 505.995.2334, 100 E San Francisco (casual New Mexican, La Fiesta Lounge also)

French Pastry Shop @ La Fonda, 505.983.6697, 100 E San Francisco

La Choza, <http://www.sfshed.com/lachoza.htm>, 505.982.0909, 905 Alarid Street (New Mexican)

Vinaigrette, <http://www.vinaigretteonline.com>, 505.820.9205, 709 Don Cubero Alley (a salad bistro)

Counter Culture Cafe, 505.995.1105, 930 Baca St (highly rated, and trendy cafe)

Restaurant Martin, <http://restaurantmartin.com>, 505.820.0919, 526 Galisteo St (progressive American cuisine)

Flying Star, <http://www.flyingstarcafe.com>, 505.216.3939, 500 Market (American diner)

Second Street Brewery, <http://www.secondstreetbrewery.com>, 1814 2nd Street or railyard area (classic pub food)

Green Owl, <http://www.greenowlsf.com>, 505.471.9184 1698 St. Michael's Dr. (cafe food)

Clafoutis French Bakery & Restaurant, 505.988.1809, 402 N Guadalupe (french cafe food)

Diner for Two, <http://dinnerfortwonm.com>, 106 N Guadalupe

Azur, <http://www.azursantafe.com>, 505.992.2897, 428 Agua Fria (Mediterranean kitchen)

315 Restaurant & Wine Bar, <http://www.315santafe.com>, 505.986.9190, 315 Old Santa Fe Trail

Swiss Bakery and Pastry, <http://www.swissbakersantafe.com>, 505.988.1111, 401 South Guadalupe

Chez Mamou French Bakery & Cafe, 505.216.1845, 217 E Palace

La Boca, <http://labocasf.com>, 505.982.3433, 72 West Marcy (Spanish tapas)

El Farol, <http://elfarol.squarespace.com>, 505.983.9912, 808 Canyon Road (Spanish)

Midtown Bistro, <http://midtownbistrof.com>, 505.820.3121, 901 West San Mateo (Santa Fe Gourmet)

Santa Fe Baking Company, <http://www.santafebakingcompanycafe.com>, 505.988.4292, 504 West Cordova

Dulce, <http://dulcebakery.com>, 505.989.9966, 1100 Don Diego (cafe)

Cleopatra's, <http://www.cleopatrasantafe.com>, 505.820.7381, 418 Cerrillos or 3482 Zafrano (Santa Fe Mediterranean Cuisine)

Java Joe's, 505.474.5282, 2801 Rodeo Road (cafe)

Posa's El Merendero Tamale Factory, 505.820.7672, 1514 Rodeo Road

Chocolate Maven, <http://www.chocolatemaven.com>, 505.984.1980, 821 West San Mateo Road

Del Charro, <http://delcharro.com>, 505.954.0320, 101 West Alameda (bar restaurant)

The Compound, <http://www.compoundrestaurant.com>, 505.982.4353, 653 Canyon Road (high dining, some consider this the best restaurant in Santa Fe)

Bouche, <http://www.bouchebistro.com>, 505.982.6297, 451 West Alameda (French bistro)

C.G. Higgins Cafe, <http://www.cghiggins.com>, 505.820.1315, 847 Ninita Street (cafe & candy)

The Plaza Cafe, <http://www.thefamousplazacafe.com>, 505.982.1664, 54 Lincoln or 3466 Zafarano (American diner)

Activities

There are many activities to enjoy in the Santa Fe area. You have probably already researched them and have a very good idea of what you will be doing. This list is only meant to outline what we find most enjoyable. There might be a thing or two that you will find to supplement what you have already decided to do.

First of all for the outdoor activities. Santa Fe is known for having some of the best mountain biking in the world. The best trails and closest trails are the Dale Ball trails. The trail head can be found off of Hyde Park Road on the way to the ski area at Sierra del Norte Road. An easier trail, the Rail Trail, goes from Santa Fe to Lamy along the old railroad. The trailhead can be found at the South of Capital real station near the corner of St. Francis and Cordova. The easiest way to get there is to take Agua Fria east to Guadalupe south (it turns into Don Diego) to Cordova and turn west. The Rail Trail leads to the Galisteo Trails. There is a connection shortly before you get to I-285 (Look for the two railroad ties perpendicular to the rail line on the opposite side. If you miss it just turn right on SR-285, and make another right hand turn into the Galisteo Basin development.) Finally there are the La Tierra Trails that are on the NW side of town. They range from very easy to moderate in difficulty.

Road biking is also very good. A climb up to the ski area on Hyde park road is always a challenge. A easy, but scenic ride it to go out to Eldorado via Old Santa Fe Trail (be sure and make a right onto Two Trails and then a left onto Old Pecos). You

can continue onto Lamy or Galisteo then retrace your steps. A longer loop can be done by continuing on to Madrid from Galisteo then returning by Route 14 (Cerrillos Road). For a map of this longer and other rides see (<http://tinyurl.com/2u7xrx5> and <http://tinyurl.com/ksbanln>)

A great stop on this loop (or just a trip via car) is Madrid. It is an old mining town with lot's of charm, shops, and a great old western saloon with great food, drink, and music.

If you need to find a bike shop, the best old fashioned shop in town is Rob & Charlie's off of St. Mike's near Cerrillos (<http://robandcharlies.com>). A more modern shop is Bike-n-Sport off of Cordova near St. Francis (<http://nmbikensport.com>). If you need to rent a bike, we suggest Mellow Velo (see <http://www.mellowvelo.com> for more information).

Every may there is a great 105 mile bike ride which about 4000 people do. It is the Santa Fe Century. It is very well supported with great scenery. For more details see <http://santafecentury.com>.

There is great hiking. A favorite of ours is the Aspen Vista trail, especially in the fall when the Aspens are yellow. It is off of Hyde Park road not far from the ski area.

In winter, there are many choices for downhill skiing. The closest is Ski Santa Fe (<http://www.skisantafe.com>, 20 miles). Our favorite is Pajarito Mtn (<http://www.skipajarito.com>, 40 miles). It has a very good ski school and an old time ski lodge feel. There are also the northern areas: Taos, Red River, Angel Fire, and Sipapu. In addition, there is Sandia Peak to the south.

We always stop to ice skate at the Los Alamos ice rink after a day of skiing at Pajarito Mtn. It is on the way back and is situated outdoors in a picturesque canyon.

There is some good cross country skiing. Our favorite is the cross country trail next to Pajarito Mtn (<http://swnordicski.org>). There is also the Aspen Vista trail, Valles Caldera (<http://tinyurl.com/6e8uj2>) and the Enchanted Forrest just past Red River (<http://www.enchantedforestxc.com>).

I am sure you know about the Plaza and the Indians who sell their jewelry daily at the Palace of the Governors. There is a good Children's Museum and other great museums for adults up on Museum Hill. During the months of July and August there is the outdoor Opera (<http://www.santafeopera.org>). It is a great experience and is considered one of the best in the world. Having a "tailgate" picnic is a tradition. If you do not have time prepare your own you can pick one up at the opera (order ahead of time). There is Balloon Fiesta during October (<http://www.balloonfiesta.com>), Fiesta in early September (<http://www.santafefiesta.org>), and the Wine & Chilli Festival in late September (<http://www.santafewineandchile.org>).

Remember there is a regular market held in the railyard area on Tuesday and Saturday mornings.

A trip up to Taos is also quite interesting. It is a great town. The canyon is spectacular. Raft trips through it are available. You can take the low road and stop

by Embudo Station and Black Mesa Winery (<http://www.blackmesawinery.com>), or take the more scenic high road and visit the galleries and the chapel at Chimayo (<http://www.holychimayo.us>).

If you are interested in art, the best way to get to know the local artists and buy at a reasonable cost is during the Eldorado Studio Tour in May (<http://www.eldoradoarts.org>), Galisteo Studio Tour in October (<http://www.galisteostudiotour.org>), and the Abiquiu Studio Tour in October (<http://www.abiquiustudiotour.org>).

If you haven't tried Trader Joe's, you need to. It is a great place to buy food, beer and wine. It has great prices and good quality stuff. You can also try Whole Foods and Sunflower Market.

Some General Tidbits

Remember that Santa Fe is in a high desert at 7000 ft altitude and the road to the Santa Fe Ski area climbs to 10,000 ft. It is very dry. One needs to drink lots of fluids because of both the altitude and the low humidity. A common symptom of the altitude is a light headache. It normally goes away in about a day, especially if you are careful to hydrate. Taking aspirin the first day, can also help. Be sure and follow directions for high altitude cooking. The boiling point is suppressed because of the thin air. The sun is very intense because of the thin atmosphere and the clear skies. Be sure and wear sunscreen and sunglasses. Having some chapstick handy is also recommended. The dry air normally causes cracked lips after a few days.

For Assistance

Casita de Soledad is managed by Michael Glinsky and Barbara Doddek. For reservations or for assistance during your stay, contact Barbara Doddek (<http://www.qitech.biz>, 505.920.8416, barbara@qitech.biz).