

Come to Taos for the Holidays and Stay a Lifetime!

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There are many reasons to come to Taos and the surrounding towns of northern NM for the holidays.

This season you can savor the many flavors of the Land of Enchantment. Taos and the surrounding communities of Angel Fire, Eagle Nest, Red River, Chama, and Sipapu offer an eclectic mix of history, culture, the creative arts, recreational activities galore and many forms of healing arts, both traditional and naturopathic.

The Taos Pueblo is a must on any visit to Taos. It offers a unique look into the intriguing culture and lifestyle of the Taos-Tiwa Indians. It is considered the oldest continuously inhabited community in the United States. The Taos Pueblo is committed to maintaining the traditional values and detailed oral history of the Tiwas. Visitors will see exquisite examples of adobe architecture in the traditional multi-storied structures which have been continuously inhabited for over 1000 years – to this day without electricity or running water. There is no better time to visit the Taos Pueblo than Christmas. Christmas Eve Vespers and Bonfires offer a magical experience. Natives, locals and tourists all gather for the procession of Mary through the pueblo. Large bonfires are built of aromatic cedar offering a warm glow on a cold winter's night. Christmas Day and New Year's Day visitors may observe ceremonial dances. Traditional and contemporary arts can be purchased at the many shops located within Taos Pueblo

The Lighting of Ledoux Street is a favorite for locals and tourists alike. This year the annual Lighting of Ledoux is scheduled for December 12 beginning at sunset. Join the shops, art galleries and museums located along one of Taos' most historic and picturesque streets as they open their doors to share music, food and holiday cheer while you experience the centuries-old traditions of luminaries lining the street and bonfires burning in the courtyard.

Sipapu Ski Resort offers a Christmas party full of fun for the entire family with cookie decorating and tree trimming.

On Christmas Day from 6-9PM just outside of Red River you can enjoy a winter fantasy of cross country skiing by the light of hundreds of luminaries at the Christmas Enchanted Forest Cross-Country Ski Tour. Posole, a traditional New Mexican holiday dish can be savored at numerous bonfires along the way. Torchlight parades are scheduled for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve at 7PM

Of course there is skiing at the Taos Ski Valley, one of the nation's top ski and now snowboard areas. Christmas Eve Torchlight Parade starts at 6PM. Taos Ski Valley rings in the 2010 with the New Year's Eve Torchlight Parade and Fireworks at 6PM

Angel Fire Ski Resort offers Night Skiing where you can ski or ride 50 acres of groomed trails, Terrain Park, and NASTAR race course nightly from 4-9PM. Angel Fire also has Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Torchlight Parade starting at dusk.

Another family favorite is the Cinder Bear Christmas Express on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic

Railroad, a unique narrow-gauge train which travels throughout the mountains of New Mexico and Colorado. The trip includes a visit by Santa and Cinder Bear along with storytelling, caroling and lots of Christmas cheer.

Experience more of the cultural diversity and rich history of Taos and the wide variety of creative arts in the town's many museum, galleries and artists studios.

No visit to Taos can be complete without a visit to the San Francisco De Asis Church, one of the most painted and photographed churches in the southwest.

This is just a sampling of the magic that is Taos. So now you see why I say ...come to Taos for the Holidays and stay a lifetime? Allow me and my experienced agents at New Mexico Mountain Properties to show you how you can acquire Taos Real Estate and make Taos your home, too.

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Happy Holidays to you and yours!