



# *Pueblo de Taos New Mexico*

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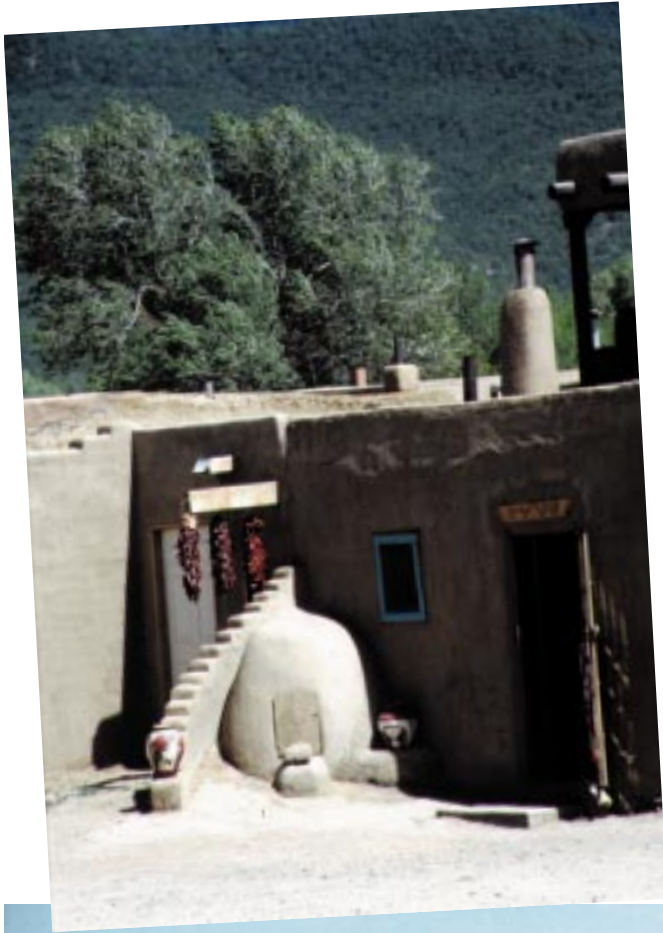


*Taos Pueblo is New Mexico's best known Indian village.*

*For nearly 1000 years, the Taos Indians have lived at or near the present site of Taos Pueblo.*

*The pueblo is the largest existing multi-storied Pueblo structure in the United States. The mud and straw adobe walls house a way of life little changed by over 400 years of Spanish and Anglo presence.*



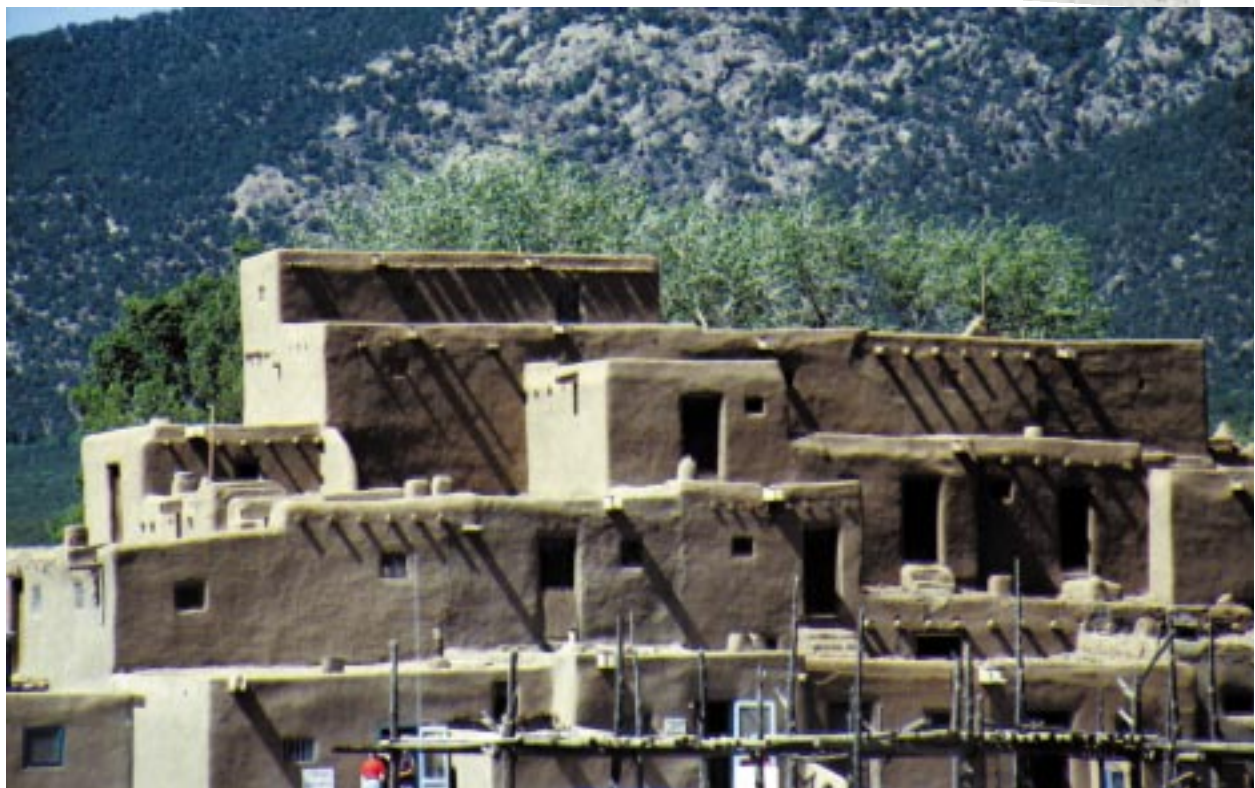
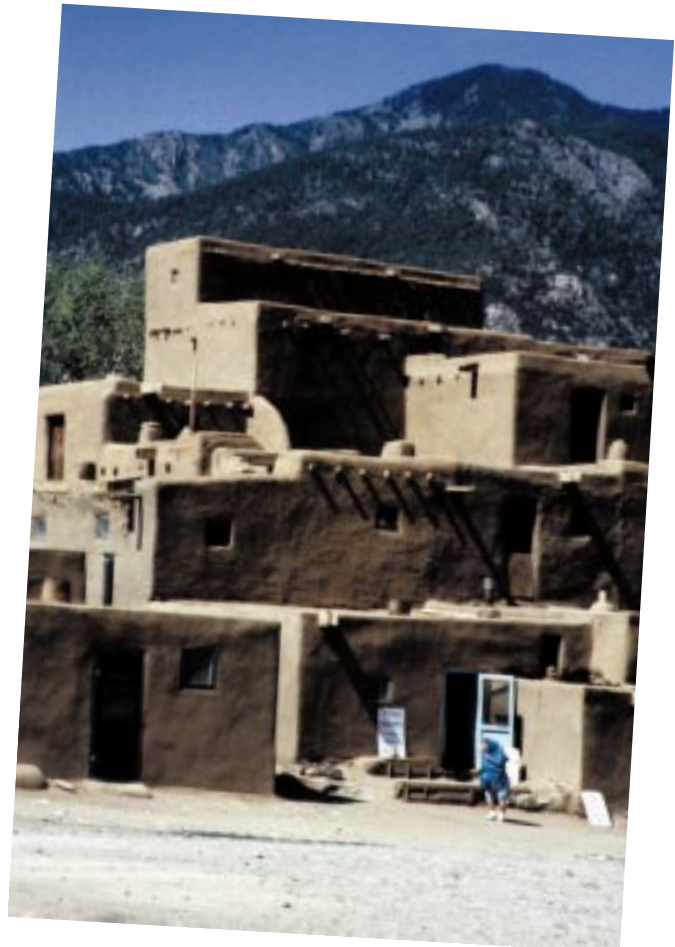


*Taos Pueblo culture emphasizes the importance of religious traditions in every day life.*

*Although many religious activities are restricted to tribal members, the public may attend certain ceremonial dances.*



*Originating in the mountains at the sacred Blue Lake, the Rio Pueblo de Taos river still serves as the primary source for drinking and irrigation.*





*Visiting Taos Pueblo provides a window into a spirit and a way of life that is nearly ten centuries old.*

*Bread is baked in outdoor domed ovens just as it was for hundreds of years.*





*Village square in Taos*





*Abandoned farm house*





*Rest in peace*





*Rafting through the  
Rio Grande Gorge*

*Taken from a bridge  
930 feet above the  
Canyon floor*



*Rio Grande Gorge  
looking southwest*





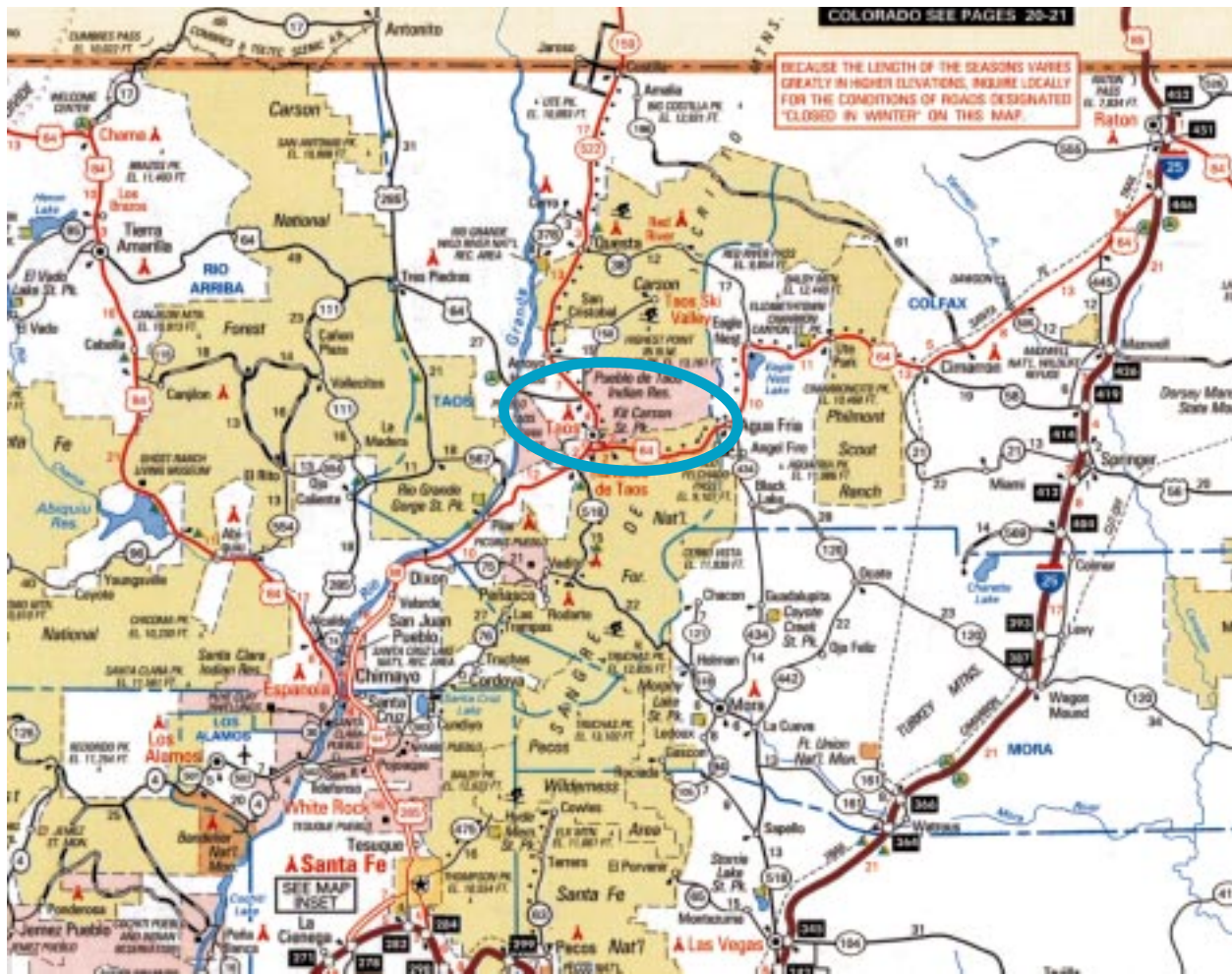
*Bristlecone pine trees  
over 6,000 years old*



*Rio Grande Gorge  
looking northeast*

*Sangre de Cristo  
mountain range in the  
background*





*Pueblos de Taos is at the north-end of Taos, New Mexico, a small town is just east of the Rio Grande River in the northern part of New Mexico, 44 miles south of the Colorado State line, and roughly 100 miles south of the Great Sand Dunes Monument.*

*Pueblos de Taos has been described as the oldest continually occupied apartment buildings in North America.*

*The town of Taos has an unusual number of art galleries, surprisingly few restaurants (but a little one serving dynamite Mexican food) and a good number of hotel and motel complexes. A year-round resort known for tennis camps in summer, skiing in winter, there's also good whitewater rafting through the Rio Grande Gorge, excellent hiking trails and hot air balloon rides.*

For more information about the Pueblos de Taos visit:  
[http://www.laplaza.org/about\\_taos/about\\_taos\\_pueblo.html](http://www.laplaza.org/about_taos/about_taos_pueblo.html)

