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Santa Fe International Folk Art Market

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IF YOU'RE AN art lover looking for a weekend trip rich with culture and experience, it's as easy as booking a flight to Santa Fe from July 13-15. That weekend, the city will be home to the ninth annual Santa Fe International Folk Art Market. This event is the largest of its kind, where craftsmen and women from every corner of the Earth come together to make their unique trade and precious traditional art available to a huge audience of the country's many folk art enthusiasts.



About 170 artists are expected to travel to the open-air market to share their culture and sell their art. The artists themselves comprise a great variety of origin and status, making the Market that much more interesting. Some are already celebrated craftspeople in their home countries, while others come from more humble means and are perhaps boarding a plane for the first time to come to the market. Artists who come from developing countries are often people who earn an average of \$3 a day—the political, social, and environmental tensions and instabilities make it difficult to live relatively normal lives, let alone create art.

The consistency among the artists is the quality and master craftsmanship of their work, which involve skills that have been passed down through generations of families and reflect the unique culture value of that part of the world. For tickets and details, visit folkartmarket.org.



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