Culture has always been at the heart of Santa Fe and has been an integral part of the city’s history and cityscape. The exchange of goods and ideas is deeply rooted in Santa Fe, starting with the trade fairs attended by Native Americans and Mexico’s indigenous population, to El Camino Real and the Santa Fe Trail, to the vibrant markets and art fairs of today. Santa Fe’s appointment to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network is a testament to the city’s important achievements in cultural industry development.

Santa Fe has a wealth of cultural resources that have helped build the city into what it is today. Native American traditions, including weaving, pottery, jewelry and dance remain an important part of contemporary Native culture and are present throughout the city. Spanish colonial art forms also continue to thrive today including folkloric dances, straw applique and tinwork. Santa Fe, where one in 10 jobs are tied to arts and cultural industries, is also home to more than 250 galleries, a vibrant performing arts community and an impressive range of museums.

Santa Fe is a city unlike any other, truly living up to its tagline, The City Different, at every turn. With legendary history and culture around every corner, an art scene that spans from traditional to contemporary, accommodations with a local feel yet world-class status, award-winning cuisine that’s as eclectic as it is sumptuous, and countless experiences to encounter, you’re sure to uncover something different about yourself when you visit for ICFAD’s 61st Annual Conference.

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