

## NightSpots

## Santa Fe

52 Broadway, Tivoli; 845-757-4100



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Santa Fe on Broadway in Tivoli has a spacious dining room where you can enjoy Mexican favorites.

## Make your way to Santa Fe

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Walk into the Santa Fe, and the first thing you'll see is a dinosaur looming over the bar. Really. It's a replica, of course; it was created by one of the chefs. But there it is in all its green glory.

The dinosaur is representative of the combination of playfulness and art that permeates the Tivoli restaurant's atmosphere and food.

The food at Santa Fe includes the traditional Mexican menu of tacos, quesadillas and similar fare. But non-traditional ingredients — like feta cheese, usually linked to Mediterranean cuisine — pop up unexpectedly, putting a modern twist on the old favorites. There's also a children's menu to keep los niños happy.

While Santa Fe's official "happy hour" is a winter feature, don't let that stop you from trying the house margarita straight up or on the rocks: it's muy sabroso.

Deep hues dominate the decor: crimson, marigold and dusty blue. The paint adds splashes of brightness without overpowering the diner. The shiny black floor has the



You can get primo margaritas to help you celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

appearance of lacquer and reflects the candlelight to a glowing effect. Little bits of art are placed throughout the multi-roomed establishment, including a whimsical story panel by artist Gigi Alvarez.

### Stroll up to the bar

The bar itself is made of dark wood in a modified mission-style, with small gilt detailing in the upper corners. It seats less than a dozen, but barstools and tables supplement the seating.

Whether you came for the margaritas or the mole, Santa Fe will have you saying, "Bravo!" in no time. **Last call** — Closed Monday; dinner, 5-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday-Thurs-

day; until 10:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday; bar open until midnight weeknights and until 2 a.m. weekends.

**99 bottles** — Dos XX, Anchor Steam and Brooklyn Brown Ale on draft; variety of beers by the bottle.

**Cover me** — No cover.

**The "in" crowd** — Young and mature alike for dinner; slightly older group at the bar, but fluctuates.

**Surfin' online** — [www.santafe.tivoli.com](http://www.santafe.tivoli.com)

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