Penasco is one of the many historic towns on the 'High Road' between Santa Fe and Taos. Be sure to find this hidden gem, as this small village delivers a great variety of entertainment, shopping and recreation options for those looking for a getaway. Hike in the spectacular Pecos Wilderness, fish in sparkling mountain streams, sip a cocktail by the river at the foot of the oldest ski run in the state, browse eclectic local galleries, enjoy a gourmet meal and world class entertainment at the historic adobe theater, visit Picuris Pueblo, and spend the night in a room by the Rio Pueblo ... all without traffic.


The Peñasco Theater and Sugar Nymphs Bistro share the same colorful and historic building on SR 75. The theater and bistro create the perfect pairing of delicious seasonal food and innovative performances. The Peñasco Theater, www.penascotheatre.org, offers an array of aerial and acrobatic acts and hosts a dynamic summer season with a show EVERY Saturday night at 7:30 p.m., and a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. Sugar Nymphs, www.sugarnymphs.com is a local bistro offering fresh food prepared with locally grown produce, homemade pastry and bread, and has been acclaimed in Gourmet Magazine, Food and Wine, Sunset Magazine and many other publications.

Picuris Pueblo welcomes visitors to the pueblo and the San Lorenzo de Picuris — a 200-year-old adobe church located in the center of the pueblo. The pueblo honors the church's namesake during the annual San Lorenzo Feast Day, Aug. 10 with dances,pole climbing and a foot race. Self-guided tours to excavated digs are available and outdoor enthusiasts can spend the day trout fishing at the Pu-ña Lake. Please be advised that you need a permit for your camera. Call for more information, (575) 587-2519.

Sipapu Ski and Summer Resort is just 10 miles from Peñasco and offers dining, lodging, RV and tent camping, and free activities, including Music on the Rocks festival and trout fishing (a New Mexico fishing license is required, available for purchase at the resort), disc golf, hiking and more. Visit www.sipapunm.com for more information.

Recreational opportunities in the area are abundant. Peñasco is the gateway to the Pecos Wilderness, offering pristine hiking trails, fishing, camping and numerous opportunities to get out in nature. Peñasco is also surrounded by the Kit Carson National Forest, which has a matrix of multi-use trails, fishing, and rock climbing.

Whether you're looking for a weekend getaway or a great day trip, visit the Village of Peñasco, "The Heart of the High Road to Taos."

Peñasco Calendar of Events:
- High Road Artisans Tour, Last two weekends in September
- Las Fiestas De Peñasco-San Lorenzo, Aug. 2-5
- Feast Day of San Lorenzo at Picuris Pueblo, Aug. 10
- Children's Foot Races at Picuris Pueblo, June 13
- Music on the Rocks at Sipapu, Aug. 4
- Peñasco Theater Summer Season, June-September, every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.
- Art for the Heart Workshops, the last Sunday of every month 1-4pm

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