

A SHOP I ENJOY is **Mixta** (mixtasanmiguel.com), which shares a patio with our office. The Australian owner, Anna Sinclair, has a great eye and brings back from all her trips cool and eclectic clothing, objects, fabrics, furniture and more. I have bought many of her things, ranging from enamel tequila cups to a favorite beaded T-shirt.

KINGSLEY MARKET is a great addition to San Miguel for its leather goods. Lisa Kingsley's bags are all made in Mexico and have become cult favorites.

FOR TRADITIONAL MEXICAN FOOD, we go to **Rincón de Don Tomás**, which is right on El Jardín. Try the *arrachera*, a tender grilled meat with *chilaquiles* and beans. The children finish their quesadillas and then run around in the square while we keep an eye on them.

ON SATURDAY, when I want to hang out with the cool crowd (most restaurants in San Miguel have a special night of the week when locals show up), I go to **La Azotea** for the small plates and good choice of wines and music. Perched on a rooftop, it has a great view of the town.

ON SUNDAY OR MONDAY we go to **La Mezcalería** (facebook.com/lamezcaleria *SMA*) for food that's simple but excellent. It is small and can get loud, so we always go early. My favorite of the margaritas is the *mezcal de chile guero*.

ON WEDNESDAY it's **La Sirena Gorda**, cantina-like with saloon-style swinging doors and a very laid-back vibe. I order seafood: *pescado al pastor* and *tostada de atún* or *carpaccio de pulpo*. And I drink the ginger lemonade.

ON THURSDAY we go to **The Restaurant** (therestaurantsanmiguel.com) for Burger Night. The stunning courtyard is one of many in town, and the fare is quite elegant, including the mousseline of asparagus. But what I really like is the veggie burger. The owner is a great local character, with a knife tattoo on his arm. »

MIXTA



LA MEZCALERÍA



THE RESTAURANT

LISA KINGSLEY
IN HER SHOP

