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I was born and raised here, and I'm grateful to be raising my own family here and serving the city we love. As Mayor, I get the opportunity to champion all the amazing parts of Albuquerque that make it not only a world-class travel destination, but an incredible place to live. From the beautiful bosque along the Rio Grande to the Sandia Mountains, we have some of the best hiking, bike paths and sightseeing right in the heart of our city or just a short drive away. We also have unique opportunities to experience history unlike anywhere else in the country at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Historic Old Town, our ABQ BioPark or the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History, to name just a few.

Before you leave, be sure to try a green chile cheeseburger or an enchilada plate with a sopaipilla at one of our many local restaurants. And don't forget to stop into one of our local breweries, many of which have won international awards for their craft. Just take your pick!

Albuquerque is a special city – you have to see it to believe it, and we're so grateful to be sharing it with you. We hope you enjoy your time experiencing the many things that make our city unique, and that you'll come back again soon.

Timothy Velle

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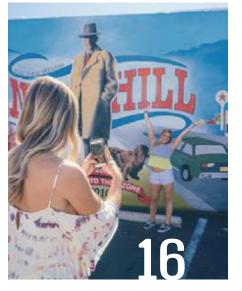
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BY CAROLYN GRAHAM



The city's heritage is woven into its daily life through cuisine, art and cultural celebrations

Main: Visitors to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center participate in a traditional Native American dance. Top right: The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is known as the gateway to New Mexico's 19 Native American Pueblos. Right: The Cultural Center's museum features a collection of permanent and rotating art exhibits.





BUGS BUNNY KNEW IT when he encountered the crossroads in Albuquerque: Should he have taken that left turn?

No matter which way we go, Albuquerque's unique geographic position puts the city right in the heart of a cultural crossroads. First, Indigenous peoples occupied this land, living among sedentary communities in dwellings made of stone and dirt. These communities, which were dubbed "Pueblos" by the Spanish when they arrived, cultivated crops, hunted and lived relatively peaceful lives for centuries before Spain — or any other Latin or European country — even knew this land was here.

Then, the Spanish arrived, part of the exploration of the area that included Mexico to the south. As cultures and knowledge blended, new traditions were established over the years that continue to this day.

Other people came here, too: Jews, fleeing the Spanish Inquisition that began in the 1400s, found their way here. In the 19th century, Chinese, Irish, German and other immigrants were drawn West during the Gold Rush era, the building of the Transcontinental Railroad and other opportunities. In the mid-1900s, African-Americans came here, too, to create communities and neighborhoods as they sought freedom from discrimination and oppression.

The area that would become New Mexico belonged to Mexico after gaining its independence from Spain in 1821. In 1853, the Gadsden Purchase made New Mexico a U.S. territory, and, in 1912, it earned its star on the flag as the 47th state.

The result of this tumultuous history is a rich and colorful cultural fabric woven with Indigenous, Mexican, European, Asian, African and other influences — and that fabric invites exploration.

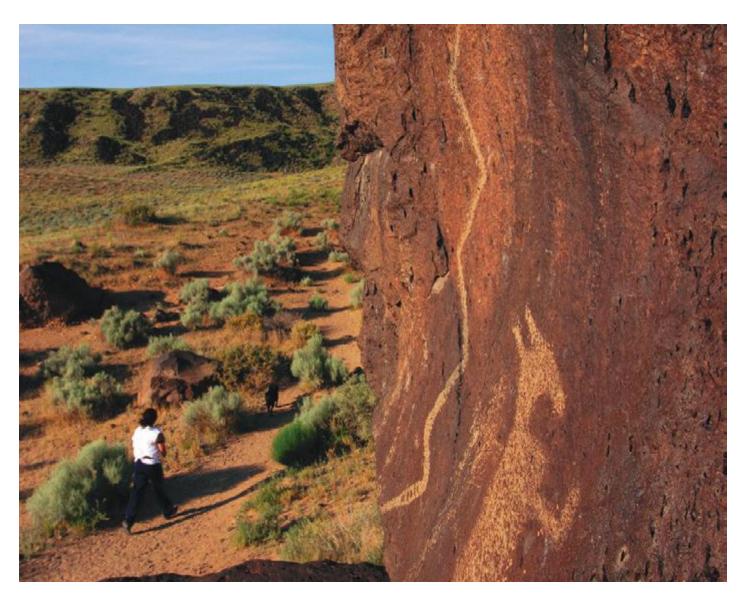


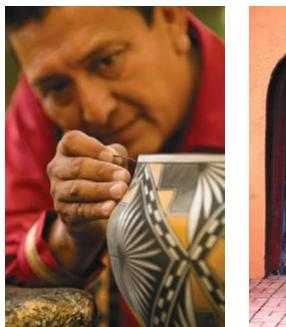
EXPLORE THIS

First stop is the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**, whose mission is to preserve the culture of the Puebloan people and to guide visitors to a better understanding of Puebloan history. Here you can learn about the state's 19 federally recognized Pueblos, their contributions, their cultural influences, and, most importantly, their people.

"These cultures are not stagnant," says IPCC's Museum Cultural Educator Jon Ghahate. He leads daily tours at the museums and provides an opportunity for visitors to see how these Pueblo communities used innovation and problemsolving throughout the centuries. Those influences live on through various forms of expression, whether it's the traditional dances performed in the courtyard or through the pottery, jewelry, weavings or art we can see in galleries or bring with us into our homes.

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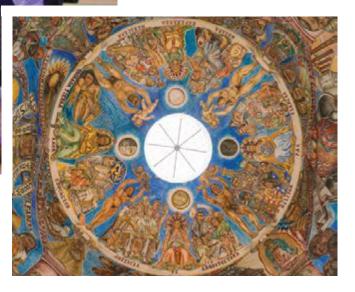


Main: Petroglyph National Monument protects one of the largest petroglyph sites in North America. Bottom left: Native American artisans tell stories in clay using traditional skills passed down for generations. Bottom right: Albuquerque is home to a variety of architectural styles, including adobe for which New Mexico is known. The city is filled with places to experience Native art, but you can see early examples by dropping by **Petroglyph National Monument**, stretching for 17 miles along the city's Westside. Between 400 to 700 years ago, ancestral Puebloans found these basaltic rocks, which resulted from volcanic eruptions millions of years ago, to be the perfect surface to carve thousands of

the perfect surface to carve thousands of images depicting everything from birds and human hands to clouds and stars. More recent humans have carved their marks among the rocks, too, including Spanish settlers and other travelers. The visitor center provides maps and exhibits, but access to the different trails and viewpoints varies.

While many assume that New Mexico architecture comes from Indigenous influences, many of the original Pueblo dwellings were made of stone. It wasn't until the Spaniards brought the concept of adobe, or bricks of mud baked by the sun, that the traditional New Mexican architecture we know today began to

Left: Albuquerque is known as the Flamenco Capital of North America and performances take place year-round. Right: The National Hispanic Cultural Center houses "Mundos de Mestizaje" — the largest concave fresco in North America, which depicts thousands of years of Hispanic history.

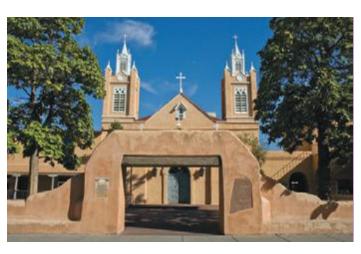


take shape. Visitors can see samples of this architecture everywhere, with some excellent examples clustered amid the traditional Spanish-style plaza in Old Town and surrounding the historic San Felipe de Neri Church, built in the 1700s.

The Spanish also brought their own forms of artistic expression. Flamenco — the art of heart-quickening rhythmic, passionate dance paired with equally passionate music — has a strong foothold in Albuquerque. Old Town's **Hotel Albuquerque** is home to **Tablao Flamenco Albuquerque**, where you can check out weekend performances, or at the nearby **Casa Flamenca**, which features year-round performances and flamenco workshops.

Mexico staked its claim on this area when it gained independence from Spain in 1821, and Mexican culture is also deeply embedded in everything here, from music to folk art to foods to fiestas. The **National Hispanic Cultural Center** offers a deep dive into the influence of Hispanic cultures in New Mexico (and beyond) through its exhibits, lectures and other programming, and is tucked into the lively Barelas neighborhood, one of the original Spanish settlements on the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, a prominent Spanish trade route.

Visitors can delve into all of this Albuquerque history and more at the **Albuquerque Museum**, which offers a timeline through art, innovative exhibits and photographs at the museum perched right in the heart of Albuquerque's Old Town. It's easy to find; just take the left turn. ^O Below, left: Historic Old Town is known as the original Albuquerque, founded in 1706. Below, right: Albuquerque Museum is a cultural centerpiece of the city, bringing together art, history, and people.







RESPECTING THE LAND WE SHARE

Long before this area came to be known as New Mexico, many human civilizations and cultures called the Southwestern region of the U.S. home. Scientific and archeological evidence demonstrates the diversity and complexity of many agrarian civilizations that have inhabited these lands for eons.

Today, there are 23 federally recognized Indigenous nations in New Mexico: 19 Pueblos, the Navajo Nation and three Apache communities. Each has its own distinctly different culture, existential constructs and languages, and have had longstanding histories of self-governance.

The Pueblo, Navajo and Apache communities perpetuate their histories and heritages through their ceremonies, cultures and languages.

As visitors, we strive to expand our knowledge and thereby deepen our understanding of these Indigenous communities and respect the land and the people who continue to call Albuquerque and the surrounding region their homelands. •

TRAIL MIX

BY STEVE LARESE

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Albuquerque offers limitless opportunities for outdoor adventure





rom kayaking down the Rio Grande through a cottonwood forest to summiting the Sandia Mountains at 10,678 feet, Albuquerque has a range of big and small outdoor adventures for all members of the family.

Albuquerque has three main landscape features: the volcanic escarpment on the city's west side; the Rio Grande Valley that ribbons north to south through Albuquerque's center, and the dramatic Sandia Mountains and foothills to the east.

On Albuquerque's Westside, Petroglyph National Monument is a 7,236-acre, 17-mile-long ancient lava flow where ancestral Puebloans carved thousands of images into basalt boulders some 700 years ago. Trails wend through three sections of the park where visitors can find images that emerge from the dark rocks in the forms of faces, animals and geometric shapes.

While the exact meanings behind the petroglyphs ("rock writings") isn't known, the concentration, detail and time afforded these images underscores the area's importance, and it is still a meaningful destination for today's Pueblo members. Visit with respect and learn more about New Mexico's first people at the visitor center.

At the nearby Albuquerque volcanoes, locally called the Three Sisters, hikers and mountain bikers travel the trails that traverse this volcanic landscape created when these now-extinct volcanoes last erupted some 100,000 years ago.

Ribboning through the middle of Albuquerque, the Rio Grande flows from Creed, Colorado, to the Gulf of Mexico. The world's largest continuous cottonwood forest, called the bosque, lines the river banks, and its packed-dirt trails are perfect for hiking and biking underneath the shaded cottonwood canopy. Kayakers and stand-up paddle (SUP) boarders enjoy leisurely floats south on the Rio Grande. MST Adventures rents and sells paddling gear, and guides kayaking and SUP tours.

Paralleling the east bank of the river, the Paseo del Bosque Trail is a divided 16mile paved path for cyclists, roller bladers, walkers and runners. Albuquerque visitors can rent bicycles from several companies including Routes Bicycle Tours & Rentals, which also leads guided cycling tours of the city, and Free-to-Roam eBiking, which rents pedal-assist bikes. Heritage Inspirations also offers e-bike guided tours that explore Old Town and other Albuquerque cultural destinations.

The foothills of the Sandia Mountains are where the city meets the wilderness. Trailheads begin at the eastern terminus of most major streets, and numbered forest service trails lace all throughout this piñonand juniper-studded landscape. Elena Gallegos Open Space is a popular picnic area with access to trailheads. Hikers, mountain bikers and trail runners enjoy these multi-use rolling trails that travel north to south.

For bigger adventures, hikers can continue east up steep trails that climb



Top left: Located adjacent to the Rio Grande bosque, Tingley Beach features three public fishing ponds, including a children's pond for kids 12 and younger Top right: Three ancient volcanoes — known as the Three Sisters — line Albuquerque to the west. Bottom right: Albuquerque offers adventures for all ages and interests, including water sports on the Rio Grande.

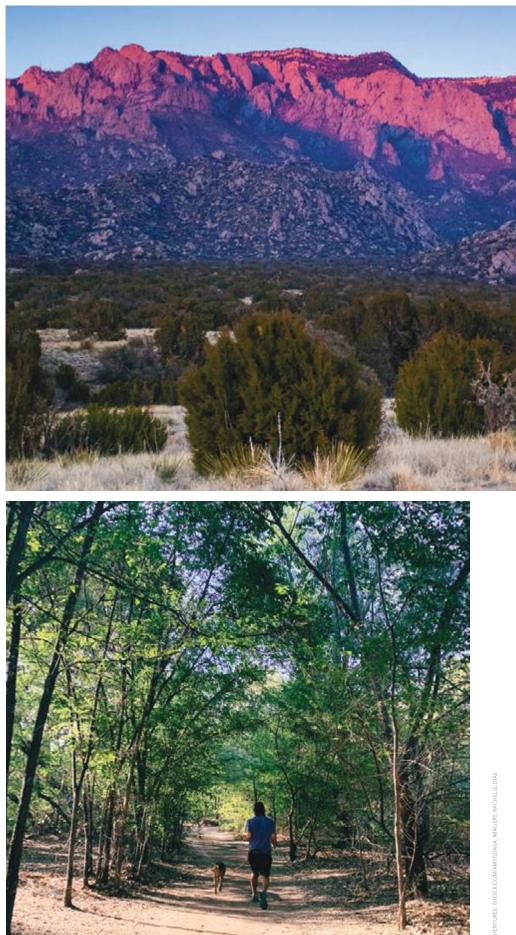


Top left: The Sandia Mountains and Cibola National Forest offer many opportunities for trekking your way through the winter months on snowshoes. Top right: The Sandia Mountains get their name from the Spanish word for "watermelon" due to the pinkish hue they take on during sunsets. Bottom: The Rio Grande bosque (forest) is the largest ecosystem of its kind in the world and allows for plentiful recreation opportunities.

into the Sandia Wilderness. La Luz Trail is Albuquerque's most famous and most strenuous, switchbacking almost 5,000 feet along 9 miles and splitting to the Sandia Crest at 10,678 feet or the top terminal of the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway and TEN 3 Restaurant. This trail begins in high desert and climbs through ponderosa pine and Engelmann spruce forests near the top, passing through several ecosystems and seeing temperatures drop 30 degrees or more. At the summit, more trails travel through the forest and open to sweeping vistas of Albuquerque.

The Sandias get their name from the Spanish word for watermelon because at sunset the pink granite cliffs and green top forest resemble a slice of watermelon. To visit the crest without hiking, the Sandia Peak Aerial Tram ferries passengers to the upper tram terminal in 15 minutes, passing over the scenic wilderness some 1,000-feet below. At the top of the mountain, miles of trails make for cool summer hikes or peaceful winter snowshoeing and crosscountry skiing. World-class downhill skiing and snowboarding can be found at resorts within 1 to 3 hours of Albuquerque, making the city an ideal hub for winter recreation.

Sometimes Albuquerque's "outdoor" adventure is inside. Stone Age Climbing Gym has two locations for indoor top rope and sport climbing for all levels and ages. Duke City BMX is the largest covered BMX riding and racing track in the nation, and Outpost Ice Arenas is open for public ice skating as well as scheduled hockey and figure skating. 🧿







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City-owned courses include **Arroyo** del Oso, Puerto del Sol, Ladera and Los Altos, all of which feature 18- and nine-hole courses, pro shops and cafés. Ladera, on Albuquerque's Westside, is considered a challenging course with the longest yardage of any of the other city-owned courses.

The University of New Mexico Championship Golf Course is an 18hole stretch that has been recognized nationally, most recently by *Golfweek*, as one of the Top 40 Campus Courses for 2022.

With sweeping views, challenging fairways and cool summer temperatures, Paako Ridge Golf Club in the Sandia Mountains has been ranked by *Golfweek* as New Mexico's No. 1 course and as the "47th Best Course You Can Play in America."

Tribal Nations near Albuquerque are also highly regarded for their scenic and challenging courses. Acclaimed **Sandia Golf Club** is in the foothills of the Sandia Mountains next to the tony **Sandia Resort & Casino** with its **Green Reed Spa. Isleta Golf Club**, near the Rio Grande just south of Albuquerque, has 27 holes of rolling fairways and three natural lakes. Located just north of Albuquerque,

Twin Warriors Golf Club at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa features 18 holes routed in and around

20 ancient archeological and cultural sites, all against the majestic backdrop of the Sandia Mountains. \odot



THE LAND OF THE FINCH AND THE HOME OF THE JAY

From mountain peaks to river valleys, New Mexico is home or a layover for hundreds of species of birds. The Rio Grande corridor that passes through Albuquerque is a major migratory route for birds winging south for the winter and returning in the spring. In fact, Albuquerque has earned designation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as an Urban Conservation Treaty City for migratory birds. This designation recognizes the city's efforts to conserve habitat for birds that live in and migrate through the area.

Sandhill Cranes migrate from as far away as Siberia and winter in Albuquerque feasting in harvested corn fields, and are commonly seen in Corrales and in the North Valley. At the **Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge** near Socorro, about an hour and a half south of Albuquerque, the Festival of the Cranes takes place annually in November and draws birders and photographers from around the country.

Great blue herons, snowy egrets, white-faced ibis, kingfishers, sandpipers and even terns and gull species are commonly spotted probing the Rio Grande for mollusks and fish. In the cottonwoods overlooking the Rio Grande, ospreys, bald eagles, owls and other hunters look for opportune fish dinners.

New Mexico's state birds roadrunners — are common throughout urban Albuquerque, fearless of humans as they hunt lizards and rodents. Top: The Sandia Mountains are one of the best places to view three different species of rosy finches. Bottom: The blue pinyon jay gets its name from the piñon tree, native to New Mexico.



At the **Rio Grande Nature Center State Park**, blinds and an indoor observation area allow visitors to closely watch the many species of birds that gather at the ponds there, and the **ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden** is another haven for many species of birds utilizing its extensive gardens. The **Open Space Visitor Center** near the river on the city's Westside and the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge in Albuquerque's South Valley are also excellent places for bird watching yearround.

In the Sandia Mountains, Cooper's hawks and red-tailed hawks circle looking for mice meals below, and blue pinyon jays scour their namesake piñon trees looking for nuts. Three species of rosy finches (black, gray-crowned and brown-capped) can be found in the Sandias from roughly November through March, giving lucky birders the opportunity to put check marks next to all three species on their birding lists. ^O

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NOUR ART'S DESIRE

BY ALLISON JONES HUNT



An accessible hub for Southwestern, Native American and contemporary art, Albuquerque is home to a variety of cultural centers, art galleries and theaters that make the city a premier art destination. From captivatingly colorful murals to eclectic galleries to immersive cultural museums, Albuquerque's dynamic art scene is on display throughout the city

Offering something for every kind of art lover, the city celebrates New Mexico's historic arts legacy while consistently showcasing new talent and diverse creative perspectives. The Duke City challenges conventional notions of where you'll find art — and who gets to make it — by inviting you to explore refreshing takes on creativity, color and curiosities around every corner.

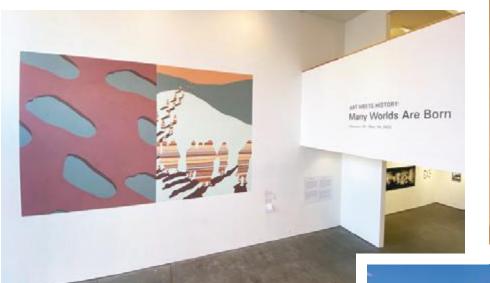
INDEPENDENT GALLERIES

Boasting hundreds of independently owned galleries offering a large selection of Native American, Hispanic and Southwestern artwork, Albuquerque is an art collector's dream destination.

Explore historic Old Town and take in contemporary regional art at **Lapis Room** or stunning prints of the New Mexico landscape at **Land of Enchantment Photography**; browse New Mexicomade wood carvings, paintings, fiber art, ceramics and more at art co-op **Amapola Gallery** on the plaza; and peruse the local arts and crafts in a wooden-beamed adobe carriage house at **Yucca Art Gallery** artist cooperative — the oldest in the neighborhood.

In downtown Albuquerque, visit celebrated nonprofit **516 ARTS**' smartly curated exhibitions and then cross the street to view **Sumner & Dene Creations in Art** for photography, ceramics and much more.

Weems Gallery & Framing, on the city's Eastside, features the work of local and regional painters, jewelers, sculptors, woodworkers and textile artists. Pop into Nob Hill's **Cowboys & Indians Antiques** to explore a fun combination of Western movie memorabilia and museum-quality Native American, Southwest and Mexican art.





Top left: 516 ARTS is a contemporary art museum located in downtown Albuquerque (Diego Medina [Paro-Manso-Tiwa], "long has the light wandered to lay itself upon you," 2022, mixed media mural). Top right: The National Hispanic Cultural Center's permanent art collection is home to over 3,000 artworks from around the world and it continues to grow. Bottom right: As one of the top cities in the country for public art, Albuquerque's impressive collection features more than 800 works (Pastel [a.k.a. Francisco Diaz], Botanical Mural Project, 2017, Tower Plaza Building).



ART MUSEUMS AND EXHIBIT HALLS

For a taste of the Southwest's celebrated art history, check out the **Albuquerque Museum** and spot selections from Georgia O'Keeffe, Ernest Blumenschein, Raymond Jonson and more from the museum's permanent collection of 10,000 regional works.

At the **National Hispanic Cultural Center**, take in the *Aquí Estamos* exhibition, a rotating selection of historic and contemporary works demonstrating a wide variety of perspectives on what it means to be Hispanic, Chicana/o, Latinx and/or Latin American.

Visit the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center** to browse exhibits showcasing paintings, murals, pottery and student art from Pueblo artists and Native youth, enjoy excellent arts and crafts shopping at the **Indian Pueblo Store** (owned and operated by the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico), and savor a meal featuring Indigenous flavors at the celebrated **Indian Pueblo Kitchen**.

From plays exploring key moments in African American history to exhibitions of emerging Black artists, art lovers will find much to enjoy at the **African American Performing Arts Center & Exhibit Hall**. The center collaborates regularly with the Smithsonian Institution and the National Museum of African American History and Culture to present fresh exhibitions of African American culture and creativity.

Always free, always open to the public, and always changing, the University of New Mexico Art Museum brings contemporary art to the heart of the UNM campus, as well as film screenings, artists talks, creative workshops, and other ways to get up close and personal with cutting-edge art.

A CITYWIDE COMMITMENT

No matter what draws you to Albuquerque, your travels will inevitably put you face-to-face with local art thanks to the city's Public Art Program — one of the first of its kind in America. Since 1978, a portion of city construction funds have been used to purchase and commission original works from local artists. The resulting diverse and colorful collection of public art provides a veritable scavenger hunt of great works throughout the city.

From sculptures throughout the **Albuquerque International Sunport** greeting visitors daily with Southwestern flair to abstract steel sculptures in local parks and the colorful mosaic wrapping a full city block around the **Albuquerque Convention Center**, art by the people, for the people appears almost everywhere you go.

DYNAMIC MURALS ACROSS TOWN

Embark on a mural tour of Albuquerque and enjoy a crash course in local history, cultural connection and totally Instagramworthy photo backdrops. Check out Noé Barnett's Mountain Top (a Martin Luther King Jr. memorial streetscape project painted in the heart of downtown Albuquerque), Jodie Herrera's tribute to New Mexico's performers in Civic Plaza (including giants of flamenco, hip-hop and Native Ceremonial Dance), and an ever-changing collection of pop cultureinspired murals in the alley behind the El Rey Theater.

You'll also find a vibrant group of murals adorning Warehouse 508, Albuquerque's largest youth arts and entertainment center, and another concentration on the corner of Broadway Blvd. and Lead Avenue. For an extensive guide to many of Albuquerque's colorful murals, including a walkable mural tour Downtown, visit MurosABQ.com.



A drive down Route 66 displays a storied past and new horizons as only a road trip can Route 66 and its unique culture are still thriving in Albuquerque, which is home to the longest continuous urban stretch of the highway in the United States. The "Mother Road," as author John Steinbeck dubbed it, is the perfect symbol for many themes that are purely American: spontaneous road trips, cross-country travel, neon signs, diners and roadside attractions.

Route 66 — known in Albuquerque as Central Avenue — cuts directly through the heart of the city and runs through multiple neighborhoods, displaying some of the best art, culture and local eats the city has to offer. A drive down Route 66 in Albuquerque displays a storied past and new developments in a way only a road trip can.

Old Town is the oldest of those neighborhoods. This neighborhood was established in 1706 by a group of Spanish families who settled on Tiwa land. It was built in the Spanish colonial style, marked by the San Felipe de Neri Catholic Church and a nearby central plaza. Three hundred years after its founding, Old Town remains a center for artistic, cultural and musical gatherings, and rests adjacent to America's Highway.



The El Vado Motel is a restored historic motel located along Route 66 (Central Ave.) in Albuquerque. Route 66 will celebrate its centennial in 2026.



Visitors in the area can enjoy their stay in true 66-style at the **Monterey Motel** or **El Vado Motel**. These historic digs have housed travelers on Route 66 since the late 1930s and '40s. Recently restored, both offer the aesthetic and adventure of Route 66 while still providing modern comforts and amenities.

Also located along Central Avenue and not far from Old Town are the **ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden** and **Aquarium**. Popular destinations for families any time of year, look for special seasonal events including outdoor concerts in the summer, a Harvest Festival in the autumn and the River of Lights during the holiday season.

Drive farther east to encounter Albuquerque's downtown, which is a hub for the city's ever-changing modern art and music scene. With murals found around every corner and a vibrant nightlife scene, this is the spot to cruise. Downtown's crown jewel, the historic KiMo Theatre, is marked by its distinctive neon sign. It opened in 1927, just one year after the official establishment of Route 66, and is the premier example of Pueblo Deco architecture — a mixture of art deco design and Native American motifs. The KiMo books frequent performances and tours so that all may enjoy the theater's uniquely Albuquerque vibe.

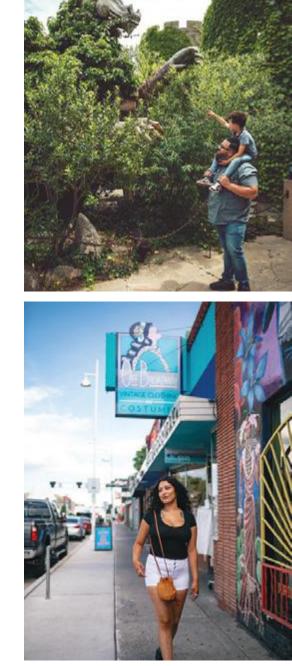
For a luxurious culinary experience and a view of Downtown from up high, guests head to the **Ibiza Rooftop Lounge** at **Hotel Andaluz**. The sophisticated rooftop bar offers artisan cocktails and delicious food from the hotel's restaurant **MÁS – Tapas y Vino**. The stunning view of the neighborhood provides glimpses of classic cars, historic buildings and public art.

From Downtown, drive east toward the Sandia Mountains to discover Nob Hill, Albuquerque's first suburb. The area developed in the 1940s and '50s as people flocked here to enjoy a peaceful neighborhood with modern amenities like restaurants and a movie theater. Directly adjacent to the University of New Mexico, today this neighborhood is one of the most eclectic in Albuquerque, full of unique shops.

One of the best things about Nob Hill is its diverse food scene. One can find everything from elegant dinners to roadside classics. **Hotel ZAZZ**, which celebrates its Route 66 roots while infusing its rooms with a modern vibe, is a hot spot to stay in Nob Hill.

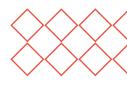
After a drive down the Mother Road, the next best way to experience the highway is to stop at the Route 66 Visitor Center. Located on West Central Avenue, the center highlights the history of the famous highway in Albuquerque. In addition to a museum, the center allows visitors to experience the golden age of Route 66 with a taproom, drive-in theater events, car shows and more.

Route 66 in Albuquerque was never just a road. It was the city's center of commerce on one of the most scenic travel routes ever created, allowing people from all over the world to experience this incredible city from the comfort of their cars. A trip to Albuquerque is not complete without a cruise on America's Highway. So, get behind the wheel, grab a map (or GPS), and see the city as it was meant to be experienced. **O**



Top right: The ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden features the Children's Fantasy Garden. Bottom right: The walkable Nob Hill neighborhood is known for its eclectic shopping, dining and nightlife experiences.





Left: The historic KiMo Theatre opened in 1927 and is known for its Pueblo Deco architecture.

PANZA LLENA

BY CAROLYN GRAHAM

"Panza llena, corazón contento" — full belly, happy heart — is an expression sometimes heard in Albuquerque homes and family-owned restaurants as a bowl of posole or plate of enchiladas is placed in front of you. It's an invitation to savor a meal, Albuquerque-style.



URQUEÑOS SHOW THEIR CHILE-WARMED HEARTS through their dishes, whether it's a steaming bowl of hominy-rich posole or a sizzling, juicy green chile cheeseburger. The reigning ingredient here is chile, both red and green, but you'll find a virtual history lesson and tour of the globe across the city's menus. And just in case you need a side of fresh air, the city offers an array of colorful outdoor eating spaces to enjoy the view, whether it's to catch a rooftop vista of the Sandia Mountains blush with sunset hues or to linger on a patio, with a combo plate and margarita in hand. Here are a few of the city's culinary highlights.



CHILE, NOT CHILI

New Mexicans are famous for putting chile on everything — doughnuts, sushi, pizza, eggs, chocolate, cocktails — but it's important to distinguish the types of chile and what goes where.

Let's start with the spelling. *Chile* is a long, skinny South American country but if you lowercase the "c," the word magically becomes a New Mexican pepper.

Chile comes in many forms. Chile is a pod, which grows in New Mexico's fertile Rio Grande valleys, and is technically considered a fruit because it contains at least one seed and grows from a flower.

Green chile is harvested in the fall and can be stuffed, chopped, stewed, pickled or eaten freshly roasted. "Hatch" green chile gets its common name from the farming village of Hatch, about 185 miles south of Albuquerque, where the majority of the pods that make it to New Mexican (and beyond) tables are grown. There's not a distinct Hatch variety, but the state's farms produce more than a dozen varieties of chile, all of which vary by spiciness, pod size, flesh thickness and other genetic factors.

So what are you getting when you order "green" versus "red"? Both flavors come from the same plant, but the red has ripened and soaked up the warmth and colors of the New Mexico sun. The dried version is made into powder or rendered as a sumptuous, earthy sauce, a flavor that is distinct from the peppery, fresh form right off the plant.

Here's where it gets complicated: "green chile" can refer to the pod but also the sauce, commonly slathered on enchiladas, breakfast burritos and other classic New Mexican dishes. So in theory, you could order a chile relleno (a pepper stuffed with cheese, battered and deep-









Top left: The entrance to El Pinto Restaurant is lined with red chile ristras, an arrangement of dried chile pepper pods. Top right: The Indian Pueblo Kitchen is centered around Indigenous cuisine education and exploration and features Native-inspired and New Mexican fare. Middle left: Marble Brewery's Downtown location offers seasonal and classic brews, food trucks and live music. Bottom left: Visitors can enjoy Gruet Winery's méthode champenoise-style sparkling wines in indoor and outdoor settings.

fried) that is covered in chile, either red, green or both (known here as "Christmas").

Yes, New Mexicans even put chile on chile.

So, how to navigate this world of reds and greens? The world of New Mexico chile is vast and varied, so the best advice is to just try it. Have you ever sampled red chile in fudge? Mixed in with an iced-coffee beverage? A slice of green chile-apple pie? Sprinkled atop nuts or chips? New Mexico is rife with opportunity.

For the traditionalist, New Mexican restaurants are plentiful but also full of surprises. **Tomasita's** has more than 40 years of experience cooked into its reds and greens, which come from a farm in Salem, New Mexico, just north of Hatch. The red chile adovada (made with tender chunks of pork) pairs nicely with the restaurant's famed Swirl, a margarita mixed with a ribbon of sangria.

In Old Town, **Church Street Cafe** occupies a rambling adobe casa that dates back to the 1700s and serves classic New Mexican fare. The restaurant's "oldfashioned" chile relleno is stuffed with not only cheese and green chile but also pork.

Also near Old Town is **Monica's El Portal**, a cozy little spot that serves a top-notch breakfast sopaipilla, a square of deep-fried dough that's stuffed with eggs, potatoes and chile and then slathered with more chile. Family-owned **Sadie's of New Mexico** has been a local favorite for more than 60 years, tempting diners with enchilada plates and house-made tamales.

If you're looking for other ways to experience the state's beloved green fruit, try the green chile bread at **Golden Crown Panaderia**. It's made with chile and cheese and other herbs and is emblazoned on the crust with a figure of a howling coyote. Chile pairs well with sugar, and that's delightfully evident in the green chile peanut brittle from famed Albuquerque sweets-maker Buffett's. Chile gets the cool treatment at Nitro Fog Creamery (locations at Green Jeans Farmery and Tin Can Alley), which serves up a tangy mango sorbet dusted with red chile powder from the northern New Mexican town of Chimayó.

If they make it, New Mexicans will put chile on it.

ALBUQUERQUE ALFRESCO

Albuquerque receives something like 5,000 days of sunshine annually (OK, it might be more like 310, but it feels like 5,000), so it's no wonder there's a proliferation of sunny patios to sit, sip or sup.

Among Albuquerque's craft breweries is where you'll find some of the best outdoor spaces to enjoy those suds, including **Rio Bravo Brewing Company**, **Steel Bender Brewyard** and **Tractor Brewing Company**, just to name a few.

Wineries often come with outdoor seating, too, as is the case with **Casa Rondeña Winery**, **Gruet Winery** and **VARA Winery & Distillery**.

Of course, you don't have to have hops to have a hopping outdoor dining scene. Following are a few nice outdoor hangouts (bonus: many patios are dog-friendly, too).

If you enjoy margarita sipping to the sounds of a waterfall, old-school favorite Casa de Benavidez serves up a mixture of classic New Mexican dishes with a Mexican beach town vibe on its meandering patio. The family-owned restaurant specializes in serving some of Albuquerque's favorite sopaipillas, which are expertly fried to a crispy outer shell with a soft, steamy center. **El Pinto Restaurant**'s patio is vast and rambling and makes for a lovely outdoor repast among the rows of chile ristras framing classical Mexican-tiled fountains and archways. The margarita and tequila menus are vast, with more than 100 types of spirits and cocktails to savor. The massive, onsite greenhouses grow a lot of the kitchen produce (there's a resident henhouse for eggs, too), which also finds its way into the salsas bottled at the restaurant for diners to take along or ship home.

The scene is cosmopolitan atop **Hotel Chaco** at **Level 5**, the rooftop bar and restaurant that offers a panoramic view of Albuquerque's skyline and one of the best views of the Sandia Mountains. The scenery would be enough, but Chef Bo Reaver creates a distraction with his artfully plated dishes.

Stay closer to the earth by trying the dishes made from ingredients grown right where you can see them at **Farm & Table**. The patio tables are interspersed among blooming plants and tinkling fountains, all overlooking a 12-acre farm that provides inspiration for Executive Chef Jens Peter Smith. **Campo** at **Los Poblanos** is located on an organic farm in the Rio Grande Valley and features one of the most purely crafted field-to-fork menus in the state.

INVENTIVE INDIGENOUS

The land that would come to be known as New Mexico has long provided the foods that were key for the people living here for thousands of years. The Three Sisters — corn, beans and squash — were cultivated in the fertile valleys that line the bosque (the verdant "forest" areas that line the Rio Grande). While it's safe to say some of our tastes have changed over the centuries, those traditional foods and dishes help guide us to a better understanding of how Indigenous people not only survived but thrived on what they harvested and hunted for generations.

The Indian Pueblo Kitchen at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center infuses tradition into its menu, which is taken to delicious heights by Executive Chef Davida Becenti. Of Diné (Navajo) descent, Chef Davida says her goal is "to make sure everything comes from the heart." The dishes are made from scratch, and "it all comes from Mother Earth," she adds.

Some favorite dishes? The Tewa tacos (made with Native American beef tucked into fry bread) and the Navajo tacos (made with ground Churro lamb folded into fry bread) as well as the blue corn onion rings and any of the baked goods.

Chef Davida says she likes sharing with visitors what they might find if they visited families at the Pueblos. "Just come taste it and enjoy what our ancestors brought us." ()

505 Central Food Hall is an urban eatery located in downtown Albuquerque with nine local vendors offering everything from tacos and pizza to ramen and burgers.



TASTE THE WORLD

Who says all good food in New Mexico is New Mexican? The Albuquerque community is woven from a colorful collection of cultures, and those influences are often best experienced through various cuisines. Following is a globe-trot across Albuquerque's multicultural dining scene.

The menu lands decidedly Mediterranean at **MÁS – Tapas y Vino**, tucked into the haute downtown **Hotel Andaluz**. The menu centers on tapas, which includes a Spanish-influenced array of small plates that will fill you up long before you reach the paellas.

Albuquerque doesn't neglect its lovers of Middle Eastern flavors, or its vegetarians, and manages to serve both audiences at **Annapurna's World Café**. The restaurant's namesake, Annapurna, is the Hindu goddess of nourishment, and these vegan, organic dishes are prepared in Ayurvedic (Indian) cooking style. For Persian kebabs and Mediterranean gyros and stews, **Chello Grill** is a local favorite.

Authentic rustic Italian cuisine is a good way to break up the New Mexican monotony. Follow the aromas of fresh Italian herbs and garlic to M'Tucci's newest location on Central Avenue. **M'Tucci's Bar Roma** has an expansive patio, where you can sip an Aperol Spritz while trying to decide between the pasta alla Gricia, featuring a healthy portion of house-cured guanciale, or one of the bubbly-crusted artisan pizzas.

The food is more "French-inspired" at **D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro**, but the wines definitely were delivered by the hands of Hervé Lescombes, who started a vineyard and a winery in New Mexico after emigrating from Burgundy, France, in the 1980s. This wine-tasting outpost serves its wines (and cocktails) on a sun-washed, adobe-walled patio that will make you swear you landed somewhere on the Mediterranean coast. Speaking of French-adjacent menus, you'd be wise to try the one at Frenchish, an innovative eatery near the University of New Mexico.

If you're craving sushi, teriyaki or teppanyaki, Albuquerque offers plenty of options including two locations of **Azuma Sushi & Teppan** on the Eastside, **Diaz Kitchen & Sushi Bar** in Downtown and **Japanese Kitchen** in the Uptown area. All have experienced sushi chefs who handcraft fresh rolls and expertly prepare sashimi.

You could wander Albuquerque (or the globe) to experience Greek, barbecue, French, Vietnamese, Mexican and other cuisines, or you could just explore one of the city's food halls. The glory of the food hall is that anyone in your party can partake in whatever cuisine they desire, from tacos to poke, bao buns to baba ganoush, and then wash it down with a range of craft cocktails or a New Mexico-made brew or wine.

Sawmill Market has more than 20 food and beverage options with an equally diverse number of regional offerings, from French pastries to Hawaiian-inspired poke. 505 Central Food Hall is less cavernous but equally eclectic, with offerings ranging from Detroit-style pizza to Mexican street tacos. Green Jeans Food Hall kicked off the original food hall trend in Albuquerque, sheltering diners in retired shipping containers and giving them a taste of good old New Mexican green chile cheeseburgers as well as Vietnamese pho and Naples-inspired pizzas (find similar offerings at Green Jeans' sister site, Tin Can Alley). 📀

RAISE A GLASS

BY SARAH EAST

Whether it be grain or grape, sip the day away in Albuquerque. With dozens of breweries, wineries and distilleries to choose from, it's easy to find the perfect place to unwind with a delicious beverage.

GET HOPPY

The craft beer scene in Albuquerque is hopping. Home to more than 30 craft breweries and taprooms, Albuquerque has many award-winning spots for you to indulge your palate.

Visit **Marble Brewery** Downtown, or stop by the Northeast Heights location, for high-quality craft beer. Head to one of **Tractor Brewery**'s three locations to taste everything from dark stouts to ciders.

Steel Bender Brewyard offers delicious food along with a variety of beer in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.

Tour the Brewery District along Candelaria Road between Edith Boulevard and Interstate 25 to find a high concentration of breweries in a small area. Grab a pint at **Canteen Brewhouse**, one of Albuquerque's oldest breweries, and stop in for weekly trivia and live music.

Rio Bravo Brewing Company serves delicious beer brewed on-site alongside New Mexican comfort food.

GREAT GRAPES

Albuquerque has one of the best wine scenes in the country. Wine grapes were first planted here in 1629, making the area the oldest wine-producing region in the United States.

Gruet Winery specializes in sparkling wines and pinot noir, with roots originating in France. For classic reds and whites,

head to **Casa Rondeña Winery** where you can walk the vineyards before visiting the tasting room to sample multiple varieties. For wines with a Spanish twist, go to **VARA Winery & Distillery**.

Enjoy a stunning view of the Sandia Mountains while sipping on a wide selection of New Mexico-made wines at **Crafted Wine and Spirits Tasting Room** at **Hotel Chaco**. Stop by **Plaza Don Luis** in historic Old Town, where both **Noisy Water Winery** and **Sheehan Winery** have tasting rooms. You can even take your wine with you to explore the local art at **Lapis Room**, attached to Noisy Water Winery.

While near Old Town, stop at **D.H.** Lescombes Winery & Bistro to enjoy a wine flight on the patio and then dance off the calories to live music.

IN THE SPIRIT

The distillery scene is up-and-coming in Albuquerque, with plenty of places to enjoy a craft cocktail made with specialty spirits. **Hollow Spirits Distillery** distills many spirits, including vodka, whiskey and rum along with seasonal flavors. There is also plenty of carefully crafted, from-scratch food to go around.

Enjoy veteran-owned Taylor Garrett whiskey at **VARA Winery & Distillery**, which also offers a wide selection of tapas and paella. Try **Monterey Motel**'s own gin and vodka at **Momo Lounge**. The signature drink is named after the motel's founder and features craft ale and handsqueezed lemonade. Order food from any of its 10 partner restaurants nearby, and have delectable cuisine delivered to you.

Top right: Albuquerque has a booming craft brewery scene and is home to one of the highest number of breweries per capita in the country.

AN ALCOHOL-FREE ALTERNATIVE

If you prefer to skip the alcohol, but still want the experience of going out, **Pureland Kava & Tea Bar** is the place to be.

Kava is a non-alcoholic beverage that can increase sociability and decrease

anxiety without negative after-effects. Pureland Kava offers a place to go out to talk, play games and spend time with each other without the pressure to drink alcohol. \bigcirc









Top left: The Spanish-inspired Casa Rondeña Winery is located in Albuquerque's North Valley. Top right: Steel Bender Brewyard pours a selection of house and rotating brews and features a full kitchen. Main: Tractor Brewery creates award-winning beers, ciders and spirits at its three Albuquerque locations.





SOCIAL SIPS

Looking for a fun way to enjoy alcoholic beverages in Albuquerque? Hop on the **Duke** City Pedaler, a 14-passenger party bike. Cruise the streets of Albuquerque near Old Town and the Sawmill District and stop at local breweries, bars and pubs to grab a pint.

Routes Bicycle Tours & Rentals also offers a couple of tour options – the ABQ Uncorked: Bike and Wine Tour takes riders along the Rio Grande, stopping at awardwinning wineries and tasting rooms along the way, while the ABQ Bike and Brew Tour hits up the city's top microbrews, with beer flights and tours with master brewers. O



HIGH ADVENTURE IN THE HIGH DESERT

BY STEVE LARESE

With its azure skies, open spaces and dramatic backdrop of the Sandia Mountains that creates perfect wind conditions called the Box, Albuquerque is known as the Hot Air Ballooning Capital of the World



In 2023, Albuquerque will celebrate its 51st **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta**[®], Oct. 7-15, when more than 550 balloons from around the world paint Albuquerque's skies with mass ascensions and static balloon glows that warm the chilly October evenings. Begun in 1972 by aviator Sid Cutter with just 13 balloons, the Balloon Fiesta has become the world's largest annual hot air ballooning event.

The Balloon Fiesta brings hundreds of thousands of people to Albuquerque to marvel at the balloons and explore New Mexico, but ballooning is a year-round pursuit and passion in the Duke City. Several ballooning companies take visitors soaring over the city any time of year, and on any given day colorful balloons are just a part of the backdrop of daily life in Albuquerque.

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RED OR **GREEN?**

Every state has an official bird and flower, but only New Mexico also has an official state question: "Red or Green?" It's the decision diners make when choosing red or green chile to top authentic New Mexican dishes. Visit Albuquerque's new hot air balloon answers this question with "Christmas," meaning both. The half-red, half-green balloon

is aptly named "Red or Green?" and celebrates two of New Mexico's most beloved treasures: chile and ballooning.

The Visit Albuquerque balloon debuted at the 2022 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. It will fly year-round as an Albuquerque ambassador, gracing skies in New Mexico as well as in other states to share this all-important New Mexico question. See it for yourself at the 2023 Balloon Fiesta, Oct. 7-15. 🧿



Corners Balloon Rides and other private The Andersonballooning companies thrill their guests Albuquerque with gentle balloon rides above the city International and the Rio Grande. Balloon Museum is dedicated to the Flights begin with passengers meeting worldwide history science, and art

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of all types of ballooning.

the balloon crew in the early morning and helping with the setup of the balloon. Fans inflate the huge envelope on the ground, and then a propane burner heats the air until the balloon tips upright. Passengers climb into the gondola, and with a blast from the burner the balloon gently lifts into the sky.

Views stretch to the horizon with the colorful Rio Grande Valley below and the Sandía Mountains to the east. All is quiet save for the occasional roar of the burner. After about an hour, the pilot chooses a landing site based on the breeze, and the balloon touches down with the help of the awaiting chase crew. Stowing the balloon is a fun process in itself, and afterwards a traditional toast is made that dates to ballooning's origins in 1700s France when

pilots would pacify the farmers in whose fields they landed by sharing a bottle of Champagne.

A visit to the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon **Museum** is a must for any ballooning enthusiast. The museum is named in honor of Albuquerque adventurers Ben Abruzzo and Maxie Anderson, who in 1978 made the first-ever balloon crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in their balloon Double Eagle II. In 1981, Abruzzo led a team to complete the first-ever balloon crossing of the Pacific Ocean in the Double Eagle V.

Learn about these feats as well as the origins of ballooning and their variety of uses at the museum, where interactive exhibits — including the new permanent exhibition, "Canopy of Color," which celebrates Balloon Fiesta — explore the history, fundamentals and importance of ballooning. Huge balloon displays also make this a favorite Albuquerque destination for photos. O

THE ALBUQUERQUE BOX

One of the reasons the city is known for ballooning is the weather phenomenon called the "Albuquerque Box." Balloonists can control only a balloon's altitude; the wind controls its horizontal direction. During Albuquerque's cool early mornings, cold air tends to flow south and warm air flows north. The warm air rises to a higher altitude, creating a rectangular wind pattern.

This box allows balloons to take off and head south, then rise to a higher altitude to go north. Because there is no way to "steer" their balloons, pilots use Albuquerque's predictable wind pattern to navigate, allowing them to land very close to where they took off.





TIPS FOR ATTENDING BALLOON FIESTA

DRESS IN LAYERS. October mornings are cold, but by afternoon it's typically T-shirt weather. Bring a small backpack to carry your layers as the day heats up. Bright colors make kids easier to keep track of in the crowd.

ARRIVE EARLY. With close to 800,000 people attending Fiesta throughout the week, there are going to be traffic delays. Make sure your vehicle is gassed or charged up, and that kiddos have snacks and entertainment.

BEAT THE TRAFFIC. If you'd prefer not to drive, park off-site and arrive via Park & Ride bus, the price of which includes admission to the Fiesta. For added adventure, take a bike tour to Fiesta with Routes Bicycle Tours & Rentals or Free to Roam eBiking, or ride your own bike and enjoy free valet bike parking. MST Adventures and other outfitters avoid roads entirely by offering kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding tours on the Rio Grande to watch as balloons "splash and dash" by briefly dipping into the water before taking off again.

BRING WATER. Especially for guests not used to Albuquerque's dry climate, it's important to stay hydrated. The Fiesta allows visitors to bring food and nonalcoholic drinks into the park as long as there are no glass containers. Bags are inspected at security checkpoints.

BRING PLENTY OF CAMERA MEMORY.

The Fiesta is said to be the most photographed event on the planet, with an estimated 25 million photos taken each year. It's easy to fill up your camera or phone's memory, so bring plenty to capture the Fiesta's many spectacular scenes.

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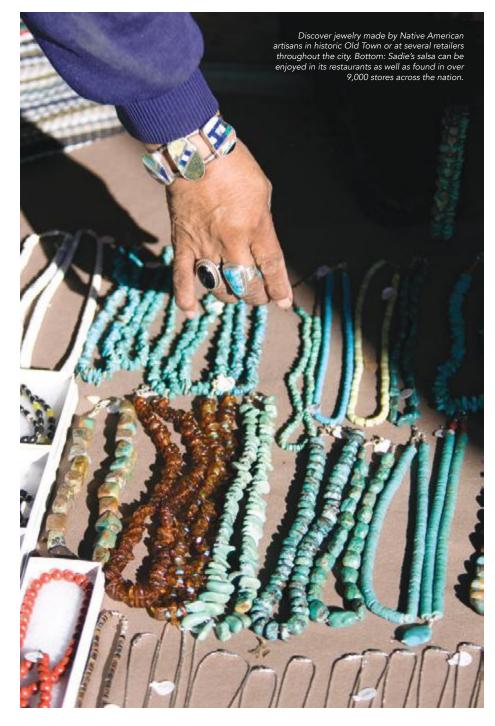
BY SARAH EAST

A lbuquerque has an array of unique shopping options. Whether you're looking for authentic Native American jewelry, Southwestern pottery or a locally made food item, it's easy to find the perfect gift to take home.

One place to start your shopping adventure is historic Old Town. With roots back to 1706, Old Town is the cultural center of Albuquerque. On most weekends, you can purchase authentic Native American jewelry directly from the makers along the portal (sidewalk) near the central plaza. Shops throughout the area offer more silver and turquoise jewelry, as well as contemporary designs crafted in gold, opal and diamond.

Old Town's many galleries display original works by local and regional artists that range from sculptures and pottery to weavings and paintings. The recently renovated **Plaza Don Luis** features a wide array of shops, including wine-tasting rooms, restaurants and unique retail stores. One of the best parts about Old Town is its walkability, so take a stroll to find a unique shop just for you!

Albuquerque has four large shopping malls. **Coronado Center**, in the Uptown area, offers more than 150 stores, including large department stores along with specialty retailers. ABQ Uptown is an outdoor mall that features national retailers such as Apple, Lululemon and Anthropologie. Across the street from ABQ Uptown is Winrock Town Center, a recently redesigned shopping center with a movie theater, retail stores and office space. **Cottonwood Mall** is the Westside's largest shopping center, with over 135 stores ranging from clothing boutiques to toy stores.



NOSH ON IT

Albuquerque has plenty of unique cuisine to tantalize your taste buds. Take some of it home with you by buying a jar of your favorite salsa or chile sauce from a local New Mexican restaurant. **El Pinto Authentic New Mexican Restaurant** offers a wide array of jarred goods from mild to hot. Buy some of **Sadie's of New Mexico's** notoriously hot salsa or chile powder, or grab some sopaipilla mix to make delicious, fluffy sopaipillas in your own kitchen.

Enjoy the New Mexico state cookie at **Celina's Biscochitos**, and then buy a box to take home. These anise and



cinnamon-flavored cookies are a staple, particularly during celebrations and around the holidays. Celina's Biscochitos are handmade based on the recipe of one of the co-founder's grandmothers. Try the traditional biscochito flavor, or get more adventurous with a green chile pecan or cocoa chocolate chip biscochito.

To satisfy your sweet tooth, head to **Eldora Chocolate**. The chocolatiers specialize in bean-to-bar creations with exciting combinations of bars and truffles. Schedule an in-store tour to discover what it takes to craft award-winning chocolate.

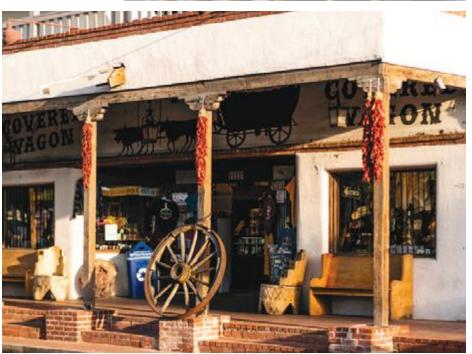
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Find one-of-a-kind gifts at a variety of Albuquerque shops. Become the one who knocks on the door of **The Breaking Bad Store** in Old Town for all of your "Breaking Bad" and "Better Call Saul" needs. This shop features specialty merchandise from both TV shows created by local artisans. Snap a picture at the interactive photo opportunity where you can immerse yourself in the "Breaking Bad" world.

Stop at **Luna and Luz** in Old Town for art prints, apparel, small-batch soaps and



Middle: The biscochito is the official state cookie of New Mexico. Bottom: Historic Old Town is home to more than 150 merchants, including retail shops and restaurants. Top right: Goods from Kei & Molly Textiles can be found at more than 400 shops nationwide and even a few stores overseas.





A GIFT THAT GIVES BACK

Founded by Kei Tsuzuki and Molly Luethi, Albuquerque's **Kei & Molly Textiles** proves that a business can be profitable and sustainable while also having a positive impact on the community. This eco-conscious business creates jobs for immigrants and refugees from around the world, mostly women, who screen print colorful designs on fabric by hand.

From flour sack dish towels to tote bags to adorable onesies for the smallest members of your family, every piece is made with love and care. Many products feature Albuquerque designs, including hot air balloons, chile peppers, adobe houses and fields of lavender.

Both of the company's founders are immigrants, and they wanted to serve that community. A job at Kei & Molly Textiles means good wages, health and education support and leadership and development opportunities. It offers a place where immigrants and refugees can get the experience and support to build a better life.

But it's not just the immigrant and refugee community that Kei & Molly Textiles helps. The studio is open to international entrepreneurs who are interested in learning what it takes to run a successful business. The business hosts fellow artisans, runs screenprinting workshops and sponsors a college scholarship for immigrant students.

Kei & Molly Textiles has grown exponentially since its founding in 2010, with the business and its products featured in *The New York Times, Martha Stewart Living* and *Better Homes & Gardens*. In addition to the flagship store in Albuquerque, Kei & Molly goods are stocked in more than 400 stores nationwide, and even a couple overseas – proving that it is possible to create a successful business that does good. • Top: Located in historic Old Town, Luna + Luz features modern west goods from over 200 New Mexican and small-batch makers. Middle left: Turquoise is designated as the official state gem of New Mexico. Middle right: The Farm Shop at Los Poblanos features the property's signature lavender products, the Farm Foods collection, fresh baked goods and more. Bottom: Give the gift of Albuquerque in a box by selecting a premade themed package or building your own at ABQ in a Box.

lotions and hand-crafted gifts. Browse paper goods, local art, handcrafted jewelry and more to find the ideal souvenir.

The **Farm Shop at Los Poblanos** showcases quality Southwest products, including ceramics, textiles, garden tools and kitchen ware. The stars here are products made from lavender grown right on the Los Poblanos farm. Choose a sachet, salve, lotion or candle to remind you of the heavenly scent of the lavender fields long after you return home.

NICE RING TO IT

There is no better place to find authentic Southwestern and Native American jewelry than Albuquerque. For everything turquoise, visit the gift shop at The Turquoise Museum. The Bien Mur Indian Market Center is one of the largest Native American-owned and operated art stores. You don't need to worry about quality or authenticity when shopping here. Palms Trading Co. has not only jewelry but a wide array of pottery, rugs and kachinas. By purchasing goods directly from Native American artisans, Palms offers some of the best deals around. For fine jewelry, head to Ooh! Ahh! Jewelry in Nob Hill. Known for affordable luxury, the jewelry here is exceptional and fashionable.

NO ROOM IN YOUR SUITCASE?

Almost any Albuquerque specialty can be shipped home, even 3-foot-long red chile ristras or a bushel of roasted green chile (frozen and packed in ice, of course). To keep a reminder of Albuquerque nearby, local company **ABQ in a Box** will ship a curated selection of Albuquerque favorites straight to your doorstep. Boxes are filled with unique Albuquerque treasures such as piñon coffee, lavender lip salve and green chile salsa. You can even enjoy coasters shaped like tortillas and an air freshener with the scent of freshly baked biscochitos! **O**













Take Home a Treasure From Indian Country BUY FROM MEMBERS OF FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES

The Indian Arts and Crafts Board offers a Source Directory of American Indian and Alaska Native businesses that sell authentic Indian art, available at www.doi.gov/iacb.

Under the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, it is unlawful to offer or display for sale, or sell, any art or craftwork in a manner that falsely suggests it is Indian made.

For a free brochure on the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, including how to file a complaint, please contact:

U.S. Department of the Interior Indian Arts and Crafts Board Toll Free: 1-888-ART-FAKE or 1-888-278-3253 Email: iacb@ios.doi.gov Web: www.doi.gov/iacb

Gerald Lomaventema, Hopi, Ruin Dancer @ 2022

ABQ SEASON BY SEASON

Albuquerque happenings throughout the year

ne thing visitors love about Albuquerque is its four distinct seasons. With bright autumns, mild but snowy winters, fresh springs and warm, beautiful summers, there are plenty of seasonal events and activities for every time of the year. Below is a list of just a sampling of the many incredible ways to celebrate the traditions, culture, cuisine and beauty of Albuquerque. Find the most complete and up-to-date list of events on our calendar at **VisitABO.org/events**. Schedules can change, so check with event organizers before heading over for the latest details.



JANUARY

Albuquerque Comic Con

Each January Celebrate your favorite fandom at this multiday festival that brings in enthusiasts from all over the region. **ALBUQUERQUECOMICCON.COM**



FEBRUARY

Friends & Lovers Balloon Rally

Feb. 11-12, 2023 Rise with the sun at Balloon Fiesta Park as local pilots launch more than a hundred hot air balloons in celebration of Valentine's Day. **HOTAIRBALLOONING.ORG**

New Mexico Burlesque Festival

Feb. 11-12, 2023 Some of the best burlesque acts in the nation perform on the historic KiMo Theatre stage.

FACEBOOK.COM/NMBURLESQUEFESTIVAL

USATF Indoor Track & Field and Combined Events Championships Feb. 16-18, 2023

Watch top track and field athletes race on one of the country's best indoor tracks, as well as compete in long jump, shot put, pole vault and other exciting contests. USATF.ORG/EVENTS



MARCH

National Fiery Foods & Barbecue Show March 3-5, 2023

Taste spicy food samples and shop from over 200 booths and 1,000 products at the largest spicy foods and barbecue show in the world.

FIERYFOODSSHOW.COM



NCAA Division I Indoor Track & **Field Championships** March 8-11, 2023

Don't miss the exciting action as collegiate track and field athletes compete for national titles in 34 indoor events. NCAA.COM

New Mexico United Season

March-October Join the fans cheering for New Mexico's professional soccer team, which competes in the U.S. Soccer League. NEWMEXICOUTD.COM

Duke City Gladiators Season

March-July Albuquerque's professional indoor football team plays its home games at Tingley Coliseum at EXPO New Mexico. DUKECITYGLADIATORS.COM

APRIL

Isotopes Baseball Season

April-September The Triple-A affiliate of the Colorado Rockies plays at Isotopes Park. Watch for special promotions during home games, including large fireworks shows. MILB.COM/ALBUQUERQUE



Southwest Chocolate & Coffee Fest April 1-2, 2023

Enjoy the Southwest's largest gathering of chocolatiers, coffee roasters, tea houses, cake and donut bakers, candy makers and more. CHOCOLATEANDCOFFEEFEST.COM



Gathering of Nations Pow Wow April 27-29, 2023

Soak up the enchanting sights and sounds of Native culture in America and around the globe with dance competitions that feature over 3,000 participants, the Miss Indian World Pageant, Native food and music, dances and more.

GATHERINGOFNATIONS.COM

Albuquerque's Birthday Celebration April 2023

This celebration of Albuquerque's 317th birthday honors first families and their ancestors and pays homage to the eras that define New Mexico history. Enjoy live music, dancing, food and more at the gazebo on the historic Old Town plaza. CABQ.GOV/CULTURALSERVICES

American Indian Week: Pueblo Days April 2023

Celebrate American Indian Week with a variety of festivities including Native dances, artist demonstrations and more. INDIANPUEBLO.ORG

Albuquerque Renaissance Faire April 2023

Enjoy food, music, demonstrations, arts and activities recreated from the Middle Ages. CABQ.GOV/CULTURALSERVICES



Downtown Growers Market

April-October 2023, Saturdays Enjoy Albuquerque's longest-running farmers market in downtown Albuquerque. Shop local small businesses for produce, packaged and prepared food, drinks and art. DOWNTOWNGROWERS.COM

MAY

Old Town Summer Nights Concert Series

May-August, weekends Spend a day with your loved ones in Old Town, with unique shopping, food and live music.

CABQ.GOV/CULTURALSERVICES

New Mexico Bullsnakes Season

May-September and October-March The city's professional basketball team is part of the American Basketball Association. GOBULLSNAKES.COM

Rail Yards Market

Mav-October, Sundays Part growers' market, part arts and crafts show, and always a great place to listen to music, grab a bite to eat and explore the history of the Rail Yards. RAILYARDSMARKET.ORG



Los Ranchos Growers Market

May-November, Saturdays Enjoy great local produce and live music in the village of Los Ranchos. LOSRANCHOSNM.GOV

Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival

May 6-7, 2023 Join in for a celebration of the traditions, culture and contributions of the Celtic nations to American life. **CELTFESTABQ.COM**

Hamilton

May 9-28, 2023

The touring production of the Tony-award winning Broadway musical "Hamilton" stops at Popejoy Hall on the University of New Mexico campus for a 24-show run. **POPEJOYPRESENTS.COM**

Albuquerque Wine Festival

May 27-29, 2023 Taste wines from New Mexico's finest wineries. The festival includes food, live music and arts and crafts. **NMWINE.COM**



ABQ Beer Week

May 2023 Celebrate the best local beers during ABQ Beer Week, including the Blues & Brews festival.

ABQBEERWEEK.COM

SOMOS Albuquerque

May 2023

Dive into the best of Albuquerque for a bright festival featuring larger-than-life art installations, local food, beer and wine garden, and three stages of local and national-headlining artists to suit every musical taste.



JUNE

Festival Flamenco de Alburquerque June 2023

Experience a festival that hosts more than 50 flamenco dancers and musicians from around the globe with a series of extraordinary performances and classes right here in the flamenco capital of the United States. **FFIABO.ORG**

Albuquerque Pridefest

June 4-10, 2023 Spread love at a festival that celebrates the LGBTQ community with a bright parade and over 100 vendors and performers from across the country. ABQPRIDE.COM

Heights Summerfest

June 2023

Celebrate the summer at a community gathering with live music, local businesses, food trucks and other entertainment. CABO.GOV/CULTURALSERVICES

ABQ BioPark Concert Series

June-July, Thursdays & Fridays Enjoy music under the stars at the ABQ BioPark Zoo and Botanic Garden during evenings in the summer. CABQ.GOV/BIOPARK



Under the Stars Concert Series

June-August, Fridays & Saturdays Listen to jazz music at the Albuquerque Museum's outdoor amphitheater. NMJAZZ.ORG

JULY

Freedom 4th

July 4, 2023

This all-ages event hosts one of the largest fireworks shows in the state and provides food from over 25 vendors, a walk-through car show and free kids' activities. CABO.GOV/CULTURALSERVICES

Mariachi Spectacular de Albuquerque

July 12-15, 2023

Immerse yourself in Mariachi tradition at this educational event featuring workshops, world-renowned performers, musicians and Ballet Folklorico dancers, showcasing a variety of styles.

MARIACHISPECTACULAR.COM





Lavender Festival

July 2023

This festival in the village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque celebrates agriculture and community. There are demonstrations and classes on cooking and healing with lavender, as well as arts and crafts, music, antiques and more.

LAVENDERINTHEVILLAGE.ORG

Route 66 Summerfest

July 2023

Celebrate the summer at a community gathering along Route 66 with live music, local businesses, food trucks and other entertainment.

CABQ.GOV/CULTURALSERVICES



AUGUST

Asian Expo & Marketplace

August 2023

Enjoy lion dances and live music, indulge in delicious food and drink from Asian-owned restaurants and food trucks, and explore crafts and wares from Asian vendors and artists.

ASIANEXPONM.COM

Downtown Summerfest

August 2023

Celebrate the summer at a community gathering in downtown Albuquerque with live music, local businesses, food trucks and other entertainment. CABO.GOV/CULTURALSERVICES

Westside Summerfest

August 2023

Celebrate the summer at a community gathering with live music, local businesses, food trucks and other entertainment. CABO.GOV/CULTURALSERVICES

SEPTEMBER

Harvest Wine Festival

Sept. 2-4, 2023

Come raise a glass and celebrate the grape harvest season. Sample and shop from top wineries and dine on delicious local cuisine. **NMWINE.COM**

New Mexico State Fair

Sept. 7-17, 2023

Find thrills at a nationally ranked fair featuring a PRCA Rodeo and nationally renowned country recording stars, Native American and Spanish villages, art, agriculture, animals, food, carnival rides, exhibits and shopping. **EXPONM.COM**





Ice Wolves Season September-April Cheer on New Mexico's professional hockey team at Outpost Ice Arena. NMICEWOLVES.COM

Annual ¡Globalquerque! World Music Festival

September 2023 Engage with world culture at the Southwest's premier world music multistage festival with artists from around the globe along with food, crafts, dance and music classes, and free family fun. **GLOBALOUERQUE.ORG**

¡Cine Magnífico! Albuquerque Latin Film Festival September 2023

Celebrate the advancement of Spanish, Hispanic and Latin American cultures on the big screen with a weekend of diverse cinema showcasing regional filmmakers as well as artists from across the globe. **CINEMAGNIFICO.COM**

New Mexico Prickly Pear Festival September 2023

The fruit of the prickly pear cactus, which has a flavor described as a cross between watermelon and strawberry, is used in everything from syrups and jellies to candies and margaritas. This festival celebrates the fruit and the plant, with cooking demonstrations plus ideas on how to cultivate the cactus in home gardens. **NMPRICKLYPEARFEST.COM**

Albuquerque Film & Music Experience

Sept. 27-Oct. 1, 2023 Share creativity at this premier domestic and international film and



music festival complete with individual events, food, art and panels of film industry leaders.

ABQFILMX.COM

OCTOBER

Albuquerque Grecian Festival

Oct. 6-8, 2023 Immerse yourself in the Albuquerque Greek community with sounds of the bouzóuki, the tastes of authentic Greek cuisine, and the sights of dancers streaming by in colorful dress. Enjoy shopping for imported jewelry, gifts, foods and pastries and more!

ABQGREEKFEST.COM

Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Festival Balloon Fiesta Show

Oct. 6-8 and 13-15, 2023 More than 200 jewelers, painters, sculptors, woodworkers, weavers and other fine artists from throughout the country sell their work directly to the public at this juried show. Stop at the Culinary Arts tent to purchase honeys, chocolates, drink mixes and more from the specialty food vendors.

RIOGRANDEFESTIVALS.COM

Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta®

Oct. 7-15, 2023

Ignite your sense of wonder as more than 550 hot air balloons take to the big blue Albuquerque skies for the most photographed event in the world. BALLOONFIESTA.COM



New Mexico Brew Fest

Early October 2023 One of the country's top autumn beer festivals, featuring local and regional breweries, music, food and more. NMBREWFEST.COM

Albuquerque Folk Fest

Oct. 7, 2023

With multiple performance stages, music workshops, dancing, vendors and special programming for children, this event is fun for the entire family. **ABOFOLKFEST.ORG**

Annual Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration

Oct. 9, 2023

Meet young contemporary Pueblo artists as they use this day to give a voice to the legacy of their ancestors through their art. **INDIANPUEBLO.ORG**





Day of the Tread Oct. 22, 2023 Dress yourself and your bike up for this family-oriented Halloween-themed charitable bike ride and costume contest. DAYOFTHETREAD.COM

Way Out West Film Fest

October 2023

Celebrate diversity at one of the largest attended and longest-running film festivals in the state of New Mexico representing the LGBTQ community in film and in the arts. WAYOUTWESTFILMFEST.COM

Big 5 Sporting Goods Duke City Marathon



Oct. 22, 2023 Achieve your next PR at the Duke City Marathon, one of the top 25 marathons in the world and a Boston Marathon qualifier. **DUKECITYMARATHON.COM**



NOVEMBER

New Mexico Artisan Market

Nov. 24-26, 2023 Find all types of creations by New Mexican artisans ranging from jewelry, ceramics and apparel to specialty foods. NMARTISANMARKET.COM

Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Festival Holiday Show

Nov. 24-26, 2023 Juried show featuring the work of hundreds of fine artists from throughout the country, as well as live entertainment and a culinary arts area.

RIOGRANDEFESTIVALS.COM

Annual River of Lights

End of November to end of December Enjoy the magic of millions of twinkling lights and more than 500 dazzling holiday displays at the ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden at New Mexico's largest walkthrough light show. **RIVEROFLIGHTS.ORG**





DECEMBER

Holiday Events & Luminaria Tours

Throughout December

Albuquerque's holiday traditions take on authentic flair as local storefronts, walkways and homes are lined with traditional luminarias or farolitos. Take a guided tour and experience these holiday spectacles to their fullest!

Old Town Holiday Stroll

December 2023

Delight in a traditional New Mexico experience with a stroll through the shops of the historic Old Town Plaza, just in time for the holiday season. **ALBUQUERQUEOLDTOWN.COM**

ALBOQUERQUEOLDTOWN.CC

Twinkle Light Parade

December 2023

Marvel at thousands of twinkling lights during this Route 66-inspired, familyfriendly parade that rolls through ABQ's historic Nob Hill.

CABQ.GOV/CULTURALSERVICES/ THINGSTODO

New Mexico Bowl

December 2023

One of the first games of each college football season, the New Mexico Bowl brings top competitors to University Stadium for gridiron excitement. **NEWMEXICOBOWL.COM**





First Friday ABQ Artwalk DOWNTOWN ALBUQUERQUE The first Friday of every month, downtown Albuquerque comes alive with food, music, street performers, art shows and more. ABQARTWALK.COM

Tablao Flamenco Albuquerque

800 RIO GRANDE BLVD. NW Experience authentic Spanish culture as world-class flamenco artists perform in an intimate performance setting accompanied by traditional tapas, wine and cocktails. **TABLAOFLAMENCO.ORG**

YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Native American Dances

2401 12TH ST. NW Witness sacred ceremonial dances from various Pueblos every week, year-round at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. INDIANPUEBLO.ORG

Events at Civic Plaza

1 CIVIC PLAZA

Enjoy outdoor movie nights, soccer watch parties, food festivals and more in the heart of downtown Albuquerque on Civic Plaza. **CIVICPLAZAPRESENTS.COM**





Cultural Heritage Months

Celebrate cultural heritage months with events and activities at venues throughout the city including Black History Month in February, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May, Hispanic Heritage Month in September/October, and Native American Heritage Month in November. VISITABQ.ORG/ABQ365

Performances at Popejoy Hall

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO CAMPUS Experience top-tier touring Broadway shows like *Hamilton* and *Aladdin* along with unique music and dance showcases. **POPEJOYPRESENTS.COM**



New Mexico Philharmonic Concerts

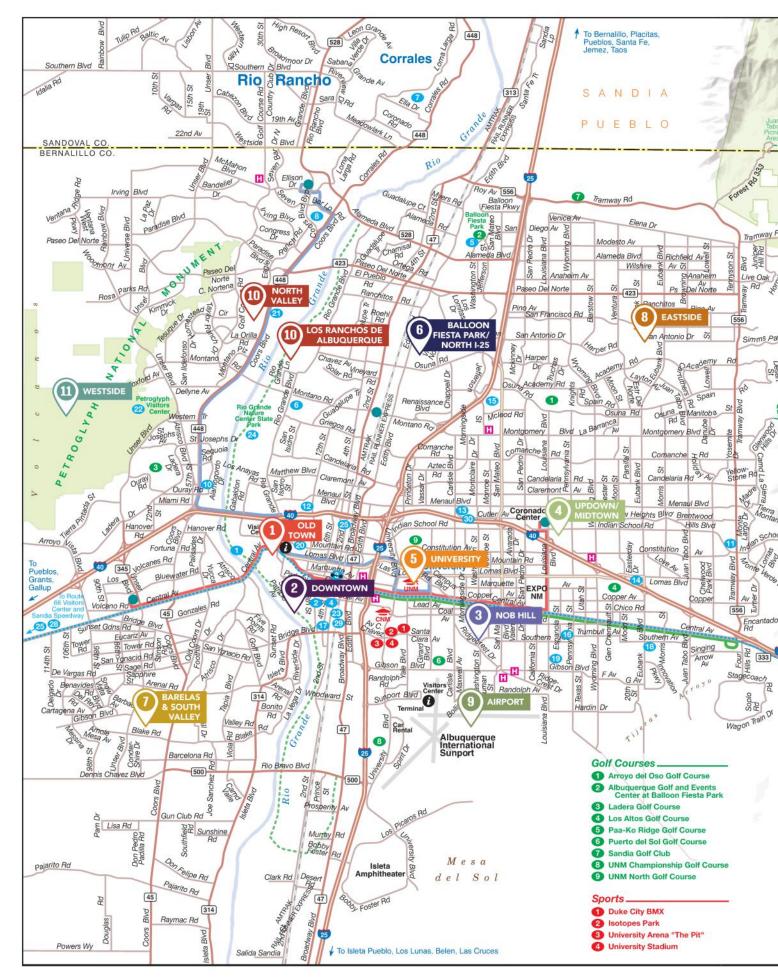
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AREA MAP & INFORMATION

SUNPORT (AIRPORT)

Major carriers and regional airlines serve the Albuquerque International Sunport (ABQ), offering nonstop flights to and from at least 20 cities. CABQ.GOV/AIRPORT

TRANSPORTATION

Affordable, convenient ground transportation options include airport shuttles, taxis, limos, rideshare services, Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART), and the **ABQ Ride** bus system. Downtown, the **Alvarado Transportation Center** is a major stop for Amtrak® and the **NM Rail Runner Express**, which offers north/south service through the metro area and Santa Fe. Convenient interstates keep city drive time to less than 20 minutes. **CABO.GOV/TRANSIT**

VISITOR INFORMATION

Stop by the **Sunport Information Center** (located on the airport's lower level, in the baggage claim area) or the **Old Town Information Center** (522 Romero St. N.W.) or call 800-284-2282. While in town, dial 311 for information on City facilities.

LOCAL TAXES & LAWS

Instead of sales tax, New Mexico levies a gross receipts tax on goods and service providers, which is passed on to the buyer. Locally, this tax is 7.75%. Hotels apply an additional 6% lodgers tax and 2% tourism marketing fee, and airport car rentals are taxed at a rate of about 23%. Note that drivers must use a hands-free device when talking on a cell phone.

See neighborhood descriptions on pages 42-47.

LEGEND

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-	University	
	Downtown Convention Center	_
	Hiking Trail	
	Paseo del Bosque Trail	
-	Rail Runner Express / AMTRAK	



ART (Albuquerque Rapid Transit)

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Explore the vibrant neighborhoods that make our city special

ALBUQUERQUE HAS CAREFULLY PRESERVED the unique personality and cultural character of its many distinct neighborhoods, which means you can discover an exciting adventure or unexpected treasure in every corner of the city. No matter what you're in the mood for, from family fun to art-filled galleries to exciting nightlife, you'll find it here.

Every neighborhood has a story to tell, and this guide offers a few ideas about what to see and do in each area. Best of all, the city is easy to get around! Numbered neighborhoods in this guide correspond with the numbers on the city map on pages 40-41.

O OLD TOWN

Albuquerque traces its 1706 founding to the plaza and traditional adobe homes of historic Old Town, a neighborhood that today remains the city's cultural heart. Always a top attraction for visitors, locals also love the area for its eclectic shopping and family-friendly activities. For a glimpse into Old Town's history, visit the museum at San Felipe de Neri Church, near the plaza. Built in 1793, it is the oldest church in Albuquerque and still serves parishioners.

🚊 SHOP

More than 150 shops and galleries surround **Old Town Plaza** and the area near the intersection of Central Avenue and

Rio Grande Boulevard. Native American artists display and sell their authentic jewelry and pottery along the sidewalks bordering the plaza, while nearby shops offer everything from fine art and designer clothing to Route 66 kitsch. Old Town is easily walkable, so be sure to include time during your visit to Albuquerque for a stroll through the entire area; there are treasures around every corner. Stop by Plaza Don Luis, on Romero Street, where you'll find Noisy Water Winery, Sheehan Winery & Tasting Room and the Lapis Room art gallery. Nearby is Luna and Luz gift shop, which specializes in small-batch apothecary items, home goods, art prints and notecards.



e PLAY

The Old Town area is home to the Albuquerque Museum, with its top collection of Southwest American art, as well as the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science, the American International Rattlesnake Museum, and ¡Explora!, a hands-on children's museum. Also nearby are the ABQ BioPark Aquarium, where you can see turtles, sharks, river otters, stingrays and more; and Botanic Garden, which features a colorful butterfly pavilion, serene Japanese garden and heritage farm.

CRAVE

With delectable treats that include craft





tacos, hand-tossed pizza and Taiyaki ice cream, everyone in your group will find something to enjoy at **Sawmill Market**, just steps from Old Town. Quench your thirst at the market's wine bar, taproom (featuring local brews) or coffee shop (featuring a different type of brew, made from locally roasted beans). This artisanal food hall, located on the site of a former lumberyard, even includes a butcher shop, a bakery and a florist.

V LOCALLY LOVED

Each Dec. 24, thousands of luminarias (also called farolitos) line the rooftops, walls and walkways of Old Town, part of a centuriesold tradition to guide the way to church on Christmas Eve. The simple lanterns, made from a brown paper bag folded at the top and filled with sand and a votive candle, cast a beautiful golden glow that no electrical string of lights can match. Year-round, locals enjoy thrilling flamenco performances at **Casa Flamenca** or **Tablao Flamenco Albuquerque** in the Old Town neighborhood, part of the reason why the city is known as the flamenco capital of North America.

O DOWNTOWN

Albuquerque's Downtown is much more than a commercial center. The neighborhoods stretching along both sides of Central Avenue from 10th Street to Interstate 25 are home to theaters, galleries, fine dining and nightlife. East Downtown (known as EDo) includes some of the city's top restaurants, while West Downtown offers a mix of trendy modern restaurants and decades-old local favorites.

🗎 SHOP

The gift shop at the **Turquoise Museum** offers jewelry ranging from necklaces and rings to belt buckles and brooches, all

featuring the striking blue-green stone. Be sure to also visit the educational exhibits at the museum, which include some of the most rare and collectible turquoise stones in the world. At **Palms Trading Company**, you'll find Native American pottery, rugs, fetishes, kachina dolls and much more.

🙂 PLAY

The performing arts shine Downtown, where you can catch live music or a theater performance almost every weekend. The **KiMo Theatre**, an Albuquerque landmark since 1927, is known for its distinctive Pueblo Deco architecture as well as for hosting everything from lectures and concerts to magic shows and movie premieres. The **Albuquerque Little Theatre** presents musicals as well as stage plays, and touring acts also stop at the **Kiva Auditorium**, Sunshine Theater and other Downtown performance venues.

CRAVE

The **505 Central Food Hall**, in the heart of Downtown, offers something for everyone. East Downtown offers some of Albuquerque's best cuisine at spots such as **The Grove Café & Market**, Farina Pizzeria and Artichoke Café, while Downtown proper has options that range from sushi and teriyaki at **Diaz Kitchen & Sushi Bar** to Spanish tapas at **MÁS – Tapas y Vino** at **Hotel Andaluz**. You can cool off with a local craft beer at **Marble Brewery**, **Red Door Brewing Company** or **Rio Bravo Brewing Company**.

LOCALLY LOVED

ABQ Artwalk is a monthly event (usually on the first Friday) when Downtown galleries, artists' studios, restaurants, breweries and coffee shops stay open late to showcase the city's vibrant arts community. Food trucks, street performers and farmers offering local produce are part of the fun, and DJs, solo musicians and bands play on outdoor and indoor stages.

3 5 NOB HILL & UNIVERSITY

From contemporary art to craft beer to upscale dining, the trendy Nob Hill neighborhood and the bustling area around the University of New Mexico's main campus offer plenty of local color and flavor. Businesses in the highly walkable Nob Hill neighborhood are committed to maintaining the area's retro style, with vintage neon signs and distinctive midcentury architecture. It is a great place to grab a bite, share a beer and check out the overall vibe.

🗎 SHOP

Cowboys & Indians Antiques has an impressive collection of Western memorabilia and Native American art. You'll find belt buckles, Native American pottery and jewelry, weavings, Old West antiques and more. For hand-crafted home décor ranging from vases to textiles, visit **Sukhmani Jewelry & Home**, where you'll also find unique jewelry imported from around the world that features designs incorporating topaz, opal, onyx, amber, jade and more.

🙂 PLAY

At the Empire Board Game Library, you can choose from more than 800 games on their shelves and play on the premises for a per-person hourly rental fee. Central Avenue in Nob Hill also is the spot for people watching, classic car shows, the Albuquerque Pride Parade, Route 66 Summerfest, the holiday Twinkle Light Parade and much more.

CRAVE

With its casual atmosphere and gourmet toppings (offering everything from shrimp and salmon to pine nuts and green chile), **II Vicino Wood Oven Pizza** is a perfect place to relax after a day of shopping. Local favorite **M'Tucci's Bar Roma** is located in a historic building that originally was a



Ford showroom in the late 1930s. Today, you can enjoy a Campari or Aperol cocktail on the large patio while watching people stroll along old Route 66, or savor housemade pasta or gnocchi before heading out for a night at the theater. Nearby, **Tractor Brewing Company**, which has three locations in Albuquerque including its Nob Hill taproom, always has at least a dozen craft beers on tap, ranging from IPAs and pilsners to porters and stouts.

V LOCALLY LOVED

The expansive UNM campus isn't just for students. Catch a Broadway show at **Popejoy Hall** (including the touring company of "Hamilton" from May 9-28, 2023), visit the "People of the Southwest" exhibit at the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, explore the collection at the UNM Art Museum, or grab a pastry and an Americano or cappuccino from **Humble Coffee Company** and then head over to the UNM Duck Pond for a picnic on the lawn.

UPTOWN/MIDTOWN

You'll find an enticing variety of entertainment, shopping and dining options in the Uptown and Midtown area, including many national chains.

🗎 SHOP

Three major shopping areas can be found in Uptown. **Coronado Center** is home to national retailers including Sephora, the Container Store, H&M and Urban Outfitters as well as entertainment options that include a bowling alley and an escape room. ABQ Uptown is an outdoor mall that includes upscale retailers such as Anthropologie, Lululemon, Pottery Barn and Williams-Sonoma, as well as the state's only Apple Store. Close by is Winrock Town Center, which features local specialty retailers as well as leading national brands.

🙂 PLAY

Dave and Buster's, at Winrock Town Center, offers classic arcade games as well as virtual reality games that are popular with the entire family. In September, the New Mexico State Fair brings a midway carnival as well as art exhibits, livestock shows, baking contests and cultural performances to **EXPO New Mexico**, located in Midtown. Nearby, find **Stone Age Climbing Gym**, which offers top rope and sport climbing routes inside a cavernous building several stories tall.

I CRAVE

Fogo de Chão Brazilian Steakhouse, located at Coronado Center, is famous for its churrasco grill and feijoada bar. Cheesecake Factory, Ruth's Chris Steak House and the Melting Pot are other





big-name chains with locations in the Uptown area of Albuquerque. Also in the neighborhood is **Japanese Kitchen Steakhouse**, a locally owned favorite that offers Teppan-style meals prepared by skilled chefs who put on a show right at your table. Closer to Midtown is the **Ranchers Club of New Mexico**, located in the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, which specializes in succulent cuts of meat grilled over aromatic wood embers.

V LOCALLY LOVED

The African American Performing Arts Center, located on the grounds of EXPO New Mexico, is dedicated to preserving history and celebrating cultural diversity. Its rotating shows, exhibits and presentations shine a spotlight on local African American artists and issues. The outdoor Flea Market at EXPO New Mexico is a great place to find trinkets and treasures. It is open every Saturday and Sunday (weather permitting).

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Locals broadly refer to the area of town north of I-40 and east of I-25 as "The Heights," a reference to its higher elevation in the city compared to the river valley below. Composed of dozens of neighborhoods, this area is a mix of homes, offices, restaurants and breweries, as well as open space preserved for biking and hiking trails.

🗎 SHOP

At the Anderson-Abruzzo International Balloon Museum Shoppe, hot air

ballooning is celebrated on T-shirts, ornaments, home décor, jewelry and more. Proceeds from Shoppe sales support educational programs of the museum. For one of the largest collections of Native arts and crafts in the Southwest, visit **Bien Mur Indian Market Center**, which is owned and operated by the Pueblo of Sandia. You'll find authentic pottery, sand paintings, drums, blankets, rugs and jewelry made by Native American artisans throughout the state.

🙂 PLAY

Great hiking and mountain biking trails on the Eastside are just minutes from the city, yet give you the feeling of being far from urban life. Trailheads in the Sandia foothills are accessible from the eastern ends of several streets including Spain, Candelaria, Menaul, Copper and Montgomery. The Elena Gallegos Open Space, east of Tramway Boulevard, includes a network of multiuse trails and offers picnic facilities. For a more strenuous hike, the 8-mile La Luz Trail climbs from an elevation of 7,000 feet to Sandia Crest at over 10,000 feet. The crest is also accessible via the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway, the longest aerial tram in North America. It glides from the city's foothills to the 10,378-elevation of Sandia crest in about 15 minutes.

II CRAVE

TEN 3, located on Sandia Peak and accessible by tram ride, offers unparalleled views from its perch on the edge of the mountain. By day, hikers and day trippers enjoy sandwiches and snacks in the casual bar. At night, guests savor fine dining options that include steaks and seafood. Savoy Bar & Grill is another fine dining spot on the Eastside, where the chefs highlight local ingredients in their dishes. For a more casual vibe, head to the **County** Line of Albuquerque, which specializes in comfort foods like BBQ ribs and brisket, macaroni and cheese, and peach cobbler. Perfect spots on the Eastside to satisfy your craving for chile include Papa Felipe's Mexican Restaurant, Tomasita's Albuquerque and Monroe's Restaurant.

V LOCALLY LOVED

The **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta®** isn't just for visitors. Whether it's the first time or the 20th time they've experienced it, locals are enthralled by the sight of hundreds of hot air balloons lifting off during a morning mass ascension. Be sure to stop at one of the many food vendors on site to get a hand-held breakfast burrito – this portable meal, said to have originated at the Fiesta in the 1970s, is perfect to carry with you onto the field and will help power you through the morning!

O BARELAS & SOUTH VALLEY

Bursting with cultural attractions, Barelas and the South Valley thrum with vibrant color and events. The **South Broadway Cultural Center**, a home for local and regional artists, is a great place to begin an exploration of the neighborhood. The center offers classes, art exhibits and performances year-round.

🗎 SHOP

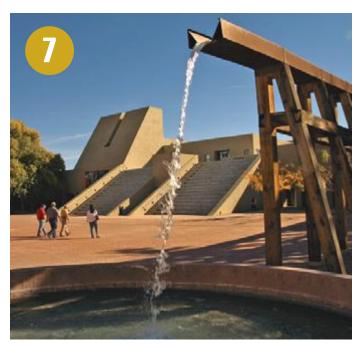
Every Sunday from May through October, the **Rail Yards Market** is the place to shop for locally grown produce, arts and crafts, clothing and much more. Located in the former blacksmith shop for the AT&SF Railway, the market also incorporates food trucks, live music and educational demonstrations, bringing new life to a building rich in local history.

🙂 PLAY

More than 900 exotic and native animals are on display in naturalistic habitats at the **ABQ BioPark Zoo**, including penguins, polar bears, hippos, kangaroos and Mexican Gray wolves. Kids will love the children's playground, animal encounter shows and story time at the zoo.

🖲 LEARN

One of the South Valley's gems is the Gutiérrez Hubbell House, an adobe structure from the 1860s. Today, it is home to an interpretive garden and museum that hosts events throughout the year such as farming workshops. Look for educational and artistic exhibits at the museum celebrating Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) in October and early November. Farther south along the Rio Grande lies the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge. Managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this property has earned designation as an Urban National Wildlife Refuge and is dedicated to conserving native plant life and animal habitat, especially for threatened or endangered species.





VINCALLY LOVED

The **National Hispanic Cultural Center** showcases performing arts, visual arts and literary arts through its exhibits and events. Dedicated to preserving Hispanic history and celebrating Hispanic culture, the center includes three theaters, an art museum, a library and a genealogy center. It's also home to "Mundos de Mestizaje," a fresco that chronicles thousands of years of Hispanic history. At 4,000 square feet, it is among the largest frescos in North America.

AIRPORT & SOUTHEAST

Located in the southeastern quadrant of the city, the **Albuquerque International Sunport** is less than 10 minutes from the **Albuquerque Convention Center** and Downtown hotels and just 15 minutes from historic Old Town or the Uptown area. Near the Sunport are hotels, restaurants and the city's large sporting venues. The International District, just north of the airport and part of the city's southeast quadrant, is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the city and features a large number of international restaurants and grocery stores.

🗎 SHOP

The kiosks and storefronts at the Albuquerque International Sunport offer travelers much more than the typical souvenir T-shirt. Here you'll find Southwestern jewelry and apparel, leather goods, framed posters, books by local authors, and locally produced candies, perfumes and lotions. Be sure to make time before or after your next flight to browse through the specialty shops and pick up a gift for yourself or someone at home. Talin Market, located in the International District, is a local favorite. It features specialty grocery items from around the world at this large market, ranging from spices, teas and candies to wine, fresh fish, noodles and dumplings.

e PLAY

Albuquerque's main sporting venues are clustered along University Boulevard. The Albuquerque Isotopes, the city's minor league baseball team, play at Isotopes Park from April through September. The park is also where you can cheer on the **New** Mexico United professional soccer team, whose season runs March through October. Just across the street from Isotopes Park is University Stadium, where the **UNM Lobo** football team plays its home games and fans enjoy tailgating in the parking lot. In December the stadium hosts the New Mexico Bowl, which is traditionally one of the first games of the college bowl season. Also in the neighborhood is University Arena, known as "The Pit," home court of the UNM men's and women's basketball teams.

II CRAVE

The root of the kava plant is used to make a drink that's known for its stress-relieving properties and mood-lifting effects. Taste it at **Pureland Kava & Tea Bar**, which offers traditional kava drinks, flavored kava, kombucha, botanical seltzers and more. You can even take home a growler filled with kava or powdered kava to mix your own.

V LOCALLY LOVED

The International District Harvest Market showcases local small businesses and highlights community placemaking. Entrepreneurs ranging from artists and farmers to micro-retailers display their wares

at this outdoor market, which also hosts community movie nights and food trucks.

IOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE & NORTH VALLEY

This neighborhood stays true to Albuquerque's agricultural roots, offering an escape to a slower pace steeped in tradition and dedicated to preserving our city's rural heritage.

🗎 SHOP

The Farm Shop at Los Poblanos will delight your senses with its luxurious bath and body products, artisanal baked goods and wide selection of organic foods, many featuring lavender grown on the farm. The antique shops along North 4th Street in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque are a fun place to find unexpected treasures. Hunt for vintage housewares, antique furniture and fine jewelry at A Few Old Things – Antiques and Collectibles.

B PLAY

Explore the Rio Grande, which flows through the heart of the city, from the vantage point of a stand-up paddleboard or kayak. **MST Adventures** offers lessons, equipment rentals and guides. For a slower change of pace, visit the **Rio Grande Nature Center State Park**, which offers birdwatching opportunities throughout the year and serves as an access point to hiking and biking trails in the bosque (the shady, cottonwood-lined riverbank).

II CRAVE

Want to taste your way through the village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque and the

North Valley? First, savor award-winning wines at the tasting room at **Casa Rondeña Winery**, a vineyard nestled in a bucolic, old-world setting. Next, drop by **Steel Bender Brewyard** for burgers, brats and craft beer. End your culinary tour by treating yourself to a biscochito, an aniseflavored cookie, at **Celina's Biscochitos** or handcrafted confection at **Eldora Chocolate**.

V LOCALLY LOVED

Spend any time at all in Albuquerque and you'll soon understand why the locals love chile so much. From late August through October, participate in a New Mexican tradition by picking and roasting your own green chile at **Big Jim Farms** (they'll ship it for you). And if you're visiting friends or family in Albuquerque, it's just about guaranteed that they'll treat you to an authentic red or green chile meal at one of the North Valley staples, **Sadie's of New Mexico** or **El Pinto Restaurant**. Both are favorites with locals, but we love to share them with visitors!

O WESTSIDE

The area west of the Rio Grande is a busy suburban neighborhood that many Albuquerqueans call home. It also offers a growing list of attractions, activities and dining options that are worth adding to your plans.

🗎 SHOP

With more than 120 stores, numerous restaurants and a movie theater with stadium-style seating, **Cottonwood Mall** is the Westside's largest shopping center. From the latest designer fashions to musthave toys, the mall's specialty retailers offer something for everyone.

e PLAY

Electric Playhouse immerses visitors into a high-tech world where they interact with their environment and each other to solve puzzles and play games. Through the use of projection mapping, the walls and floors come alive as you play virtual dodgeball or kickball, race through electronic mazes or fend off digital space invaders.

CRAVE

The **Salt Yard West**, located near Cottonwood Mall, has an extensive drink list and a shareable menu featuring tacos, nachos, smothered fries and chicken wings. Watch your favorite sports team on the indoor and outdoor big screens at the bar, play cornhole or shuffleboard with your friends or enjoy live music on the patio on the weekends.



V LOCALLY LOVED

Petroglyph National Monument is one of the largest petroglyph sites in North America. Native American and Spanish settlers carved designs and symbols onto the area's volcanic rocks as they traveled through the area 400 to 700 years ago. It's estimated that there are more than 25,000 petroglyph images within the monument boundary. Hike the trails and see how many you can find! **O**

> Numbered neighborhoods correspond to the city map on pages 40-41.





FAMILY-FRIENDLY ADVENTURES

BY STEVE LARESE

Albuquerque enjoys a diverse range of activities that kids — and their adults — love. From cool museums to thrilling amusement parks, Albuquerque offers adventures for everyone in the family.

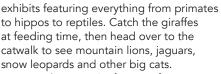
The ABQ BioPark comprises the Zoo, Aquarium, Botanic Garden and Tingley Beach and provides fun for the whole family.

The **ABO BioPark** is a peaceful oasis in the middle of the city. The BioPark system consists of four attractions, all nestled along the Rio Grande.

At the **ABO BioPark Aquarium**, a 285,000-gallon ocean habitat is home to sharks and sea turtles that glide past visitors and diners at the **Shark Reef Café**. The jellyfish and rays are fascinating to watch, and individual aquariums hold dozens of colorful species of fish. Here is also where you'll also find Chaos and Mayhem, the river otters whose playful antics delight visitors as they splash about in their pond.

At the adjacent **ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden**, kids love exploring the Children's Fantasy Garden with its gigantic (model, don't worry) plants and bugs, giving visitors an Alice-in-Wonderland experience. The beautiful gardens and butterfly exhibit are at their peak in the spring and summer, while the model railroad captures children's attention year-round.

The **ABQ BioPark Zoo** is home to a walk-through "Penguin Chill" exhibit that allows guests to watch the penguins above and below the water line, as well as Top: The nine-acre Heritage Park at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History features planes, rockets, missiles, cannons and a nuclear sub sail and is one of the museum's most popular attractions. Right top: One of the highlights of the ABQ BioPark Aquarium is a 285,000-gallon tank that is home to sharks, sea turtles and more. Right middle: Electric Playhouse is a digital gaming wonderland, where the building itself responds to your movement and the content is constantly changing. Right bottom: Dinosaur sculptures welcome visitors to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science.



Near the zoo, **Tingley Beach** is a favorite park for fishing, with stocked ponds for anglers 12 and younger. It's also a great spot to have a picnic, sail a model boat or just enjoy a relaxing walk while watching birds and other wildlife.

In Old Town, come nose-to-nose with rattlesnakes (through safety glass) and other reptiles at the **American International Rattlesnake Museum**, where exhibits of live rattlesnakes and other reptiles explain the importance of these oft-misunderstood creatures to New Mexico's ecosystem.

Nearby, the **New Mexico Museum** of Natural History & Science displays skeletons of towering dinosaurs that once roamed New Mexico, and visitors can watch as technicians carefully grind rock away from dinosaur bones in the museum's laboratory. Interactive displays allow guests to walk through a volcano, drive a Mars Rover and learn about New Mexico's contributions to many scientific fields.

Located across from the natural history museum, **¡Explora!** is a hands-on science center and children's museum, although adults also have a great time learning about physics, hydrology, music and other STEM areas through hands-on, openended play.

At the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History, New Mexico's crucial role in the building of the world's first atomic bomb, and the role that nuclear energy plays in both war and peace, are examined. Interactive exhibits and artifacts from the Manhattan Project — the code name for the top-secret New Mexico-based endeavor that produced the first atomic bombs — are presented. Nuclear energy's role in medicine is explored, and pop culture's take on atomic energy throughout the decades — both pro and con — is discussed. On the museum's grounds are a B-52, B-29 and other historic military planes and equipment.



Nestled in the cottonwood forest called the bosque along the Rio Grande, the **Rio Grande Nature Center State Park** has tree-shaded walking paths and turtle-filled ponds with birding blinds. The visitor center has hands-on exhibits geared toward kids explaining the ecology of this important river to a myriad of animal and plant species. Trails that lead into the bosque and to the river can be accessed from the nature center, as can the paved Paseo del Bosque Trail that leads to the zoo and Tingley Beach.

The **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center** celebrates New Mexico's ancient and vibrant Pueblo cultures that today comprise 19 communities throughout the state, and is the place for kids and adults to learn about and appreciate the many contributions of Pueblo culture to New Mexico and beyond. Pueblo culture, history, art and food are explained and shared, and Pueblo artists, writers, poets, and musicians share their talents. On weekends Native dancers showcase their skills in the outdoor plaza.

Fun for kids and adults, **Electric Playhouse** is a warehouse-sized space that uses interactive sound and video to immerse families in active play. Visitors of all ages play games that have them jumping over virtual obstacles, battling alien spaceships with real dodgeballs, solving mazes, playing air hockey and more. At **Main Event**, enjoy video games, laser tag, bowling and an indoor ropes course.

Play miniature golf, Bazooka Ball and arcade games, drive go-carts or scale a climbing tower at **Hinkle Fun Center**, and scream while riding the rollercoaster, log flume and other adrenaline-producing rides at Cliff's Amusement Park. Catering to absolute beginners as well as serious athletes, **Stone Age Climbing Gym** has two locations in Albuquerque and is open to all ages and skill levels. Kids love the climbing wall at the north location that leads to a slide for adventurous laps, and helpful staff provides pointers and makes sure kids are safely harnessed to tackle bigger walls.







CHOOSE YOUR OWN

FAMILY ADVENTURE

Vacationing with children creates memories that last a lifetime, for both you and them. Children will fondly remember time spent traveling as a family long after they've outgrown the souvenir T-shirts. No matter their ages or their interests, Albuquerque has something for every kid and kid at heart.



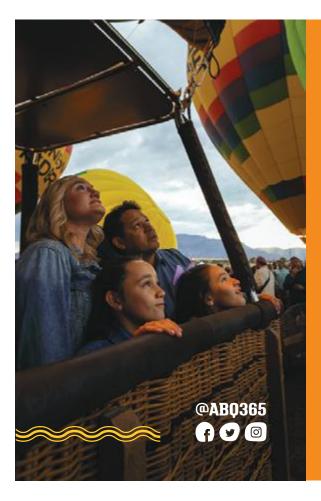
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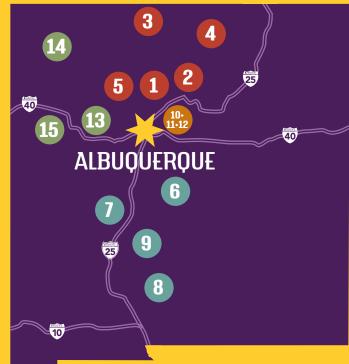
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DAY TRIPS

Within a few hours' drive of Albuquerque (or less), you can visit a 1,000-year-old Native American Pueblo, hike through unique geological formations, enjoy some of the country's best birding and travel along beautiful scenic byways.



NORTH

Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument (55 mi.)

Hike among the otherworldly cone-shaped rock formations formed by volcanic eruptions more than 6 million years ago.

2 Santa Fe (67 mi.)

The state capital and one of the largest art markets in the world is easily accessed by car or via the NM **Rail Runner Express**.

Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad (175 mi.)

Named one of the best train rides in America by USA Today, this authentic steam narrow-gauge train travels between New Mexico and Colorado.

4 Taos (137 mi.)

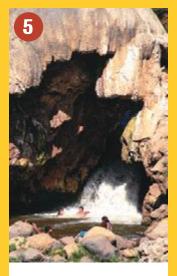
This longtime arts community is home to many galleries and museums showcasing regional artwork as well as Taos Pueblo, one of the state's three UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

SOUTH

6 Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument (100 mi.)

Located near Mountainair, these three distinct sites stand as reminders of the Spanish and Pueblo peoples' early encounters and offer a glimpse into history.





Jemez Mountain Trail National Scenic Byway

This 132-mile loop takes drivers northwest of Albuquerque through the breathtaking village of Jemez Springs (home to Jemez Hot Springs) and past some of the state's most aweinspiring geological wonders, such as the Valles Caldera National Preserve Battleship Rock and Bandelier National Monument.

7 Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge (90 mi.)

This premier refuge boasts world-renowned birdwatching, particularly during November when the Festival of the Cranes celebrates its winter residents with ranger-led nature walks, photography workshops and more.





8 White Sands National Park (225 mi.) This national park encompasses 275 square miles of vast wave-like dunes of gypsum, perfect for all providing endless hours of family fun.

9 **Spaceport America** (150 mi.) The Gateway to Space and the world's first purpose-built Spaceport offers private tours with advance reservations.

EAST

Wildlife West Nature Park (35 mi.) View rescued animals in their natural habitat at this 122-acre nature park located east of Albuquerque in Edgewood.

1 Tinkertown Museum (30 mi.) This whimsical folk art museum, open April through October, showcases miniature handcarved wood dioramas.



WEST

13 Acoma Pueblo (70 mi.)

Visit the **Sky City Cultural Center & Haak'u Museum** to learn more about the 367-foot-tall sandstone mesa-top community—one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements in North America.

4 Chaco Culture National Historic Park (160 mi.)

Coined the Machu Piccu of North America and a designated International Dark Sky Park, Chaco Culture protects ancient buildings that testify to the organizational and engineering abilities of the Ancestral Puebloan people. Explore the area with **Heritage Inspirations**, leading day tours and overnight glamping tours departing from Albuquerque's **Hotel Chaco**.

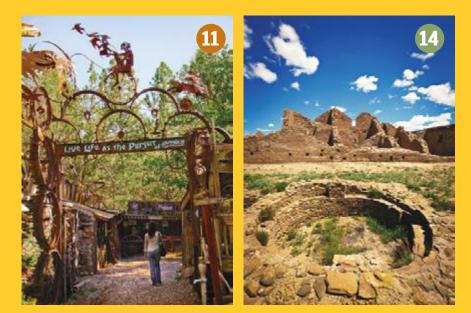
15 El Malpais National Monument (80 mi.) Known as the land of fire and ice, the richly diverse volcanic landscape of El Malpais (elmal-pie-EES) features lava flows, cinder cones, lava tube caves and sandstone bluffs and offers solitude, recreation and adventure.

Map is not to scale. All mileages are approximate.



Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway

Enjoy a scenic drive from Albuquerque to Santa Fe while passing through the mining towns of Golden, Madrid, and Cerrillos, which are alive with art, crafts, theater, music, museums and restaurants.



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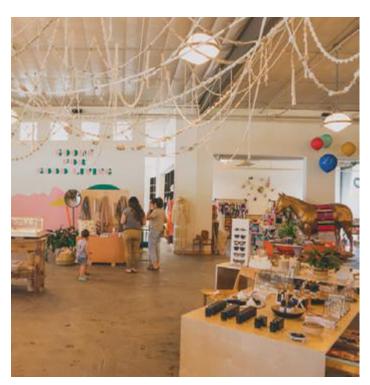
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ABQ GRILL-SHERATON ALBUQUERQUE UPTOWN 2600 Louisiana Blvd. N.E., (505) 881-0000, www.Marriott.com/abqsi Continental and Southwestern specialities. 法 异 似	B, L, D		•		4	
AMERICAN BISTRO RESTAURANT – HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES – NORTH I-25 5050 Jefferson St. N.E., (505) 944-2222; (800) 465-4329, www.holidayinn.com Cozy restaurant with traditional All-American meals at reasonable prices. 读	B, D		•		6	
BLAKE'S LOTABURGER® Over 35 locations in Albuquerque, (505) 884-2160, www.lotaburger.com Award winning green chile cheeseburgers and hearty breakfast burritos. 读	B, L, D			•		
CAMPO AT LOS POBLANOS 4803 Rio Grande Blvd. N.W., Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM 87107 (505) 338-1615; (855) 486-1380 LosPoblanos.com/Dining Featuring artisan ingredients from our farm and local growers. Reservations encouraged.	D		•	•	10)
CARRIE'S RESTAURANT – THE CLYDE HOTEL 330 Tijeras Ave. N.W., (505) 302-6930; (800) 619-5632, www.ClydeHotel.com Carrie's embodies the spirit of a bygone era where quality and service take center stage. &	B, L, D		•		2	
CIELO SANDIA – ALBUQUERQUE MARRIOTT HOTEL 2101 Louisiana Blvd. N.E., (505) 881-6800; (800) 334-2086, www.marriott.com/abqnm Featuring American cuisine. 法 牵 保障	B, L, D		٠		4	
COFFEE 505 GRAB-N-GO BREAKFAST – DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL ALBUQUERQUE 201 Marquette Ave. N.W., (505) 247-3344; (800) 222-TREE, www.Albuquerque.DoubleTree.com Featuring Starbucks® coffees and teas, fresh fruit cups, yogurt parfaits, assorted bakeries and breakfast burritos. &	В			•	2	
CYPRUS GRILLE – EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON ALBUQUERQUE 1000 Woodward Pl. N.E., (505) 245-7100; (800) EMBASSY www.albuquerque.embassysuites.com Full-service casual Southwestern dining. க்	L, D		•		2	
DAUBER'S GRILL – ISLETA RESORT & CASINO 11000 Broadway Blvd. S.E., (505) 724-3800; (877) 747-5382, www.isleta.com Enjoy the convenience of a dedicated Bingo Snack Bar. 🛓 🛱 AD PAGE 1	L, D				12	2
DUKE'S BAR & GRILL – RAMADA PLAZA BY WYNDHAM 2020 Menaul Blvd. N.E., (505) 884-2511; (866) 650-4900, www.wyndhamhotels.com/ramada Featuring Southwestern and American cuisine. Nightly dinner specials and gift shop. & 🛱	D		•		5	
FARM & TABLE 8917 4th St. N.W., (505) 503-7124, <mark>www.farmandtablenm.com</mark> Local and seasonal cuisine in a beautiful atmosphere. 该 资	D	•		•	10)

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FATBURGER – ISLETA RESORT & CASINO 11000 Broadway Blvd. S.E., (505) 724-3800; (877) 747-5382, www.isleta.com Serving fresh, made to order meals and hand scooped ice cream. 法 ᇢ AD PAGE 1	L, D					12
THE GARDEN GRILLE – HILTON GARDEN INN ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL CENTER 5320 San Antonio Dr. N.E., (505) 314-0800, www.albuquerquejournalcenter.hgi.com Cooked to order breakfast. Dinner and drinks available daily. 法 の (明)	B, D		•	٠		6
GARDEN GRILLE RESTAURANT & BAR – HILTON GARDEN INN AND HOMEWOOD SUITES ALBUQUERQUE DOWNTOWN 222 Central Ave. S.E., (505) 808-1041 AlbuquerqueDowntown@hws.com & AlbuquerqueDowntown@hgi.com Serving a wide selection of traditional and regional favorites. 法 谷	B, D		•	•		2
THE GROVE CAFE & MARKET 600 Central Ave. S.E., Ste. A, (505) 248-9800, <mark>www.thegrovecafemarket.com</mark> Breakfast, brunch and lunch. Fine coffee and tea, beer, wine and mimosas. ද් දි	B, L	•		•		2
LAGUNA BURGER 2400 12th St. N.W., (505) 352-8282, thelagunaburger.com Always fresh, never frozen, cooked to order and served in a clean, comfortable, friendly atmosphere. 法 异	L, D		•	•		10
LEFT TURN AT ABQ – SHERATON ALBUQUERQUE AIRPORT HOTEL 2910 Yale Blvd. S.E., (505) 843-7000; (800) 227-1117 www.sheratonalbuquerqueairporthotel.com Upscale Southwestern cuisine featuring mountain and city views. 法 导	B, L, D		•			9
LEVEL 5 ROOFTOP RESTAURANT & LOUNGE – HOTEL CHACO 2000 Bellamah Ave. N.W., (505) 246-9989; (855) 997-8208, www.hotelchaco.com Breathtaking views and culturally alive community-fused cuisine. ඡ්	D		•	٠		1
LOUNGE 201 & PATIO – DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL ALBUQUERQUE 201 Marquette Ave. N.W., (505) 247-3344, (800) 222-TREE, www.Albuquerque.DoubleTree.com Enjoy al fresco dining at our patio. &	L, D		•	٠		2
MA-TU-EY – ISLETA RESORT & CASINO 11000 Broadway Blvd. S.E., (505) 724-3800; (877) 747-5382, www.isleta.com Enjoy the convenience of a dedicated Snack Bar. AD PAGE 1						12
PYRAMID 51 – ALBUQUERQUE MARRIOTT PYRAMID NORTH 5151 San Francisco Rd. N.E., (505) 821-3333, www.marriott.com/abqmc American cuisine. 佉 때	B, L, D		•			6
REVEL BURGER 4720 Alexander Blvd. N.E., (505) 303-4700, <mark>www.RevelBurger.com</mark> Angus beef green chile burgers. Home of The Jawbreaker! ද්	L, D		•	•	•	8
RIO GRANDE LOUNGE – HYATT REGENCY TAMAYA RESORT & SPA 1300 Tuyuna Trl., Santa Ana Pueblo, NM 87004, (505) 771-6160; (800) 233-1234, www.Hyatt.com Comfortable lounge with patio seating and gorgeous sunset mountain views. 🕁 🛱	L, D		•		•	12
SANTA ANA CAFÉ – HYATT REGENCY TAMAYA RESORT & SPA 1300 Tuyuna Trl., Santa Ana Pueblo, NM 87004, (505) 771-6161; (800) 233-1234, www.Hyatt.com Casual indoor and outdoor dining with beautiful views. हे 🛱	B, L, D		•	•	•	12
SAVOY BAR AND GRILL 10601 Montgomery Blvd. N.E., (505) 294-9463, <mark>www.savoyabq.com</mark> Offering salads, fresh seafood, steaks, and special wine events. Reservations accepted. క్రీ	D		•	•	•	8
SEASONS ROTISSERIE & GRILL 2031 Mountain Rd. N.W., (505) 766-5100, <mark>SeasonsABQ.com</mark> Fresh, seasonal cuisine and award-winning wine list. Rooftop patio.	L, D		•	•	•	1

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SHARK REEF CAFÉ – ABQ BIOPARK 2601 Central Ave. N.W., (505) 848-7182, www.abqbiopark.com Full-service restaurant. Catering services available. 法 尊 AD BACK COVER	B, L	•		•		1
SIXTY-SIX ACRES 2400 12th St. N.W., Building B North, (505) 243-2153, www.SixtySixAcres.com A modern bar and grill locally owned serving lunch and dinner daily. 读 资	L, D		•	•		10
SLATE AT THE MUSEUM 2000 Mountain Rd. N.W., Inside Albuquerque Museum, (505) 243-2220 www.slatestreetcafe.com/slate-at-the-museum A contemporary café serving freshly prepared foods both savory and delicious. #	B, L			•		1
SOL CAFE – SHERATON ALBUQUERQUE UPTOWN 2600 Louisiana Blvd. N.E., (505) 881-0000, www.Marriott.com/abqsi Tasty grab-and-go fare breakfast bites, sandwiches and salads.						4
WILD AVOCADO CORK & TAP – BEST WESTERN PLUS RIO GRANDE INN 1015 Rio Grande Blvd. N.W., (505) 217-1619; (800) 959-4726, www.riograndeinn.com Generous New Mexican breakfast items, cocktail service, room service. कु	B, D		•		•	1
WOWZA BURGER – NATIVO LODGE 6000 Pan American Fwy. N.E., (505) 798-4300; (855) 997-8221, www.NativoLodge.com/Local Menu specialties include the New Mexico Tortilla Burger and Sopaipilla Style Pizza. க்	D		•			6
ASIAN AZUMA SUSHI & TEPPAN – SAN MATEO 4701 San Mateo Blvd. N.E., (505) 880-9800, www.Azuma-Sushi-Teppan-ABQ.com Voted 'Best of the City' for 10 years! ج	L, D	•				8
AZUMA SUSHI & TEPPAN – WYOMING 8104 Wyoming Blvd., Ste B, (505) 821-3583, www.Azuma-Sushi-Teppan-ABQ.com Voted 'Best of the City' for 10 years! في	L, D	•				8
DIAZ KITCHEN & SUSHI BAR 118 Central Ave. S.W., (505) 369-1747, DiazKitchenandSushiBar.com Letting the good times roll with Diaz Kitchen & Sushi Bar.	B, L, D					2
JAPANESE KITCHEN STEAKHOUSE 6521 Americas Pkwy. N.E., (505) 884-8937, <mark>www.JapaneseKitchen.com</mark> After 40 years, still "Ah So Good"! 读 尊	L, D		•			4
PANDA EXPRESS – ISLETA RESORT & CASINO 11000 Broadway Blvd. S.E., (505) 724-3800; (877) 747-5382, www.isleta.com Serving Asian inspired favorites in the Isleta Food Court. È, ₽ AD PAGE 1	L, D					12
TAKUMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 2100 Louisiana Blvd. N.E., Ste. 800, (505) 508-3091, www.TakumiBBQ.com First Japanese BBQ in Albuquerque with Teppan grill and Sushi bar. 法	L, D	•		•		4
BAKERY GOLDEN CROWN PANADERIA (NEIGHBORHOOD BAKERY) 1103 Mountain Rd. N.W., (505) 243-2424; (877) 382-2924, www.goldencrown.biz Featured on the Food Network. Biscochitos and original New Mexico green chile bread. 该省	B, L, D	•		•		1
LA MADELEINE FRENCH BAKERY AND CAFE 2110 Louisiana Blvd. N.E., (505) 274-7555, LaMadeleine.com Homemade food and heartfelt conversation. Patisseries, coffees, soups, salads, sandwiches and more. 点 ロ	B, L, D			•		4
RUDE BOY COOKIES 1916 Central Ave. S.E., Ste. E, (505) 200-2235, RudeBoyCookies.Square.Site Co-Owner is a Food Network Baking Champion. 法				•		5
RUDE BOY COOKIES – AVANYU 2500 12th St. N.W., Unit E, Ste. 3, (505) 451-2875, RudeBoyCookies.Square.Site Co-Owner is a Food Network Baking Champion. 法				•		10
YUMMY'S MINI DONUTS AND ICE CREAM 1 Central Ave. N.W., Ste. D, (505) 308-3571, YummysABQ.Square.Site Fresh mini donuts and ice cream. Choose glazes and toppings. க்				•		2



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BARBEQUE						
THE COUNTY LINE OF ALBUQUERQUE 9600 Tramway Blvd. N.E., (505) 856-7477, www.countyline.com Beautiful southwestern roadhouse. Legendary slow-smoked barbeque and homemade sides. 法 单 俗	L, D		•	•	•	8
RUDY'S "COUNTRY STORE" & BAR-B-Q® 2321 Carlisle Blvd. N.E., (505) 884-4000, www.rudys.com Eat-in, take-out, catering, limited outdoor dining, group meals. 读 俗	B, L, D	•		•		5
RUDY'S "COUNTRY STORE" & BAR-B-Q® 2 10136 Coors Rd. N.W., (505) 890-7113, <mark>www.rudys.com</mark> Eat-in, take-out, catering, limited outdoor dining, group meals.	B, L, D	•		•		6
COFFEE HOUSE						
CAFFEINA'S – EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON ALBUQUERQUE 1000 Woodward Pl. N.E., (505) 245-7100; (800) EMBASSY, www.albuquerque.embassysuites.com Serving gourmet coffee, pastries, salads and sandwiches. க்	B, L					2
H UMBLE COFFEE COMPANY – DOWNTOWN 505 Central Ave. N.W., Ste. C, (505) 609-7099, www.facebook.com/humbledowntown Quality craft coffee for the Downtown and Nob Hill neighborhoods. ය්	B, L					2
HUMBLE COFFEE COMPANY – NOB HILL 4200 Lomas Blvd. N.E., Ste. C, (505) 289-7099, humble-732507.square.site Quality craft coffee for the Downtown and Nob Hill neighborhoods. க்	B, L					4
JAVA SOL – ALBUQUERQUE MARRIOTT PYRAMID NORTH 5151 San Francisco Rd. N.E., (505) 821-3333, www.marriott.com/abqmc Enjoy a quality Starbucks coffee or other beverage today.						4
STARBUCKS – THE CLYDE HOTEL 330 Tijeras Ave. N.W., (505) 302-6930, <mark>www.ClydeHotel.com</mark> Downtown Albuquerque's favorite neighborhood Starbucks. 法	B, L			•		2
TRADING POST – HYATT REGENCY TAMAYA RESORT & SPA 1300 Tuyuna Trl., Santa Ana Pueblo, NM 87004, (505) 771-6161; (800) 233-1234, www.Hyatt.com Freshly brewed Starbucks coffee. Burritos sandwiches, salads, and snacks. &	B, L					12
CONTINENTAL & INTERNATIONAL						
D.H. LESCOMBES WINERY & BISTRO 901 Rio Grande Blvd. N.W., Ste. B-100, (505) 317-3998, lescombeswinery.com A unique dining and wine-tasting experience in the heart of Old Town. 法 俗	L, D	•		•	•	1
FOGO DE CHAO BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE 6600 Menaul Blvd. N.E., Space M006, (505) 396-7200, FogodeChao.com At Fogo, we provide an experiential dining event that our guests will remember forever. ය්	L, D		•	•	•	4
TUCANOS BRAZILIAN GRILL 110 Central Ave. S.W., (505) 246-9900, www.tucanos.com Open daily for lunch and dinner. Unlimited Churrasco–fresh grilled, seasoned beef, poultry and seafood. යු	L, D		•			2
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ATUSH BAR & GRILL – HYATT REGENCY TAMAYA RESORT & SPA 1300 Tuyuna Trl., Santa Ana Pueblo, NM 87004, (505) 771-6224; (800) 233-1234, www.Hyatt.com Located at the Twin Warriors Golf Clubhouse. க்	B, L		•	•		12
JASON'S DELI – NORTH 5920 Holly Avenue N.E., Ste. A, (505) 821-7100, <mark>www.jasonsdeli.com</mark> Fresh salads, soups, heart-healthy sandwiches and huge baked potatoes. Catering and delivery. 法	B, L, D					6

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JASON'S DELI – UPTOWN 2105 Louisiana Blvd. N.E., (505) 881-6700, www.jasonsdeli.com Fresh salads, soups, heart-healthy sandwiches and huge baked potatoes. Catering and delivery. 读	B, L, D					4
JASON'S DELI – WESTSIDE 3410 State Hwy. 528 N.W., Ste 101, (505) 897-2200, www.jasonsdeli.com Fresh salads, soups, heart-healthy sandwiches and huge baked potatoes. Catering and delivery. 读	B, L, D					11
P'A SHUR DELI – SANDIA RESORT & CASINO 30 Rainbow Rd. N.E. (I-25 & Tramway), (505) 796-7500; (800) 526-9366, www.sandiacasino.com Burgers, hot dogs, Frito Pie and more. Fast, casual and delicious! 迭 毎	B, L, D					12
ROADRUNNER GRILL – SANDIA RESORT & CASINO 30 Rainbow Rd. N.E. (I-25 & Tramway), (505) 796-7500; (800) 526-9366, www.sandiacasino.com Burgers, sandwiches, green chile stew, Frito Pie, ice cream. New Mexico favorites. 🛓 🛱	B, L, D					12
FOOD HALLS						
505 CENTRAL FOOD HALL 505 Central Ave. N.W., (505) 503-8777, <mark>505Central.com</mark> Albuquerque's downtown urban food hall featuring nine local vendors. ද්	L, D		•	•	•	2
SAWMILL MARKET 1909 Bellamah Ave. N.W., (505) 563-4473, <mark>SawMillMarket.com</mark> Artisanal food hall that celebrates culinary traditions and emerging trends. Ġ	B, L, D		•	•	•	1
ICE CREAM/FROZEN YOGURT CHILL – ISLETA RESORT & CASINO 11000 Broadway Blvd. S.E., (505) 848-1921; (877) 747-5382, www.isleta.com Beat the heat with a tasty ice cream treat from Chill. 读 异 AD PAGE 1						12
ITALIAN						
M'TUCCI'S BAR ROMA 3222 Central Ave. S.E., Route 66 & Wellesley Dr. S.E., (505) 508-3948, www.mtuccis.com/barroma Serious Italian dining in a warm environment. दे	L, D		•	•	•	3
NEW MEXICAN, NATIVE AMERICAN & MEXICAN						
CASA DE BENAVIDEZ 8032 Fourth St. N.W., (505) 898-3311, www.casadebenavidez.com Best chile and carne adovada in New Mexico. Award-winning salsa. ද්	B, L, D		•	•	•	10
CHILE RISTRA – ISLETA RESORT & CASINO 11000 Broadway Blvd. S.E., (505) 724-3800; (877) 747-5382, www.isleta.com Sample the authentic flavors of the Southwest in a diner atmosphere. 🛓 🛱 AD PAGE 1	B, L, D		•			12
CHURCH STREET CAFÉ 2111 Church St. N.W., (505) 247-8522, www.churchstreetcafe.com Recipes four generations old. The best in New Mexican cuisine. On sunny days ask to be seated in our secret garden. Patio dining. Vegetarian meals available. 该俗	B, L, D	•		•	•	1
EL PINTO AUTHENTIC NEW MEXICAN RESTAURANT 10500 Fourth St. N.W., (505) 898-1771, www.elpinto.com Voted Best New Mexican Food. Family owned since 1962. 法 俗	L, D		•	•	•	10
GARDUÑO'S AT OLD TOWN RESTAURANT & CANTINA 800 Rio Grande Blvd. N.W., Inside Hotel Albuquerque, (505) 843-6300; (866) 505-7829 www.HotelABQ.com Authentic regional New Mexican cuisine. Indoor and outdoor patio dining. 读	B, D		•	•		1
ICON BISTRO – DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL ALBUQUERQUE						
201 Marquette Ave. N.W., (505) 247-3344; (800) 222-TREE, www.Albuquerque.DoubleTree.com Enjoy true New Mexican dishes along with traditional American cuisine. &	В		•			2
INDIAN PUEBLO KITCHEN 2401 12th St. N.W. (Indian Pueblo Cultural Center), (505) 724-3510; (866) 855-7902 IndianPuebloKitchen.org A unique Indigenous dining experience with creative Native American culinary artist and celebrated Pueblo hospitality. 法 命 谷 AD PAGES 15 & 55	B, L	•		•		10
MONICA'S EL PORTAL RESTAURANT 321 Rio Grande Blvd. N.W., (505) 247-9625, www.Facebook.com/MonicasElPortalRestaurant Homemade New Mexican food. Located in Old Town. 法 谷	B, L, D	•		•		1

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MONROE'S RESTAURANT – DOWNTOWN 1025 4th St. N.W., (505) 242-1111, <mark>monroeschile.com</mark> A family-owned traditional New Mexican restaurant since 1962. க்	B, L, D	•		•		2
MONROE'S RESTAURANT – NORTHEAST HEIGHTS 6051 Osuna Rd. N.E., (505) 881-4224, <mark>monroeschile.com</mark> A family-owned traditional New Mexican restaurant since 1962. க்	B, L, D	•		•		8
PAPA FELIPE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT 9800 Menaul Blvd. N.E., (505) 292-8877, <mark>www.papafelipes.com</mark> Experience the Flavor of New Mexico. Traditional New Mexican Cuisine.	L, D		•			8
SADIE'S OF NEW MEXICO 6230 Fourth St. N.W., Los Ranchos de Albuquerque NM 87107, (505) 345-5339 www.sadiesofnewmexico.com Albuquerque's "People's Choice" for the Best New Mexican Dining. 法 果 俗	B, L, D		•	•		10
SADIE'S ON ACADEMY 5400 Academy Rd. N.E., (505) 821-9034, www.sadiesofnewmexico.com Albuquerque's "People's Choice" for the Best New Mexican Dining. 读 异	L, D		•	•		6
STONESTREET – CROWNE PLAZA ALBUQUERQUE 1901 University Blvd. N.E., (505) 884-2500, www.crowneplaza.com/albuquerque American cuisine with a strong taste of the Southwest. ය්	В					5
TOMASITA'S ALBUQUERQUE 4949 Pan American Fwy. N.E., (505) 344-1204, Tomasitas.com Traditional New Mexican comfort food for Albuquerque. Red or green? ද් 🛱	L, D		•			6
PIZZA IL VICINO WOOD OVEN PIZZA 3403 Central Ave. N.E., (505) 266-7855, <mark>ilvicino.com</mark> Four New Mexico locations. Gourmet pizza, fresh-made sandwiches, salads, and lasagnas. 该	L, D	•		•		3
JC'S NEW YORK PIZZA DEPARTMENT 215 Central Ave. N.W., Ste. 1-B, (505) 766-6973, www.jcnypd.com Specializing in thin crust NY-style pizza, calzones, hot Italian sandwiches. Delivery, catering, private event space. दे द्व	L, D	•		•		2
PIZZA 9 2641 Coors Blvd. N.W., Ste. E, (505) 831-6463, <mark>www.pizzanine.com</mark> Chicago Style Pizza and more. Delivery and carry-out available. दुं	L, D					11
SPANISH/MEDITERRANEAN CHELLO GRILL 5010 Cutler Ave N.E., Unit A1, (505) 881-2299, www.chellogrill.com Authentic Persian cuisine at affordable prices. Combos start at \$13.99. 衍	L, D			•		4
MÁS – TAPAS Y VINO AT HOTEL ANDALUZ 125 Second St. N.W., (505) 242-9080, <mark>www.hotelandaluz.com</mark> Modern Spanish cuisine, Tapas experience. 法 谷	B, L, D		•	•	•	2
STEAK & SEAFOOD BIEN SHUR ROOF TOP RESTAURANT & LOUNGE – SANDIA RESORT & CASINO 30 Rainbow Rd. N.E. (I-25 & Tramway), (505) 796-7500; (800) 526-9366 www.sandiacasino.com/dining Upscale, distinctive dining, with panoramic views. <i>Wine Spectator</i> awards. ද් ශ	D		•		•	12
EMBERS STEAK & SEAFOOD–ISLETA RESORT & CASINO 11000 Broadway Blvd. S.E., (505) 244-8288; (877) 747-5382, www.isleta.com Embers serves enticing appetizers, signature steaks, seafood and chicken. & A AD INSIDE FRONT COVER	D		•			12

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ANP 5200	ETARIAN IAPURNA'S WORLD VEGETARIAN CAFE - EUBANK Eubank Blvd. N.E., Ste. E-7, (505) 275-2424, www.chaishoppe.com anic vegan/vegetarian restaurant with made from scratch kitchen. 法	B, L, D					8
2201	IAPURNA'S WORLD VEGETARIAN CAFE – SILVER ST. Silver St. S.E., (505) 262-2424, <mark>www.chaishoppe.com</mark> anic vegan/vegetarian restaurant with made from scratch kitchen. ද්	B, L, D			•		5

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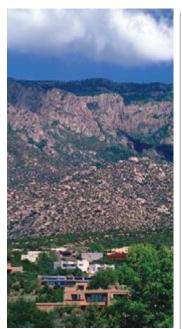
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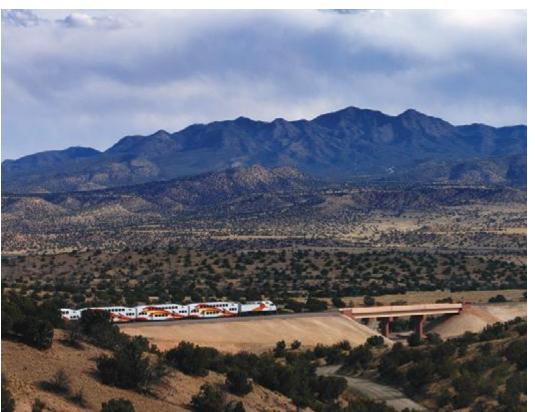
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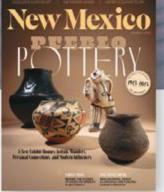
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