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ALBUQUERQUE

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Location

THE HEART OF NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque is easy to reach; the city is serviced daily by direct and nonstop flights on major airlines, and is a regular stop on Amtrak trains.



Once you've arrived in Albuquerque, you'll find that traffic moves smoothly with an average inner-city drive of less than 20 minutes. Interstates 25 and 40 are Albuquerque's major thoroughfares, intersecting in the center of the city. Albuquerque has a variety of public transportation options; you can catch a ride on the buses that service all parts of the city or ride the Rail Runner, a commuter rail that runs south to Belen and north to Santa Fe.



DAY TRIPS

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

Visitor Information

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Your #1 resource for Albuquerque information.

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Official Albuquerque Visitors Guide & Vacation Planner.

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Experience



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Located in central New Mexico, Albuquerque is the largest city in the state and is the ideal location to experience the authentic Southwest. Diverse cultures, arts and traditions have shaped the centuries-old story of Albuquerque. Come experience the history that continues to unfold. Visit www.itsatrip.org for more information.

OVER 300 YEARS OF HISTORY

The Albuquerque area has been inhabited by American Indians for hundreds of years. The present-day city was founded in 1706 when Governor Francisco Cuervo y Valdez penned a letter to the Duke of Albuquerque reporting that he had founded a villa along the banks of the Rio Grande. Since then, the city—named after the Duke—has grown from a tiny settlement of families to a rich metropolis of more than 800,000 people. Experience the city where the people and culture are interwoven into the fabric of time and history.



Kim Ashley

Sunshine



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AVERAGE
SPRING
70°

AVERAGE
SUMMER
90°

AVERAGE
AUTUMN
70°

AVERAGE
WINTER
50°

Albuquerque has 310 days of sunshine a year! A mild climate with four distinct seasons and very low humidity help keep every season comfortable.

Flavor



For every palate and pocketbook, Albuquerque has an abundance of dining choices. Here, you can enjoy the delights of traditional New Mexican cuisine and wine, explore the differences between green and red chiles, sample ethnic dishes from around the world, or dine on the sophisticated edge of culinary invention.

Treasure

Handmade Southwestern jewelry and art will provide tangible keepsakes of your unforgettable experience. From small boutiques to major department stores, handmade crafts to exotic imports, you are sure to find what you're looking for.



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Arts & Culture

As a nationally-ranked arts destination, Albuquerque boasts a thriving scene including more than 100 galleries and studios and a diverse performing arts community. Experience music, theater, dance, poetry and live performances year-round. For more information, visit www.itsatrip.org/arts-culture.



INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER

The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center showcases the distinctive art, history and culture of New Mexico's 19 pueblos. Jewelry, pottery, leather crafts and paintings are on display and available for sale and the restaurant serves authentic Native American food. On weekends you can enjoy Native American dances and craft demonstrations.

THE NATIONAL HISPANIC CULTURAL CENTER

The National Hispanic Cultural Center is dedicated to preserving the rich artistic and cultural heritage integral to the Hispanic community worldwide. The center features a visual arts museum, a performing arts center and an amphitheater, plus educational community outreach programs.



SKY CITY CULTURAL CENTER

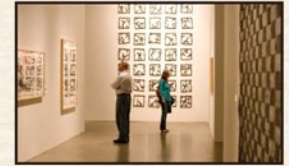


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The Sky City Cultural Center and Haak'u Museum strive to preserve Native American traditions while providing insight into the unique history of the Acoma Pueblo Indians. The Cultural Center offers guided tours, Acoma pottery and Native American crafts for sale by local artisans, cultural exhibits, and a host of performances and events.

Museums

Albuquerque has more than 16 museums with a wide variety of themes. Following is just a glimpse of our great museums. For a complete list of museums, visit www.itsatrip.org/activities.



ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM OF ART & HISTORY A museum featuring contemporary, regional and historical art exhibitions as well as a sculpture garden.

ANDERSON-ABRUZZO ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON MUSEUM A museum dedicated to the art, culture, history, science and sport of lighter-than-air craft.

¡EXPLORA! New Mexico's premier hands-on science learning center for children of all ages.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE & HISTORY The nation's only Congressionally chartered museum of nuclear science and history.

NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY & SCIENCE Dinosaurs, Extreme Screen Dyna Theater, a Planetarium and STARTUP: Albuquerque and the Personal Computer Revolution exhibit all highlight this museum.



Events

Albuquerque is bursting at the seams with spectacular events year-round. Events include professional and amateur sporting events, theatre, music and dance performances, fairs and festivals, and many more. Major annual events include Gathering of Nations Pow Wow, Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta® and the New Mexico State Fair. For a complete, updated list of Albuquerque events, visit www.itsatrip.org/events.

Outdoors



Spectacular year-round weather makes for exceptional outdoor activities. Whether your taste is for hiking, biking, rafting, tennis, soaring, hang gliding, jeep tours, mountain climbing, horseback riding, fishing, or skiing, Albuquerque has the activity for you. Visit www.itsatrip.org/outdoors for more information.

Golf



The Albuquerque area features affordable nationally acclaimed golf courses that are among the best in the country. From desert links to parkland to mountain courses, we offer arguably the most diverse golf experience available in one area. Learn more at www.itsatrip.org/golf.

Ballooning

Don't pass up the chance to sail the sunny, blue skies of the world's hot air ballooning capital. Find out how at www.itsatrip.org/balloon



Around Town

DOWNTOWN - THE DISTRICT

Downtown is the center of Albuquerque's nightlife scene with a variety of restaurants, theatres, bars, clubs, shopping and galleries.

HISTORIC NOB HILL

Neon lights illuminate the distinctive roadside architecture of Nob Hill along Historic Route 66 (Central Ave.). Nob Hill offers local flair with boutique shopping, eclectic dining and exciting nightlife.



HISTORIC OLD TOWN

This site of Albuquerque's founding in 1706 is noted for Pueblo-Spanish style architecture. Visitors stroll the brick paths to more than 100 stores, galleries, restaurants and distinguished museums.

UPTOWN

As the heart of the city's modern shopping and business district, Uptown boasts shopping with national chains and fine dining. Visit Expo New Mexico for sporting events, concerts, festivals and more.

Attractions

Albuquerque's attractions offer intrigue and education for visitors of all ages. Attractions include nature centers, amusement parks, golf courses, scenic areas, historic sites, casinos, spas, wineries and much more. Below is just a sample of the many attractions Albuquerque has to offer:

ALBUQUERQUE BIOLOGICAL PARK

The Bio Park consists of the Albuquerque Aquarium, Rio Grande Botanic Garden, Rio Grande Zoo and Tingley Beach. The park features one of the leading zoos in the nation, a 285-gallon shark tank, a 10,000 sq. ft. conservatory, a Japanese and Children's Fantasy Garden, a Heritage Farm, and much more.

SANDIA PEAK AERIAL TRAMWAY

The world's longest single-span aerial tramway transports visitors above deep canyons and breathtaking terrain via a 2.7 mile cable to the serenity of the mountain's 10,400 foot peak for a view that encompasses up to 11,000 square miles.

PETROGLYPH NATIONAL MONUMENT

The monument contains the world's largest accessible collection of prehistoric rock art. More than 20,000 ancient petroglyphs are carved into the remnants of dormant volcanoes on Albuquerque's westside.



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