TOP THINGS TO DO IN ALBUQUERQUE

Both traditional and modern, equal parts cool and quaint, Albuquerque is an oasis set in the high desert, full of people with rich histories and inspiring ideas you won't find anywhere else. Immerse yourself in a destination where no visitor has the same experience. There is truly no city like it.

- **Historic Old Town**: Visit the city's 318-year-old cultural heart, including San Felipe de Neri Church, the oldest building in the city. Explore more than 150 shops, galleries and restaurants featuring Southwestern artwork, pottery and classic New Mexican food.
- **ABQ BioPark:** Stop and smell the roses at the award-winning Botanic Garden, fish the outdoor lakes at Tingley Beach, or experience Albuquerque's wild side at the Zoo or Aquarium all are part of the premier ABQ BioPark.
- **City Tours**: Enjoy a myriad of walking, biking and self-guided tours. Some specialty tours focus on specific niches in Albuquerque, like Breaking Bad filming locations or local ghosts. Experience Albuquerque by trolley with TourABQ's "Best of ABQ City Tour."
- **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**: As the gateway to New Mexico's 19 Native American Pueblos, this cultural center features authentic dance performances, various museum exhibits and the delicious Indian Pueblo Kitchen restaurant.
- World-Class Museums: As a top-rated city for museums, there is something to suit every taste. You'll find museums devoted to everything from art and history (the Albuquerque Museum) to snakes (the American International Rattlesnake Museum) to the Southwest's favorite gem (the Turquoise Museum). The National Museum of Nuclear Science & History, the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science, and Explora science center and museum are fun for science buffs of all ages.
- Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway: Take a mile-high ride above the city on North America's longest aerial tramway and marvel at endless views of the Land of Enchantment. Dine more than 10,000 feet up at Ten 3, the restaurant located at the top of the tram.
- National Hispanic Cultural Center: Don't miss the largest concave fresco in North America, Frederico Vigil's "Mundos De Mestizaje," inside the Torreón at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. A performing arts complex hosts musicals, plays and other performing arts. The NHCC also features an art museum, a library, a genealogy center and a gift shop.
- **Outdoor Recreation:** Exploring Albuquerque's scenic nature, high altitude and temperate climate makes for a one-of-a-kind outdoor experience. The surrounding mountainous terrain is a paradise for hikers and bikers, while the interconnected trail system throughout the city is ideal for outdoor recreation right in the city. The Paseo del Bosque Trail is an easily accessible 16-mile multi-use route enjoyed by walkers, runners, cyclists, and even horseback riders.
- Hot Air Balloon Rides: Experience a soaring view of Albuquerque through a hot air balloon ride offered by various local companies year-round in the hot air ballooning capital of the world.
- **Local Cuisine:** Albuquerque's authentic cuisine is heavily influenced by the Spanish, Native American and Mexican cultures that shape the city's diversity. Chile is the key ingredient featured in a variety of dishes to enhance the flavor.











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