For a first trip to Albuquerque, put these stops on the list of things to do. From a tram ride that overlooks the city to a cruise down the historic Route 66 highway, these experiences are quintessentially Albuquerque.

Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway
Start your adventure at North America’s longest aerial tramway, the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway. The 2.7-mile trip whisks visitors up to the 10,378-foot peak of the Sandia Mountains where a spectacular panorama view of the city awaits. At the top, grab a drink or a bite to eat at High Finance Restaurant. Head back to the base of the tram for a margarita at Sandiago’s or a visit to the New Mexico Ski Hall of Fame.
TIME TO ALLOCATE: 2 hours
MORE INFORMATION: www.SandiaPeak.com

Shop in Historic Old Town Albuquerque
With more than 150 shops and galleries plus great restaurants and places to stay, Albuquerque’s Historic Old Town neighborhood offers something for everyone. There are companies that guide groups on outings ranging from ghost to trolley tours in this fun historic district. Visitors can stroll the plaza and pick up a piece of Southwestern jewelry from one of the many vendors.
TIME TO ALLOCATE: 4 hours (let your group spend an entire morning or afternoon in Old Town)
MORE INFORMATION: www.OldTownABQ.com

Visit a Museum
There are so many group-friendly museums in Albuquerque, the only challenge will be picking one! Groups enjoy the personal attention and education they receive at Old Town’s Turquoise Museum and the history exhibited at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History (a Smithsonian affiliate museum). The city also has many arts and cultural museums to explore, from the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and National Hispanic Cultural Center to the Albuquerque Museum, which recently introduced a new permanent exhibit called Only In Albuquerque that showcases the city’s unique history.
TIME TO ALLOCATE: Varies depending on the museum
MORE INFORMATION: www.VisitABQ.org/museums