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**MEETINGS IN ALBUQUERQUE**

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# ABOUT ALBUQUERQUE

## CULTURE

Albuquerque is a vibrant blend of Native American and Hispanic cultures, creating a uniquely rich and diverse identity. Known for its distinctive blend of traditions, art and cuisine, Albuquerque celebrates its multicultural heritage with a deep connection to the land and history.

## NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE

New Mexico is home to 23 Native American tribes, including 19 Pueblos, and their rich culture is a cornerstone of Albuquerque's identity. Many of these tribes are located in the surrounding areas, each with its own unique traditions, languages and art forms. The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque gives visitors an intimate educational look into the Native American story and the strong history that has shaped Albuquerque over centuries.



## HISPANIC & LATIN CULTURE

Albuquerque's Hispanic culture is deeply woven into the fabric of the city, with roots dating back to the early Spanish settlers. The city itself is named after the Duke of Albuquerque, and this rich heritage is reflected in the city's architecture, festivals, art and cuisine. The National Hispanic Cultural Center is a wonderful resource for visitors to deepen their understanding of the city's Hispanic heritage.

## INNOVATION

Albuquerque is a hub of innovation, offering a dynamic environment for meetings and conferences. The city is home to cutting-edge industries in technology, aerospace and alternative energy, all fueled by a collaborative spirit between local businesses, universities and research institutions. The city's growing innovation district and vibrant entrepreneurial scene provide unique opportunities with the latest in tech advancements, creative spaces and forward-thinking companies.



# CONVENTION CENTER

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The Albuquerque Convention Center, managed by ASM Global, is a versatile venue located in the heart of downtown Albuquerque, designed to accommodate groups of all sizes and event types. With more than 270,000 square feet of flexible event space, it serves as a premier destination for conferences, trade shows, concerts and cultural events, making it a central hub for both business and entertainment in the city. With a prime location surrounded by hotels, restaurants and attractions, the Albuquerque Convention Center provides unmatched convenience and amenities, all while offering visitors a rich experience of the city's history, culture and culinary scene.

- Located within walking distance of over 900 hotel rooms
- Easy access to Interstates 25 and 40
- Exceptional service from trained professionals
- An on-site preferred audio-visual provider
- Competitive electric rates
- Free Wi-Fi throughout complex
- Computer networking
- Convenient on-site business center
- 718 covered parking spaces
- Versatile public areas
- 167,562 total square feet of exhibit space (including 106,200 clear-span)

- 2,350-seat auditorium
- 31 meeting rooms
- 31,000-square-foot ballroom
- Capable of handling more than 9,000 attendees
- Outdoor special event staging area



## CIVIC PLAZA

Just west of the Convention Center is Albuquerque's newly renovated Civic Plaza. This city-centric outdoor space provides the perfect venue for opening receptions, special events, group gatherings, family activities, food festivals, local markets, live performances, interactive art, and much more while featuring one of Albuquerque's greatest assets, sunshine.

# ALBUQUERQUE CONVENTION CENTER

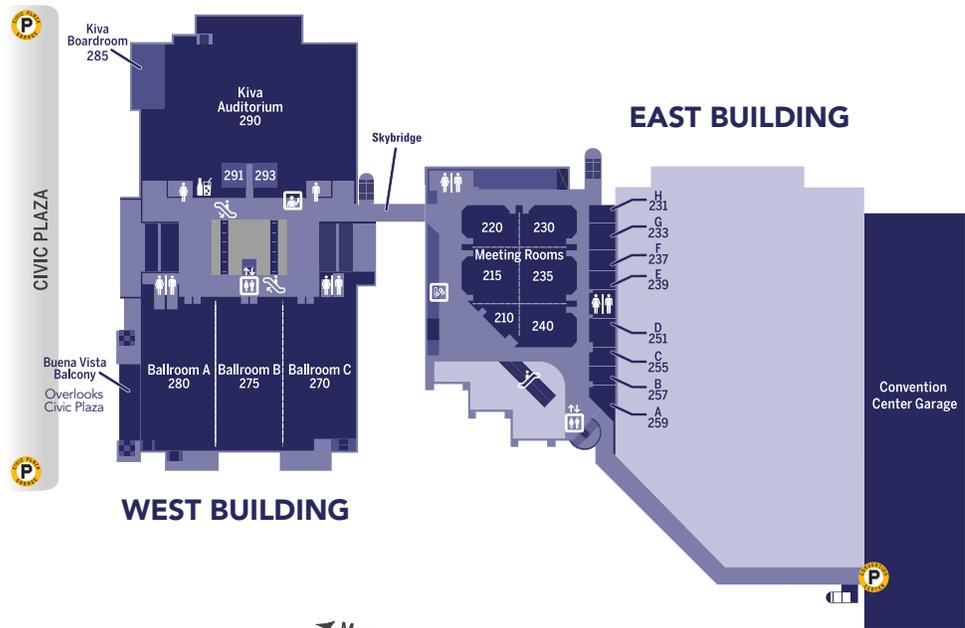
## UPPER LEVEL

### WEST BUILDING

- Kiva Auditorium
  - » Box Office
  - » Concessions
  - » Kiva Boardroom
- Ballroom A, B, C
  - » Buena Vista Balcony
  - Overlooks Civic Plaza
- Skybridge to East Building

### EAST BUILDING

- Meeting Room 210-240
- Suite A-H
- Convention Center Parking



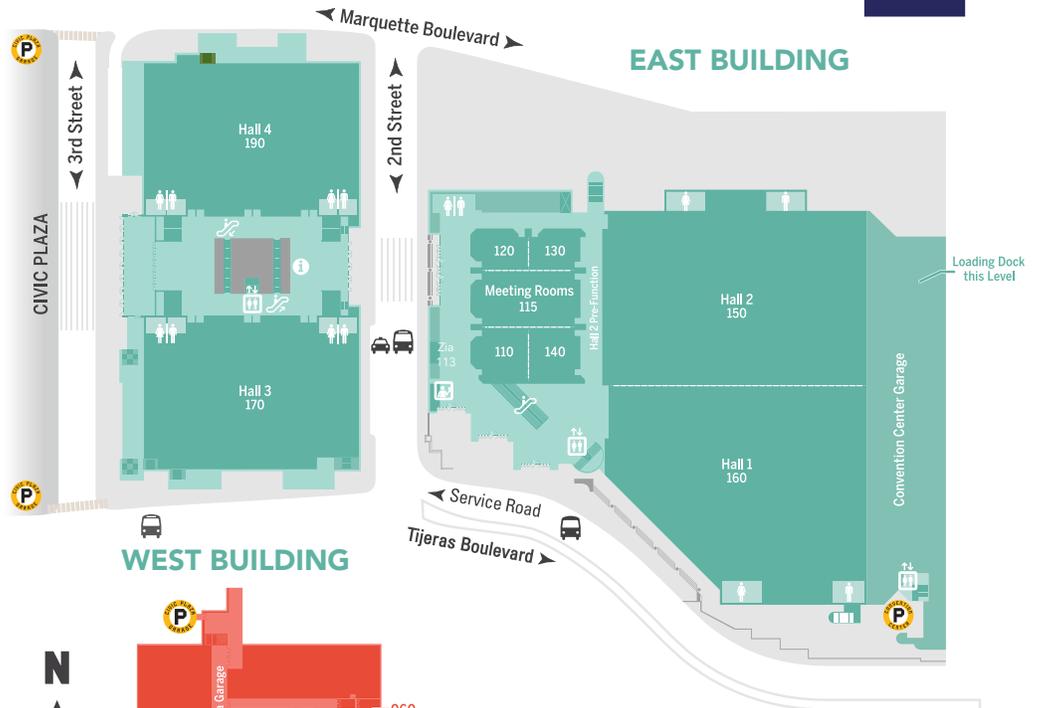
## MAIN LEVEL

### WEST BUILDING

- Hall 3 & 4
- Guest Services
- Civic Plaza Outdoor Event Space
- 2nd Street Entrance

### EAST BUILDING

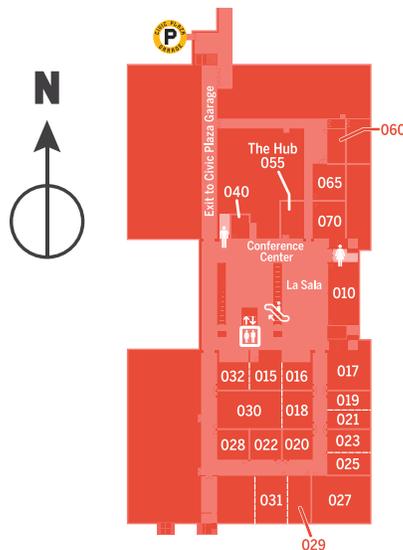
- Hall 1 & 2
- Meeting Room 110-140
- Zia Lounge 113
- Box Office
- 2nd Street Entrance
- Tijeras Boulevard Entrance



## LOWER LEVEL

### WEST BUILDING

- Conference Center
- The Hub 055
- La Sala (Lounge)
- Civic Plaza Parking



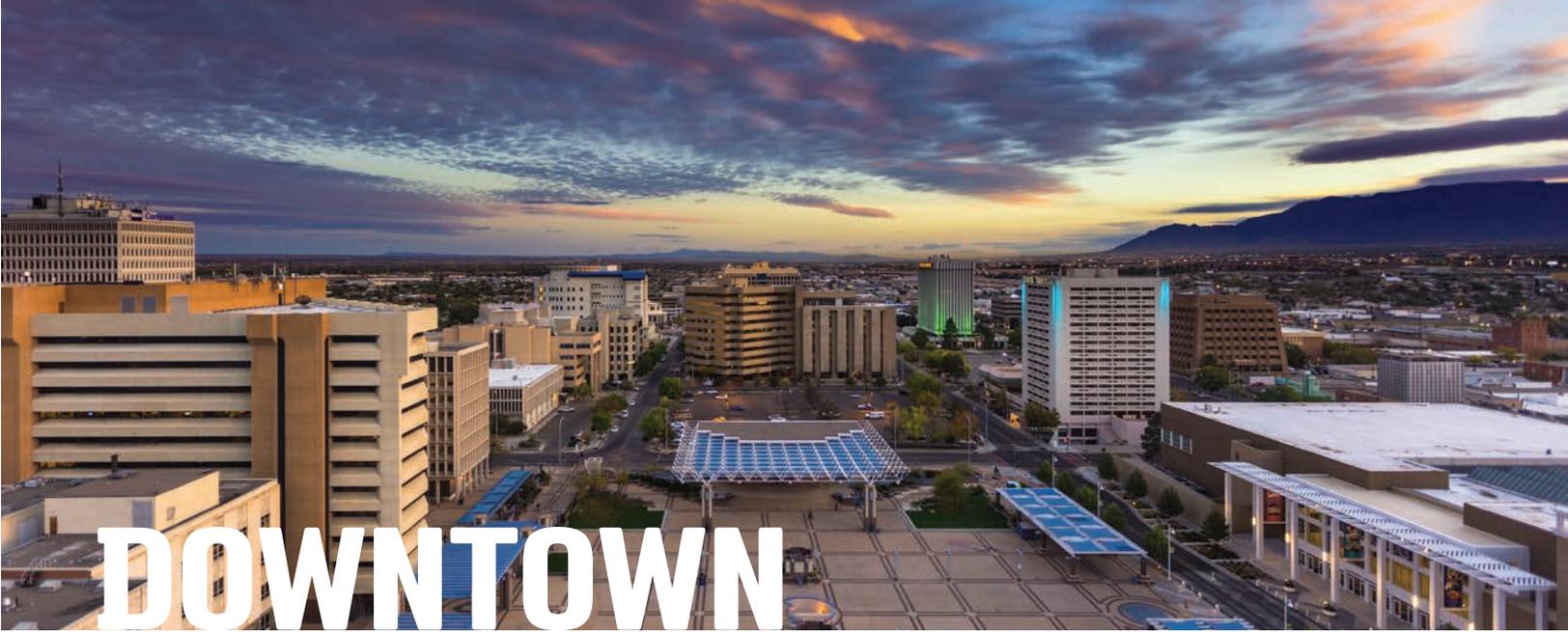
## LEGEND

- Box Office
- Concessions
- Elevator
- Escalator
- Guest Services
- Parking
- Pick-up & Drop-off
- Restroom
- Vending

All areas of the Albuquerque Convention Center are accessible to people with mobility impairments.



WEST BUILDING



Less than 5 miles from the airport you will find a hub of events and activities in downtown Albuquerque. This area is home to bustling restaurants, trendy shops, art galleries and a lively entertainment district.

### **THE CLYDE HOTEL**

*Across from Convention Center*

The Clyde Hotel is a luxury business hotel known for its high level of personal service and ideal Downtown location across from Civic Plaza. With 26,000 square feet of meeting space, the Clyde can host groups of many sizes.

### **DOUBLETREE BY HILTON ALBUQUERQUE**

*Connected to Convention Center*

The DoubleTree highlights the city's local history and has 8,200 square feet of meeting space. It is the only hotel connected to the Albuquerque Convention Center via an underground concourse.

### **HOTEL ANDALUZ**

*1 block from Convention Center*

Hotel Andaluz was inspired by Spain's Andalusian region. This historic hotel features 7,000 square feet of meeting and event space, featuring the 2,730 square foot Barcelona Ballroom.

### **HILTON GARDEN INN AND HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON**

*0.3 miles from Convention Center*

This Downtown hotel offers a blend of modern comfort and convenient amenities. Guests can enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast and are just steps away from a variety of dining and nightlife options.

### **ARRIVE ALBUQUERQUE**

*0.5 miles from Convention Center*

ARRIVE Albuquerque blends mid-century charm with modern flair. This boutique hotel offers a unique and stylish setting including thoughtfully designed guest rooms, locally inspired amenities and on-site dining.

### **EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON ALBUQUERQUE**

*1 mile from Convention Center*

Centrally located between the University of New Mexico campus and the Albuquerque Convention Center, this upscale, all-suite hotel features 30,000 square feet of meeting space, including the Sandia Ballroom with 12,000 square feet.



# OLD TOWN



Historic Old Town has been the heart of Albuquerque since the city was founded in 1706. Old Town was Albuquerque's first neighborhood, and more than 300 years after its founding, it remains a center for culture, architecture, shopping, art and cuisine. Today, Old Town is home to numerous museums and more than 100 shops, galleries and restaurants.

## **HOTEL CHACO**

*2 miles from Convention Center*

Hotel Chaco is the first luxury hotel inspired by the mystique and heritage of the ancient civilization that once occupied Chaco Canyon. Located within minutes of Old Town, Hotel Chaco features 3,700 square feet of meeting space, a fine dining restaurant and rooftop lounge.

## **HOTEL ALBUQUERQUE**

*2 miles from Convention Center*

Hotel Albuquerque is a landmark hotel nestled in the heart of the historic Old Town neighborhood and a convenient starting point for further exploration of all that Albuquerque and central New Mexico has to offer. The hotel features 40,000 square feet of meeting space and over 21,000 square feet of outdoor meeting space. Along with a restaurant and bar, Hotel Albuquerque also features a private event venue, Casa Esencia, with 8,000 square feet of elegant space for private receptions.





# UPTOWN/MIDTOWN

The Uptown area is the heart of the city's modern shopping and business district, including the 222,000-square-foot retail center ABQ Uptown, where you will find a mix of big national brands and local specialty and boutique shops. The area is home to a wide variety of shopping, dining, and lodging options.



Midtown is the lively area surrounding the University of New Mexico's campus. Today, it is the state's flagship university with more than 25,000 students. The Midtown area is full of colorful cafes, eclectic shops, trendy taverns, and plenty of affordable lodging options.

## **SHERATON ALBUQUERQUE UPTOWN HOTEL**

*7 miles from Convention Center*

Located near the Coronado Mall and ABQ Uptown, the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown Hotel is just steps away from world-class shopping and dining experiences. The hotel also features 17,000 square feet of state-of-the-art, newly renovated meeting space that includes automatic built-in screens, wireless internet access, and a dedicated registration counter.

## **ALBUQUERQUE MARRIOTT HOTEL**

*6 miles from Convention Center*

The Albuquerque Marriott Hotel is located in the Uptown business and shopping area of the city. After undergoing recent renovations, the Albuquerque Marriott Hotel features a total of 17,000 square feet of meeting space, including the 8,240 square foot Grand Ballroom.

## **CROWNE PLAZA**

*2.7 miles from Convention Center*

The Crowne Plaza Albuquerque exudes authenticity showcasing the charm of New Mexico through distinctive art, stone and colors. This resort-like hotel offers 26,000 flexible square feet of meeting space and can entertain up to 1,000 people or be split into 22 breakout rooms.



# DINING & HOTELS

## AUTHENTIC FLAVOR

Albuquerque's authentic cuisine has been shaped by each of the area's many diverse cultures, creating a cuisine you won't find anywhere else in the world. The defining ingredient? Chile. This flavorful pepper comes in two variations: red or green, with preferences for one or the other depending on individual palates. Additionally, Albuquerque's food culture takes shape with influences from the Spanish, Native American and Mexican cultures that comprise its diversity. Pre-European contact Native American menus are available in certain establishments while others offer Spanish tapas, not to mention Mexican taquerias and more!

## GLOBAL CUISINE

Got your fix of New Mexican cuisine? Albuquerque also offers a wide variety of restaurants that span everything from brick-oven pizzerias to pit-smoked barbecue joints, Vietnamese cafes to farm-to-table settings. Dining options include vegetarian, Mediterranean, Italian, Spanish, Greek, Chinese, Thai, Indian and so much more.

**EATER NAMED ALBUQUERQUE  
ONE OF THE BEST FOOD CITIES  
FOR TRAVELERS**

## HOTELS

Albuquerque's hotels will transform your stay by combining comfort and relaxation with an authentic taste of the unique area and landscape. Many of these one-of-a-kind and brand name hotels take inspiration from the diverse cultures in their breathtaking design while offering an experience that will be unlike any other. Browse from the extensive list of hotels, resorts, and bed & breakfasts at [VisitABQ.org/Hotels](https://www.visitabq.org/hotels).





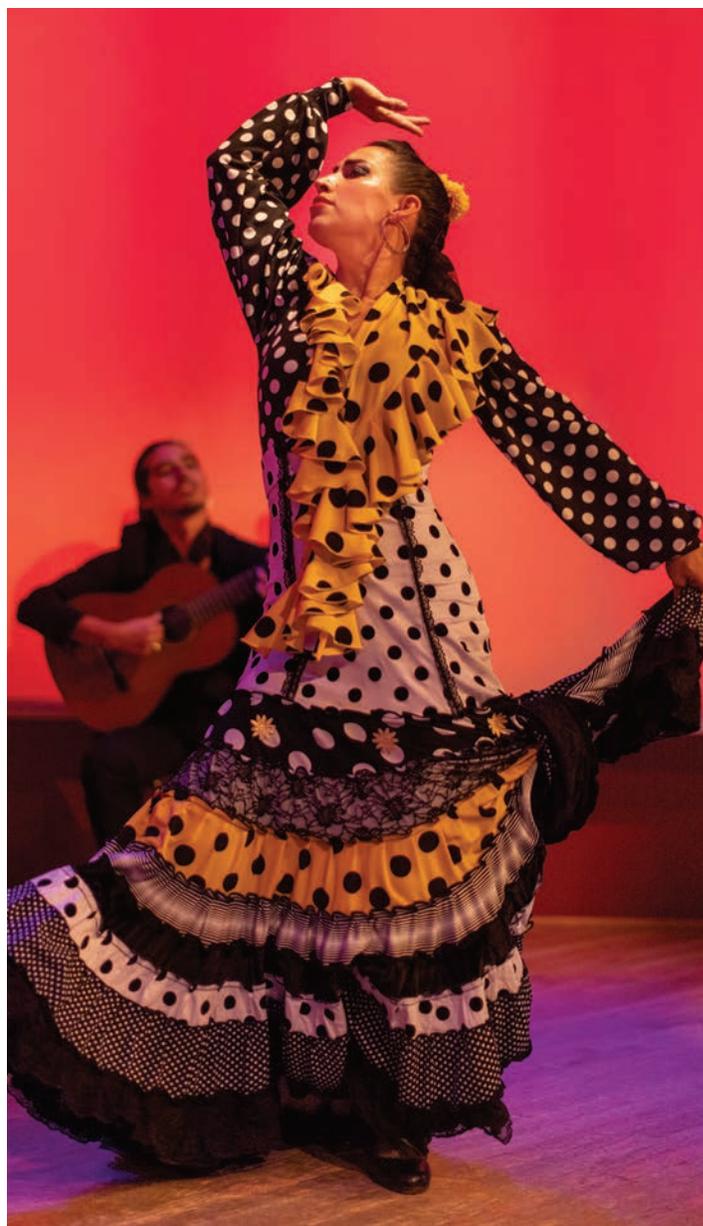
# ARTS & CULTURE

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY

It's no surprise that Albuquerque is recognized as one of the most culturally diverse cities in the country. The ethnic tapestry of Native American and Hispanic heritage is reflected in the architecture, art, cultural centers, cuisine and local community. Countless thriving customs and centuries-old traditions have been passed down over generations and are a vibrant part of everyday life, making Albuquerque an epicenter of authentic Southwest culture and the perfect location for your next meeting.

## ATTRACTIONS

So much of the city's thriving art scene can be found in a variety of attractions around the city. From cultural centers to art galleries to museums, Albuquerque provides an experience that encourages curiosity and continued education even outside the walls of your meeting or convention.





# OUTDOORS & BALLOONING

## BALLOONING

Did you know that Albuquerque is the ballooning capital of the world and offers the opportunity to ride in a hot air balloon year-round? Additionally, the ExxonMobil Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta®, the world's largest hot air balloon festival, takes place every year in October, where you'll watch the big, blue sky fill with hundreds of colorful balloons in the crisp fall morning air. This magical fiesta is considered to be the most photographed event in the world and draws hundreds of thousands of travelers from around the globe, both balloonists and spectators alike. Albuquerque's ballooning culture is just what your meeting needs to reach new heights.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION

With 310 days of sunshine each year and easy access to the Sandia Mountains and the Rio Grande, Albuquerque provides the perfect playground for outdoor enthusiasts. From hiking and mountain biking to kayaking and canoeing, there's never a shortage of ways to soak up the beautiful high-desert atmosphere and expansive blue sky. Additionally, golfers will find a paradise of stunning courses that have been ranked among the best in the country.

**ALBUQUERQUE SITS A MILE ABOVE SEA LEVEL AND HAS A HIGH DESERT CLIMATE, WHICH MEANS AROUND 310 SUNNY DAYS AND COOL, CRISP EVENINGS**





# KEY ATTRACTIONS



Centrally located in New Mexico, Albuquerque is home to a variety of amazing sightseeing opportunities and exhilarating experiences you won't find anywhere else. From outdoor recreation to immersive cultural experiences and everything in between, the city is bursting with exciting adventures for you to explore. If you forget you're here on business, you wouldn't be the first.

## **SANDIA PEAK AERIAL TRAMWAY**

Enjoy panoramic scenic views during a 2.7-mile ascent to the 10,378-foot peak of the Sandia Mountains. This is the longest tramway in North America.

## **MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL CENTERS**

Visiting Albuquerque museums and cultural centers offers a fun and fascinating look at the history, arts and culture that have shaped New Mexico. Albuquerque is home to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, featuring authentic dance performances, museum exhibits and cuisine; and the National Hispanic Cultural Center, featuring an art museum and a state-of-the-art performance center.

## **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.

## **OLD TOWN**

Visit Albuquerque's oldest neighborhood, where you'll find traditional New Mexican architecture, including the San Felipe de Neri Church, a multitude of shops and galleries, restaurants, and museums.

## **ABQ TROLLEY CO.**

TourABQ offers a 120-minute "Best of ABQ City Tour." The trolley lets you hop on and hop off to experience the best of everything Albuquerque has to offer. TourABQ also hosts a wide variety of other tours and activities.



# GETTING HERE

## SUNPORT

Traveling to Albuquerque is easy and accessible through the Albuquerque International Sunport, featuring a wide range of direct flights. This airport is located in the heart of the city and just four quick miles from Downtown and the Albuquerque Convention Center. Albuquerque offers a wide variety of transportation options that service all areas of the city, and the Rail Runner, a commuter rail, takes passengers south to Belen and north to Santa Fe.

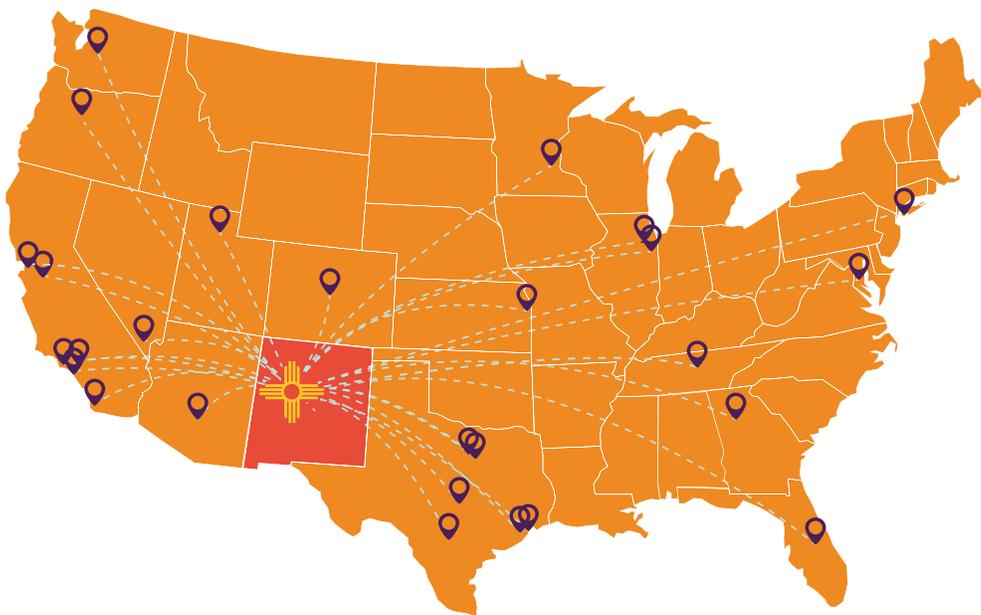
## ROUTE 66

Add a little historic Route 66 flair to your meeting! The longest continuous stretch of Route 66 within a single city runs 18 miles through the heart of the city and provides some of the most iconically bright and rustic Route 66 sights, sounds and locales.

## CROSSROADS OF I-40 & I-25

Albuquerque sits conveniently at the crossroads of major highways I-40 and I-25, making travel by vehicle to and from the city and surrounding areas easy to navigate.

## NON-STOP AND DIRECT FLIGHTS



- Atlanta, GA
- Austin, TX
- Baltimore, MD
- Burbank, CA
- Chicago, IL (MDW, ORD)
- Dallas, TX (DAL, DFW)
- Denver, CO
- Houston, TX (HOU, IAH)
- Kansas City, MO
- Las Vegas, NV
- Long Beach, CA
- Los Angeles, CA
- Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN (seasonal)
- Nashville, TN
- New York City (JFK)
- Orlando, FL (seasonal)
- Phoenix, AZ
- Portland, OR
- Salt Lake City, UT
- San Diego, CA
- San Francisco, CA
- Seattle, WA
- Washington, D.C. (Dulles)