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ALBUQUERQUE

Travel Guide

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Flying:

[Albuquerque International Airport](#) is served by Alaska, American, Delta, jetBlue, Southwest, United, and US Airways.

Driving:

The convention center is in downtown Albuquerque, at 401 2nd Street NW. From I-40 take the 6th Street exit (#158). From I-25 take the Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. exit (#224B).



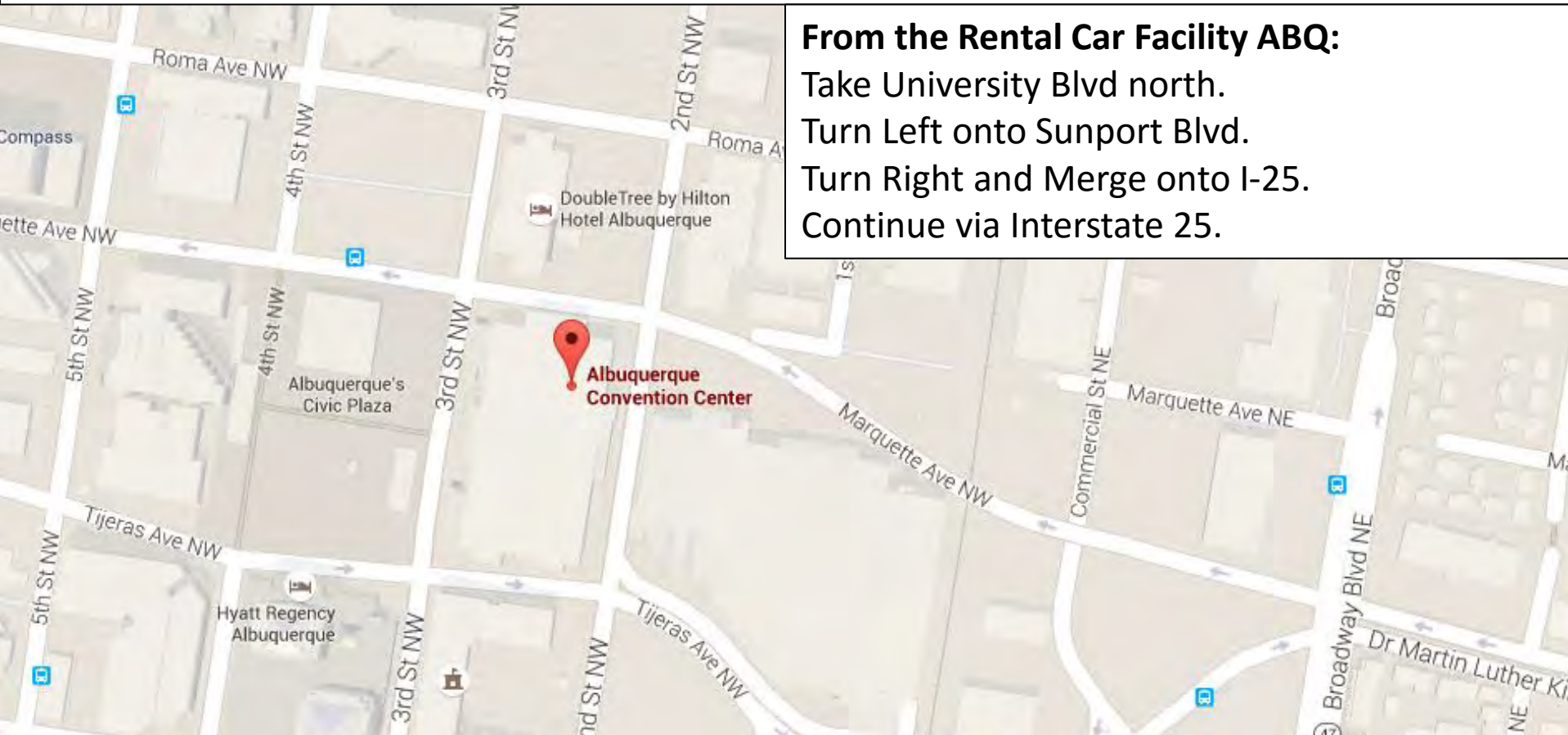
Bus/Train:

The [Alvarado Transportation Center](#) is about a 7 minute walk from the Convention Center and serves as both a [Greyhound](#) Terminal and an [Amtrak](#) Station.



Driving Direction to the Albuquerque Convention Center

401 2nd Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102



From the Rental Car Facility ABQ:

Take University Blvd north.
Turn Left onto Sunport Blvd.
Turn Right and Merge onto I-25.
Continue via Interstate 25.

Driving via Interstate 40:

Take Exit 158 and turn south onto 6th St.
Turn left on Lomas Blvd
Turn right on 2nd St.
Double Tree and Convention Center are on the right.

Driving via Interstate 25:

Take exit 224B and turn west onto Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.
Continue west onto Marquette Ave.
At 2nd St., the convention center is to your left and the Double Tree to your right.

Venue Parking : The entrance to the parking garage at the convention center is west of the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Broadway; this garage costs \$6 per day. Several other lots, with varying prices, are available throughout the downtown area. If you're traveling anywhere outside of downtown, you shouldn't have to pay for parking, except for in a few areas (notably Old Town and near the University of New Mexico) that have curbside parking meters.





The [DoubleTree](#) has an associated room block available at \$99 per night, is immediately adjacent to the convention center, and has a connecting underground walkway.

Other nearby downtown hotels include the [Hotel Andaluz](#) and [Hyatt Regency](#). Lower rates may be available at various chain motels along Interstates 25 and 40, if you're willing to stay farther away from the convention center.

Food

- Downtown
- Local Favorites
- Fine Dining



[Red or Green](#)? New Mexico is home to the Chile Pepper and New Mexicans love to have it on everything. Red and green chile can be equally hot but differ in texture and sweetness. Red chile, when compared to green, tends to be drier and sweeter. You will likely find green chile available at most local restaurants, not just those serving New Mexican Cuisine.

Food, Downtown



For those who can't let a Grand Prix pass without patronizing an all-you-can-eat Brazilian churrasco steakhouse, [Tucano's](#) will fill your need. It's fairly typical for such establishments—always enjoyable, never transcendent.



[Jimmy John's](#) is a little farther afield, but they are open on weekends and they deliver.



First Plaza, across the street from the Convention Center is home to a number of restaurants, but they tend to have reduced or no weekend hours.

[Zohra](#): Tasty Middle Eastern food. Everything is cooked to order, so call ahead if time is limited.

[Subway](#): Bog standard sub shop, but it's normally closed on weekends.

Looking for something else? Here's an extensive list, including various hotel restaurants:

[Restaurants Near the Convention Center](#)

Food, Local Favorites



[Sadie's](#) is a local institution for New Mexican food with four locations. Known for large portions and the hottest chile sauce and salsa.



[Frontier](#) is the standard Albuquerque choice for late-night eating. Indulge in a sweet roll, breakfast burrito, or western hash browns.



[Los Cuates](#), offers a full menu of delicious New Mexican food at reasonable prices. The Lomas Blvd. location is the closest.



[DaVinci's](#) has diverse pizza offerings from gourmet to pepperoni green chile to breakfast calzones. They'll even deliver to down town.

Food, Fine Dining



[Vernon's Speakeasy](#) is has the atmosphere and chops to be the premier steakhouse in Albuquerque.



[La Crêpe Michel](#) serves delightful French crepes, of both the sweet and savory variety, from their quiet little corner of Old Town



[Jennifer James 101](#), despite its unassuming, strip-mall exterior, the food is modern and sophisticated, featuring unexpected, innovative combinations of flavors.



[Antiquity](#), another Old Town favorite, backs up its considerable atmospheric charm with delicious food, most of which is cooked on an ancient little charcoal grill.

Sights:

- Touristy
- Museums

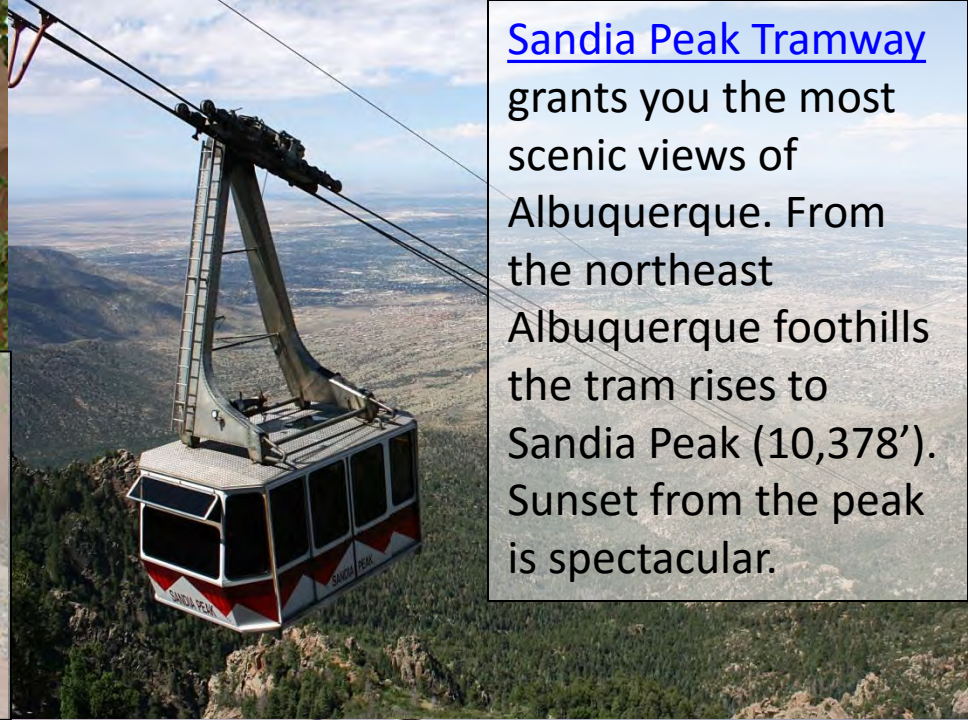


Sights, Touristy

[Old Town](#), the site of the Albuquerque's founding in 1706. This charming neighborhood retains much of its historical flavor and architecture. A few hours of strolling among the art galleries, restaurants, and souvenir shops would be time well spent.



The [Albuquerque Biopark](#) is a great way to spend a day or afternoon and features an [Aquarium](#), a [Botanic Garden](#), and a [Zoo](#).



[Sandia Peak Tramway](#) grants you the most scenic views of Albuquerque. From the northeast Albuquerque foothills the tram rises to Sandia Peak (10,378'). Sunset from the peak is spectacular.



Breaking Bad Locations

Breaking Bad fans that visit Albuquerque often want to see some of the locations made famous by the show. The two of the most popular sites are [Los Pollos Hermanos](#) and the [A1A Car Wash](#).

Sights, Museums



Albuquerque Museum – Art museum with permanent collections focusing on Southwestern art and local history.



New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science – See a lot of dinosaurs, a planetarium, and an IMAX theater showing nature films.

Balloon Museum – Celebrating Albuquerque's position as the hot air balloon capital of the world, this museum showcases both local and international ballooning history.



National Museum of Nuclear Science and History – Exhibits here focus prominently on the Manhattan Project and the Cold War, with a secondary emphasis on nuclear power and nuclear medicine.

