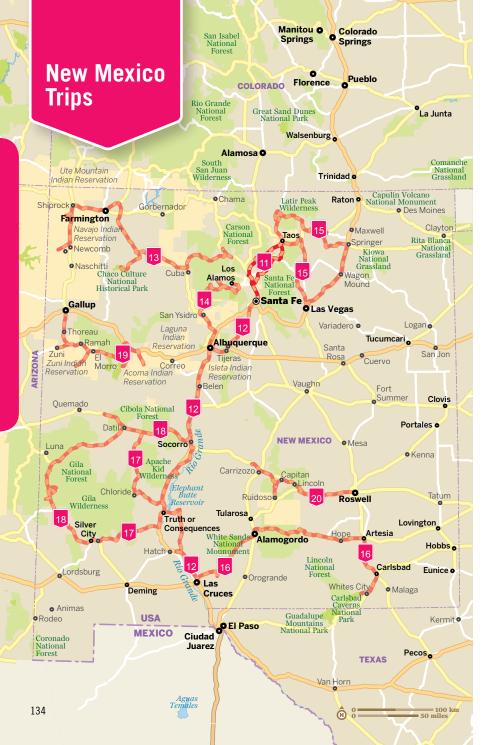


New Mexico Trips

NEW MEXICO IS CALLED THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT for a reason, and you'll find out why as you drive through the Technicolor landscapes that inspired Georgia O'Keeffe, past traditional adobe villages tucked beneath the 13,000ft Sangre de Cristo range, and over juniper-speckled plains that seem to roll to infinity. You'll stop at old mud-brick santuarios filled with sacred folk art, visit ancient and living Indian pueblos, explore surreal underground caverns, and soak in hot springs. You'll travel what might be the oldest road in America and follow in the footsteps of Geronimo and Billy the Kid. And you're never far from great hiking and camping – or platters of local cuisine smothered in the state's signature green or red chile sauce.

Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta (Trips 12 & 14)



- High & Low Roads to Taos 2–4 days
 Take the mountains up and the canyons down, looping between iconic destinations. (p137)
 - El Camino Real & Turquoise Trail 3–4 days Follow the 400-year-old Royal Road up the Rio Grande valley. (p147)
 - Georgia O'Keeffe Country 2–3 days
 Enter a world of vibrant color and raw elemental force. (p155)
 - Highway 4: Jemez Mountains 2 days
 Hot springs, hiking, ancient cave dwellings and
 the birthplace of 'The Bomb'. (p163)
 - Enchanted Circle & Eastern Sangres 2 days
 From high mountains to grassy prairies, with
 canyon hikes and haunted hotels. (p171)
 - Las Cruces to Carlsbad Caverns 2–3 days
 Pure white sand dunes and surreal caves dazzle
 the eye and the mind. (p179)
 - Geronimo Trail 2–3 days
 Mountain roads twist past restored mining towns in Geronimo's old stomping grounds. (p187)
 - Into The Gila 2 days
 Cruise from high-tech telescopes into a wild range of elk, bear and mountain lions. (p195)
 - Highway 53 to Acoma 2 days
 Explore Indian pueblos and lava fields and meet
 the wolves! (p203)
 - Billy the Kid Trail 2 days
 See where the Kid escaped, Smokey Bear was found and aliens (maybe) landed. (p211)



Lincoln

The entire town is a historical monument, including the courthouse from which Billy the Kid shot his way to freedom; on Trip 20

Ghost Ranch

Hike, ride horseback, or take a van tour through the colorful terrain immortalized in the paintings of Georgia O'Keeffe, on Trip

Santuario de Chimayó

This 1816 adobe church is home to miracle healings and is the site of the largest Catholic pilgrimage in the US. Find it on Trip

Canyon Road

The heart of the Santa Fe art scene, with over 100 galleries plus fine dining and the oldest tavern in town (El Farol). Dive in on Trips 11 12

Indian Pueblos

Find some of the oldest continuously inhabited places in North America, rich in culture, on Trips

