

## **Albuquerque, NM**

### Description:

- Population 800,000, founded in 1706
- High desert climate and geography similar to Santa Fe
- Home of University of New Mexico, Sandia National Laboratory, Kirtland Air Force Base
- Known as a center for high-tech industry and research
- The Rio Grande flows through the city

### Architectural interest:

- Historic Old Town plaza, including San Felipe de Neri church, the oldest existing building in Albuquerque, 1793
- Although many historic structures were demolished in the 1960s and 1970s, several notable buildings remain, among them -
- KiMo Theater, 1927, restored in 1982, "Pueblo Deco" style
- Jones Motor Company, 1939, Modern style, restored and now houses a brewpub
- La Posada de Albuquerque (old Hilton Hotel), 1939, most recent restoration 1984
- Occidental Life Insurance building, 1917, Venetian Gothic
- There are several established historic districts

### Other points of interest:

- Vintage neon signs along Route 66 through town
- Petroglyph National Monument
- A number of museums, including the National Atomic Museum
- Several Indian Pueblos located nearby
- As in Santa Fe, many golf courses and other outdoor activities, casinos, bike/walking trails, and beautiful scenery