

Albuquerque Restaurants and Attractions

There is a reception on Thursday evening and the awards banquet is Saturday evening so if you are interested in sampling Albuquerque's cuisine it looks like Friday will be your chance. Here are some ideas for locally owned restaurants. Santa Fe is a whole 'nother story and it's only an hour away. Another alternative for getting to Santa Fe is the rail runner <http://www.nmrailrunner.com/schedule.asp>.

The Unser's Racing museum in Albuquerque is also a fun place to visit. <http://www.unserracingmuseum.com/>

Sadies – I believe this is our premier New Mexican place. It's very busy but they do take reservations for large parties. **Very spicy food.** <http://sadiesofnewmexico.com/>

El Pinto – Another good spot. They also take reservations for large parties and the spices are less aggressive. <http://www.elpinto.com/>

Our favorite restaurant in the area is Antiquities in Albuquerque's Old Town. <http://www.themenupage.com/antiquityrestaurant.html> It's a great steakhouse with a wonderful wine list. My wife is a vegan and when we go there we tell them when we make reservations and they prepare a spectacular meal for her. It's quite a small place and reservations are very important.

Other favorites are Zinc and Seasons which have common management. They serve continental cuisine and have different menus. <http://www.zincabq.com/>

Yanni's is a Mediterranean/Italian place that's very enjoyable. <http://www.yannisandopabar.com/>

If you like Indian food the Taj Mahal is excellent. <http://www.tajmahaldining.com/>. If you want the real thing, try Annapurna's <http://www.chaishoppe.com/>

The Artichoke Café is a great little place for lunch or dinner. <http://www.artichokecafe.com/>

There are a number of Range cafes in town and they serve excellent food for all meals. <http://www.rangecafe.com/>

The Quarters is a wonderful sandwich/BBQ place for lunch or dinner. It also has a liquor store with a reasonable wine selection. <http://www.thequartersbbq.com/>

The High Noon is a good lunch choice in Old Town <http://www.999dine.com/nm/highnoon/high-noon-home.html>. Other good old town spots are La Hacienda and La Placita. The Quesadilla Grill has lighter fare.

The Route 66 is a nifty little diner <http://www.66diner.com/> and the Standard Diner is more upscale. <http://www.standarddiner.com/>

For lighter fare there's Souper Salad. <http://www.soupersalad.com/>

There are a number of little bistros. The Nob Hill Bar & Grill <http://www.yelp.com/biz/nob-hill-bar-and-grill-albuquerque>, The Gold Street Caffé <http://www.999dine.com/nm/goldstreetcaffe/> and the Slate Street café are typical. <http://www.slatestreetcafe.com/>

There are Flying Star restaurants all over town that are all great breakfast, lunch & dinner places with outstanding baked goods. <http://www.flyingstarcafe.com/>