

Albuquerque RSMj 2025 Local Guide

Albuquerque International Airport (aka Sunport; ABQ) is located about 5 miles from downtown and approximately 15 minutes by car to Hotel Albuquerque.

Transportation Options

- Rideshare & Taxis: Uber and Lyft are readily available from the Sunport.
- Rental Cars: Recommended if you plan to explore beyond the city center or visit nearby attractions such as Santa Fe or the Sandia Mountains.
- Public Transit: ABQ RIDE buses provide limited service throughout the city, though rideshare will be more convenient.

The cost of an Uber or taxi from ABQ to Hotel Albuquerque varies based on the time of day, demand, and ride type. Here are some estimates:

- Uber/Lyft to Downtown: approximately \$12–\$25
- Taxi: \$20–\$30

Parking at the Conference Hotel

Included in your hotel stay is a \$25 “amenity fee” that includes parking, wifi, in-room bottled water and pool access. FAQs - <https://www.hotelabq.com/experience/faq>

There is also parking nearby in Old Town Albuquerque that is either paid or free, depending on the area. Street parking in the Sawmill area is generally free of cost.

Paid lots:

<https://share.google/lCavCBNpTwiMNnJ4R>

<https://share.google/bJMvyl7Gp9CpQalGt>

Where to Eat

When getting New Mexican cuisine in Albuquerque – You may be asked “red, green, or Christmas?” “Christmas” means both red and green chile on the same dish. You can get “Christmas on the side” for the full experience without committing to getting your whole dish smothered – the chile can be hot!

Walking distance/Old Town ABQ:

- Sawmill Market – New Mexico's largest food hall, offering everything from tacos and pizza to local craft beer. Great option for groups with diverse tastes.
- High Noon Restaurant & Saloon – A longtime Old Town favorite serving New Mexican cuisine, steaks, and wild game in a historic adobe building. Also one of the most frequently recommended restaurants by Albuquerque locals.
- Church Street Cafe – Set in a historic adobe home just off the Old Town Plaza and known for classic New Mexican dishes.
- Seasons Rotisserie & Grill – One of the area's best upscale dining options, featuring seasonal ingredients and a rooftop patio.
- D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro – A popular spot for wine, patio dining, and contemporary American fare.

Short drive:

- Sadie's of New Mexico – One of Albuquerque's most iconic New Mexican restaurants, famous for huge portions, spicy salsa, and classic red and green chile dishes. A true local institution.
- El Pinto – A sprawling New Mexican restaurant known for its beautiful patios, margaritas, and house-made chile products.
- Frontier Restaurant – Across from UNM and an Albuquerque landmark. Famous for breakfast burritos, green chile stew, and sweet rolls.
- Indian Pueblo Kitchen – A unique opportunity to experience Indigenous cuisine representing New Mexico's Pueblo communities.
- The Original Cocina Azul – A local favorite for traditional New Mexican breakfasts and enchiladas.

Must-See Attractions

Sandia Peak Tramway – The longest aerial tramway in North America, offering spectacular views of the city and surrounding desert.

Rattlesnake Museum & Gift Shop – The American International Rattlesnake Museum is an animal conservation museum located in Albuquerque, New Mexico in Old Town Albuquerque. The museum is devoted to snakes, particularly rattlesnakes, and is dedicated to rattlesnake education.

ABQ BioPark – Includes a zoo, aquarium, botanical garden, and riverside trails.

Santa Fe – 1 hour north of Albuquerque

- Historic adobe architecture, world-class art galleries, and Southwestern cuisine.
- Visit the Santa Fe Plaza, Canyon Road, and Meow Wolf Santa Fe