EXPAND YOUR MIND

Meander through the Museums - Visit our own Branigan Cultural Center, Museum of Nature & Science, Museum of Art and the Railroad Museum, all located downtown, or the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum with inside and outdoor exhibits. Enhance your group’s visit with a guided tour, living history program or special demo.

Sink in the Sand - 275 square miles of gypsum dunes rising from the desert protected by White Sands National Monument.

Seeing Space - Spaceport America is home to the world’s first purpose-built spaceport and Virgin Galactica’s Gateway to Space. New Mexico Museum of Space History highlights the state’s role in the US Space Program. End the day with a star gazing party.

WORK UP AN APPETITE

Birding at the Bosque - See, hear and learn about the more than 250 migratory birds that can be found along the Rio Grande River at New Mexico’s 34th state park, the Mesilla Valley Bosque.

Dip into the Desert - The Asombro Institute creates appreciation for the diverse Chihuahuan Desert environment that surrounds Las Cruces.

Hop on a Horse - Explore and view the desert at a slower pace and from a new perspective.

Ignite Your Innards - The world’s only Chile Pepper Institute dedicates itself to research and education, offers tastings and tours about the history, production, uses, and nutritional value of chile peppers.

Pick a Peck - Wind your way through twists and turns of a corn maze or pick pumpkins from the patch.

SATIATE YOUR HUNGER

De La Vegas Pecan Grill & Brewery - Another local favorite serving its own hand-crafted beer and signature dishes featuring local ingredients.

Double Eagle and Peppers Café - The Crown Jewel of Historic Mesilla featuring award-winning margaritas, the world’s largest green chile cheeseburger and fine dining in this 1840’s building adorned with antiques.

La Posta - Tropical birds and fish, souvenir shop and fine jewelry contribute to the unique environment of this historic multi-room compound that now serves great Mexican food and drink within its adobe walls.

Other options include Las Cruces’ fast-growing regional, Continental and international cuisine scene including steaks and seafood, homemade Italian, Mediterranean and Asian fare.

Wine Tasting - Several tasting rooms including one adjacent to its own vineyard with the owner-host pouring your samples. Make your way from one to another with new ones stomping more grapes and opening all the time.

Dive into Dessert - Cakes, pies and other sweet treats from Let Them Eat Cake, Si Bistro, Caliches Frozen Custard.

RELAX - SHOP, GOLF AND SPA

Shop at open-air farmers and crafts markets three days a week year-round in downtown Las Cruces and on the Historic Mesilla Plaza. Dozens of opportunities to peruse art and jewelry at unique shops and galleries throughout the city. Find clothes, entertainment, house wares, jewelry, gift and specialty stores at the Mesilla Valley Mall or head to The Outlet Shoppes at El Paso for open-air outlet center with great deals on name brands.

Play 9, 18, 36 or all 72 holes at New Mexico State University or Red Hawk Golf Club, a Ken Dye designed course. Follow challenging play at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course with a stop in the pro shop and great food at the Sunset Grill or wind your way around Picacho Hills Country Club.

Spa treatments, massage, hair and nail style or all day indulgence at Carmona’s or Duncan Noble, Fountain of Youth or Katharoz, The Spa Downtown and more. Treatments complimented by classes such as yoga and meditation.

PLAN YOUR TRIP TODAY!

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