

# New Mexico – Land of Enchantment

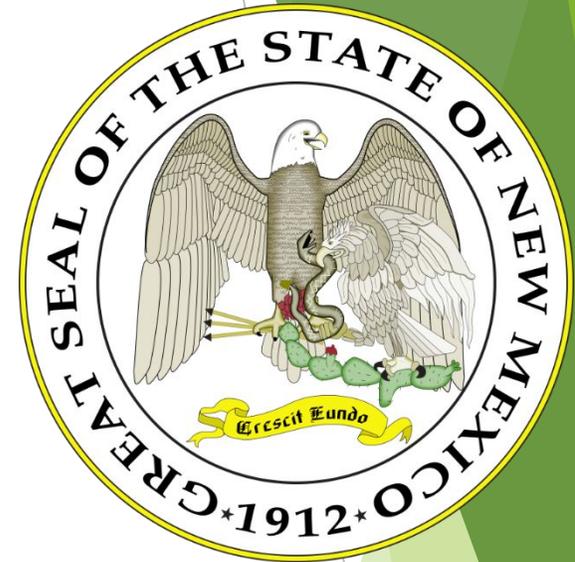


New Mexico – is the 47th state in the United States; its capital is Santa Fe, which was founded in 1610 as capital of Nuevo México (itself established as a province of New Spain in 1598).

It is one of the Mountain States and shares the Four Corners region with Utah, Colorado, and Arizona.



local flag



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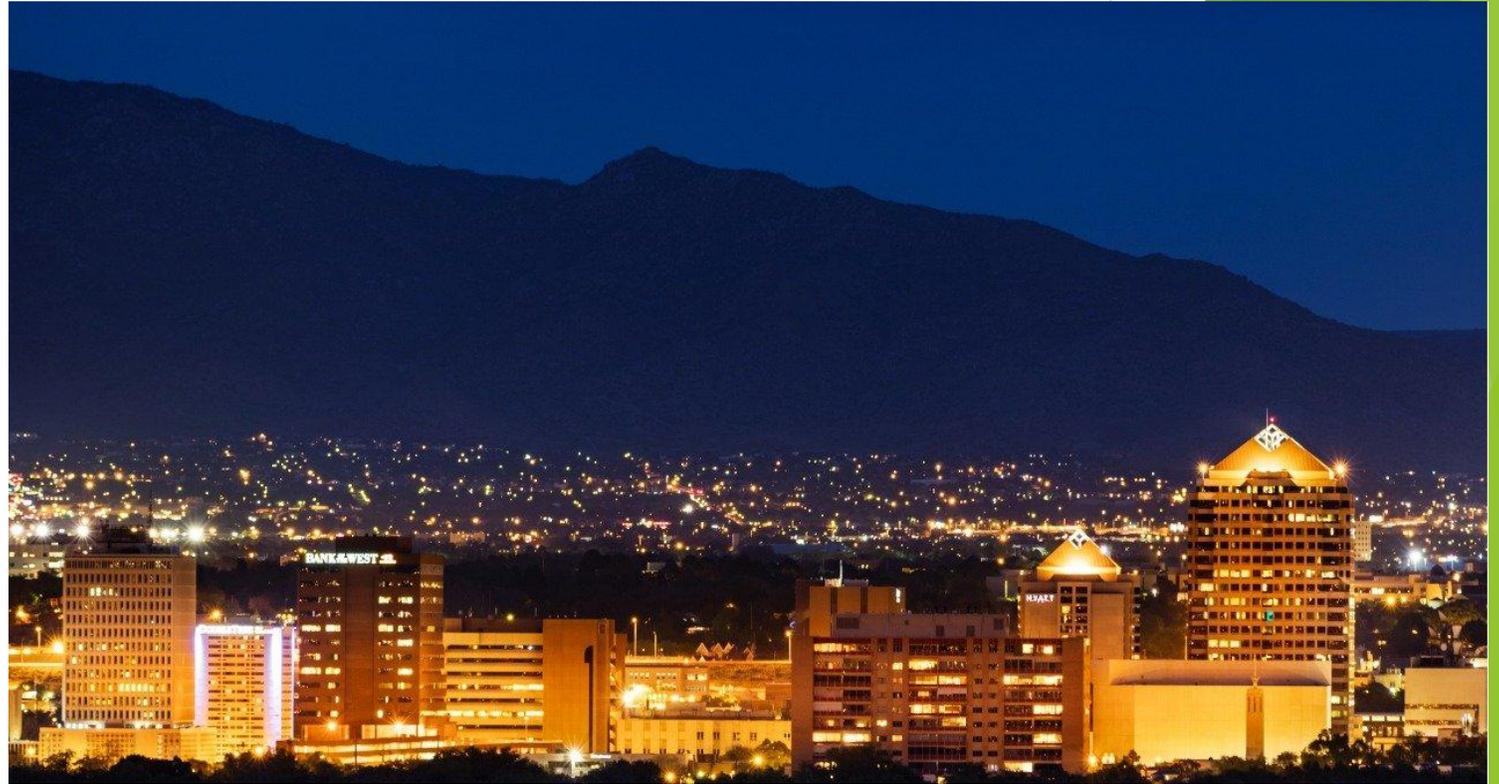


### Area

• Total	314,917 km <sup>2</sup>
• Land	314,161 km <sup>2</sup>
• Water	757 km <sup>2</sup>

The Spanish first came to New Mexico in 1541. In 1598, the first Spanish colonial settlement, San Juan de los Caballeros, was founded in what is now northern New Mexico. The Spanish also established missions, some with beautiful churches and artwork, throughout the area.

In 1706, settlers founded Albuquerque, named for the Spanish Duke de Alburquerque (picture). For over 500 years, Hispanic culture has influenced how New Mexicans work and live.



# Strange and Weird Laws in New Mexico

1. **Women Were Not Allowed to Appear Unshaven in Public**
2. **It Is Illegal for a Woman to Pump Her Own Gas or Replace a Flat Tire**
3. **Cabbies Are Allowed to Pull Customers into Their Cabs**
4. **It Is Illegal to Carry a Lunch Box**
5. **It Is against the Law to Spit in Public**
6. **You Should Not Encourage a Duel with a Deadly Weapon**
7. **It Is against the Law to Buy Glue, Spray and Permanent Marker or Paint**
8. **It Is Not Allowed to Trip a Horse**
9. **It's against the Rule to Print Someone's Name Incorrectly**
10. **It Is Not Permitted to Dance with a Sombrero**
11. **Minors Are Not Allowed in the Pool Hall**
12. **No Sexual Act in a Parked Car**



# Old cities of the state

1. Lincoln



2. Mesilla



3. Taos



4. Las Vegas



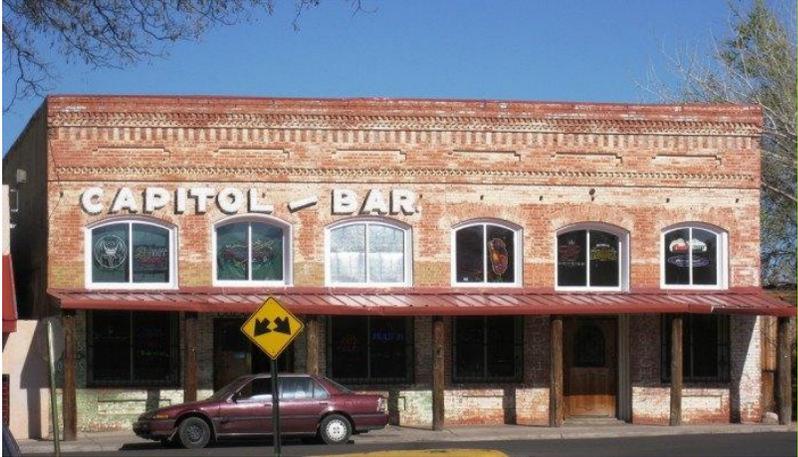
5. Mogollon



6. Tucumcari



8. Socorro



9. Cerrillos



# Famous People of NM

- Neil Patrick Harris (actor)
- Demi Moore (actress)
- Demi Lovato (singer, actress)
- John Denver (singer, songwriter)
- Adrian Grenier (actor and producer)
- Freddie Prinze, Jr. (actor)
- William Hanna (animator, cartoon artist)
- Conrad Hilton (entrepreneur)

Demi Moore



William Hanna



Neil Patrick Harris



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### Animal Symbols:

#### State Bird



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Roadrunner

#### State Mammal



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Black bear

#### State Fish

New Mexico cutthroat trout

#### State Insect

Tarantula hawk wasp

#### State Dinosaur



Coelophysis

A meat-eating dinosaur.

### Plant Symbols:

#### State Flower



Yucca

#### State Tree

Pinon  
(*Pinus edulis*)

#### State Grass

Blue gramma grass

#### State Vegetables

Chile and frijoles

### Earth Symbols:

#### State Gem

Turquoise

#### State Soil

Penistaja  
(unofficial)

# Places of interest

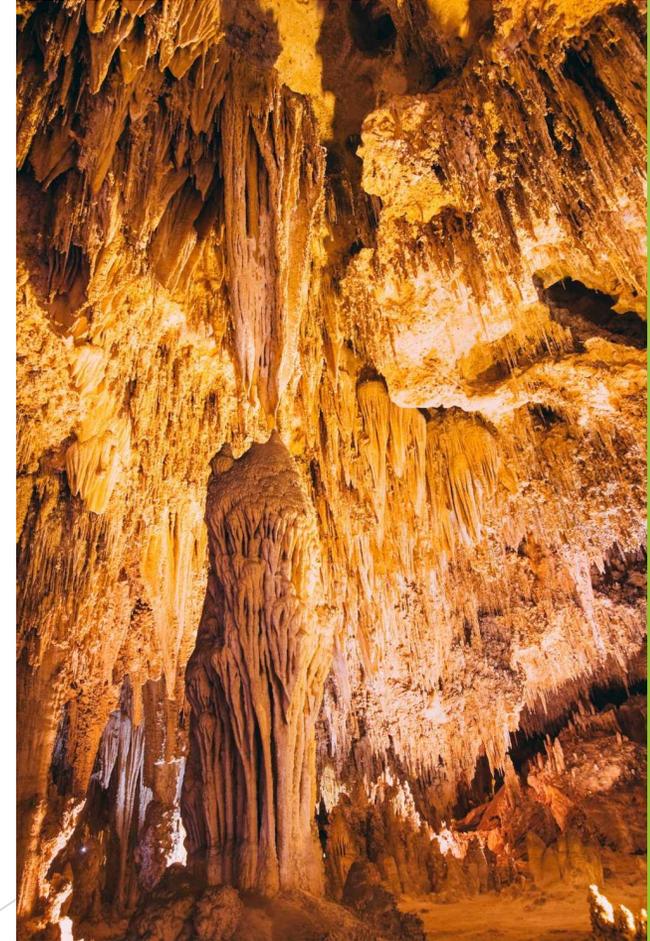
## 1. The beautiful Ah-Shi-Sle-Pah



## 2. Aliens in Roswell



## 3. Carlsbad Caverns National Park



#### 4. Pecos National Historical Park



#### 5. Visit four states in a few seconds



#### 6. Find the beautiful Tsé Bit'a'í (Shiprock)



# Cultural traditions of the state

## 1. Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta



## 2. Hatch Chile Festival



## 3. Santa Fe Opera



## 4. Roswell UFO Festival



## 5. Santa Fe Indian Market



## 6. Gathering of Nations Pow Wow

