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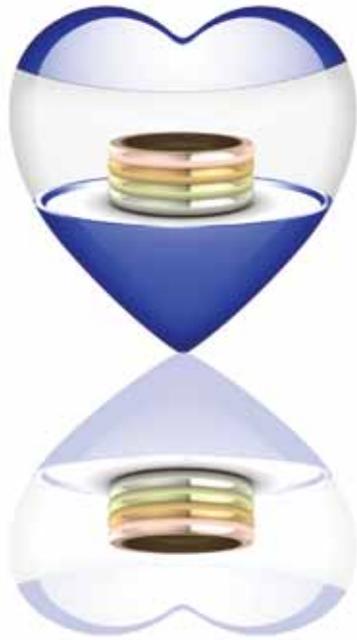
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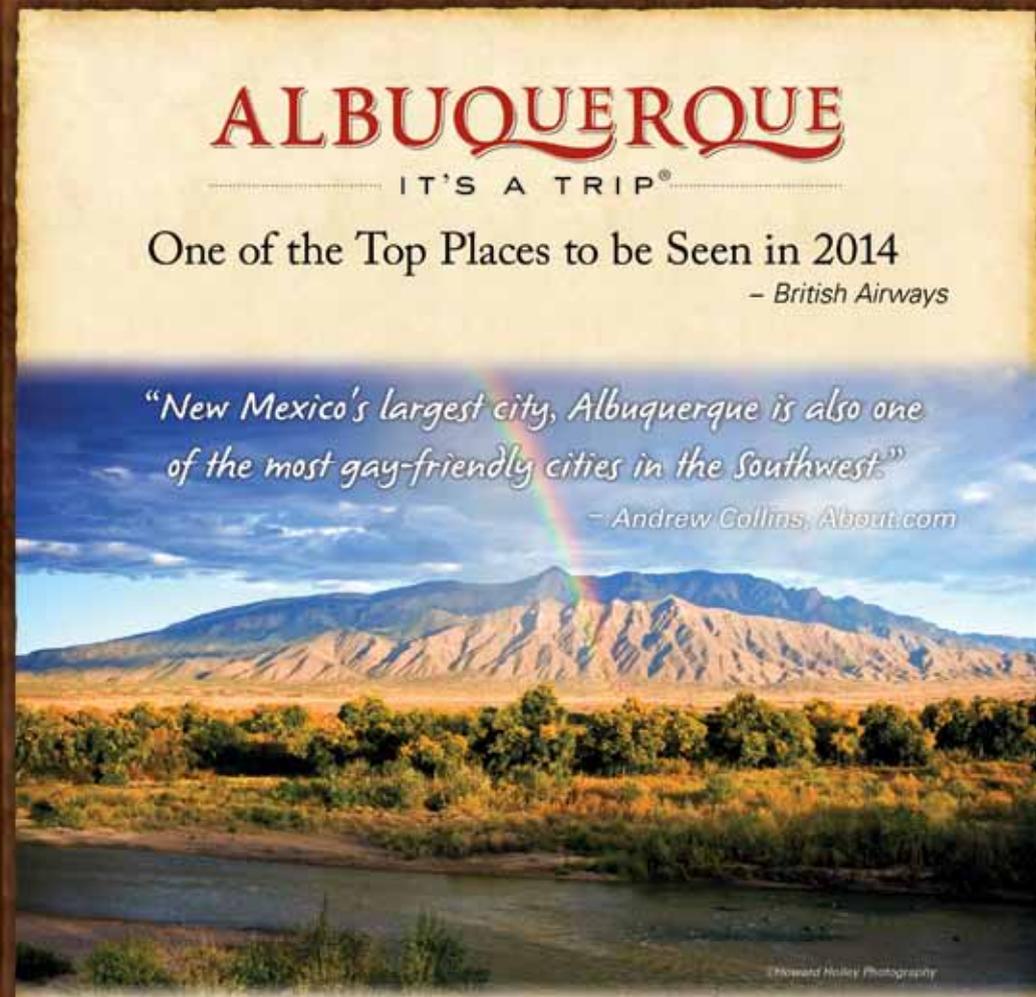


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Michael McFall
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IT IS WITH GREAT EXCITEMENT AND PRIDE that I welcome you to the *New Mexico Pride Guide[®]*, 5th Edition. The Pride Guide[®] Family started 9 years ago with its first publication. The Pride Guides[®] are the only guides of this type in the country. The Pride Guide[®] concept has been so welcomed that I am especially proud to provide this total LGBT resource... the most comprehensive business, travel, relocation and wedding listings to the Land of Enchantment.

If you are considering visiting us, let us be the first to welcome you. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender LGBT visitors will find a safe and welcoming environment. While experiencing over 310 days of sunshine, you will enjoy world-class cultural attractions and festivals, year-round recreational adventure, breathtaking scenery, incredible dining, and unique shopping opportunities. This guide will help you plan your weekend, romantic rendezvous or your family vacations.

If you are considering moving to New Mexico, the *New Mexico Pride Guide[®]* and our sister website GoGayNewMexico.com will help you find important information about LGBT friendly areas, community information and much more.

We are a publication that values being part of the community and we want to show off all that New Mexico has to offer as never before. We intend to be an asset to all local businesses and municipalities as they attract LGBT visitors, new residents and new businesses to this beautiful area of our country.

Thank you for your support!
¡Gracias por su apoyo!
Michael McFall, Publisher

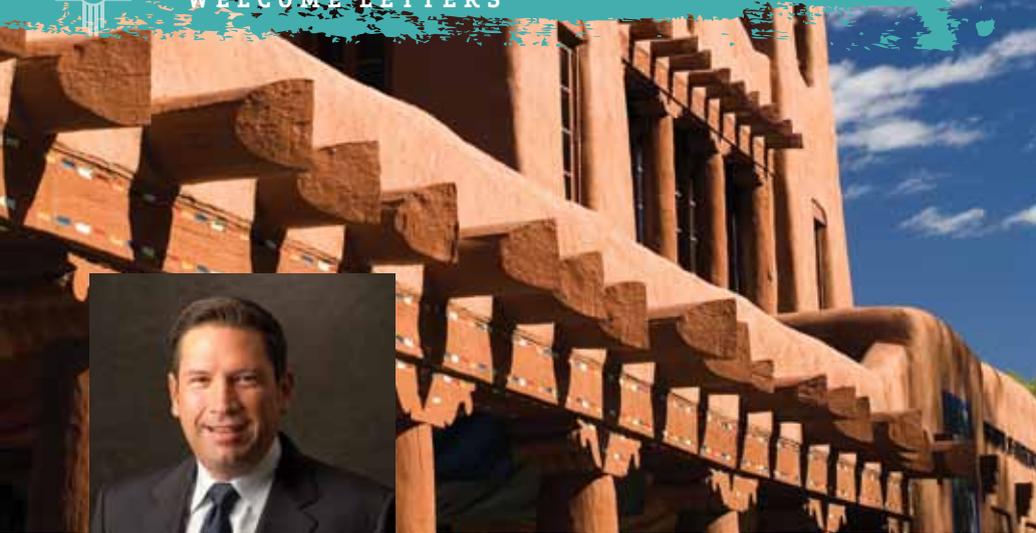


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JAVIER M. GONZALES SANTA FE MAYOR

Bienvenidos Santa Fe!

On behalf of the City of Santa Fe, I would like to invite you to enjoy our city's warm hospitality as part of your New Mexico experience. Santa Fe is famous for its history, world class art, inspirational cuisine and divine shopping. Over the past 400 years, multiple cultures have lived side by side, bringing together an informed, accepting and respectful place that is evidenced in modern outcomes too. Recently, the City government took on the subject of marriage equality, which then led to a state wide legalization of same sex marriages. Long established as a gay friendly community, we happily roll out the rainbow welcome mat at hundreds of places of business throughout our community. Adding to that, destination weddings and honeymoons for all! Santa Fe offers itself as not only a fantastic place to visit, but to live as well.

As Santa Fe's first openly gay Mayor, it gives me great pleasure in welcoming you to my hometown. I look forward to seeing and meeting you at this summer's Pride Celebration, and other great LGBTQ events like Pride in the Saddle (Rodeo) and the annual Closet Ball held in beautiful Santa Fe!

Please be sure to look for other events, special offers and hundreds of inspiring ideas as reasons to visit Santa Fe at santafe.org, our official Santa Fe tourism website.

Javier M. Gonzales, Santa Fe Mayor



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RICHARD J. BERRY ALBUQUERQUE MAYOR

Visitors and locals alike are attracted to Albuquerque for our unique culture, rich heritage and wonderful people. We welcome you and encourage you to explore the city and all that it has to offer!

In Albuquerque, our moderate climate and endless days of sunshine make us the perfect spot for outdoor and recreational activities. We are home to a number of truly remarkable events including the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta as well as the USA Indoor Track and Field Championships. Your time in Albuquerque would not be complete without a trip to the Rio Grande Zoo and Botanic Gardens, the Albuquerque Aquarium, the New Mexico Museum of Natural History, the Sandia Tram or a visit to Old Town, the heart of Albuquerque.

We hope you enjoy the unique array of visual and performing arts, fascinating cultures and spectacular cuisine that make our city so special.

Best regards,

Richard J. Berry, Albuquerque Mayor

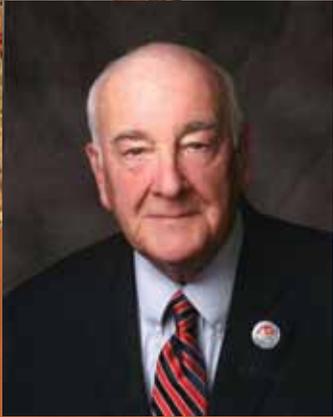


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LYNN J. ELLINS COUNTY CLERK, DOÑA ANA

Dear Newly Weds,

I hope that in the not too distant future you will have the opportunity to spend time with us here in Doña Ana County when your travels take you South. My office was the first in the state to issue marriage licenses to same gender couples, and the catalyst for the eventual ruling by the state's Supreme Court striking down the prohibition against issuing of such licenses as unconstitutional under the state's 14th Amendment Equal Rights provision.

My county has much to offer: a state university, chili fields galore, great hiking and scenic views of the Organ Mountains, and the Town of Mesilla - one of New Mexico's most historic and one time home of Billy the Kid. But best of all, friendly people who warmly welcome you here.

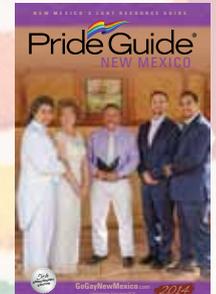
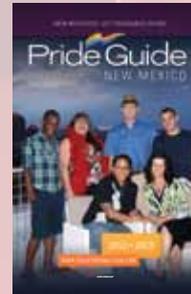
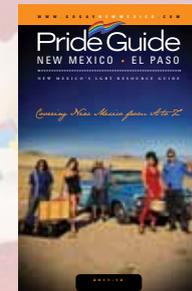
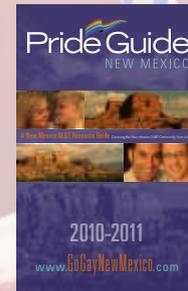
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Sincerely,

Lynn J. Ellins, County Clerk, Dona Ana

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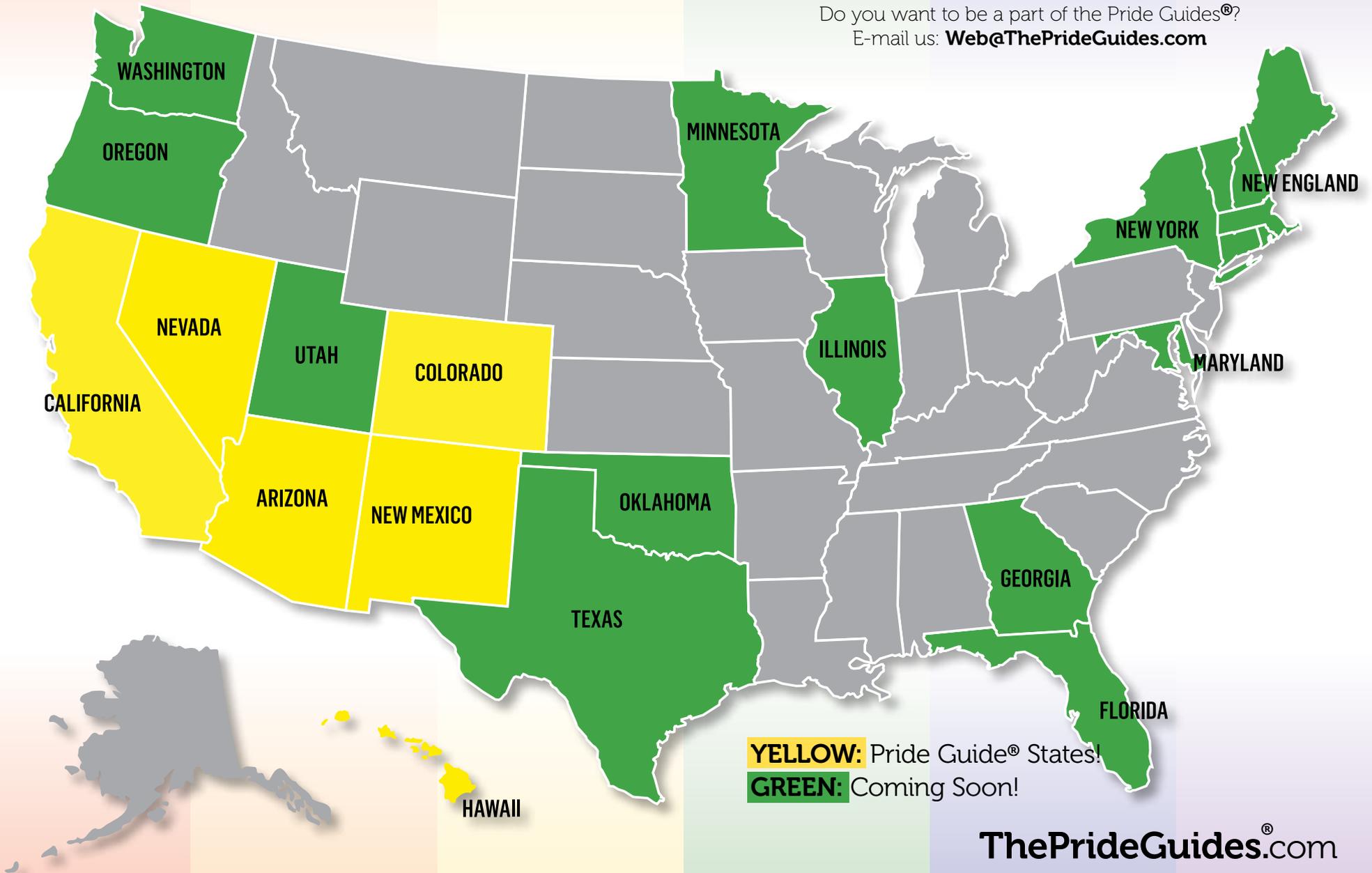
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WELCOME *bienvenidos*

by Mauro A. Montoya, Jr.

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New Mexico is the only state in the United States with two official languages. As a native New Mexican, my family traces its roots back 300 years to the original Spanish settlers. I am often asked when my family came to the U.S. and I joke, "We didn't come to the United States, the United States came to US!" I am proud to be Latino and proud to be gay in one of the most minority and gay-friendly states in the country.

We have a strong cultural heritage in New Mexico, which is a diverse melting pot. Over 45% of the state's population is Latino and 11% is Indian/Native American. Along with gay and lesbian, African-American, Asian and other cultures, New Mexico is a 'majority-minority' state and celebrates its rich cultural mix.

Native Americans have lived here for thousands of years and most still live in their traditional homes and pueblos. Spanish settlers came for the fabled Cities of Gold, which some believe were Indian pueblos reflecting the golden sun. The Spaniards and Indians learned to live together and mix. After New Mexico became a U.S. territory in 1848, Anglo settlers came on the Santa Fe Trail, traces of which can still be found leading into Santa Fe. We have a history much longer than most of the country. Santa Fe celebrated its 400th anniversary in 2010 and is the oldest capitol in the U.S. and Albuquerque celebrated 300 years in 2006.



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Acoma Pueblo, the Sky City, soars 600 feet above the surrounding plains. The Zia Pueblo sun symbol, bright red on a yellow background, proudly serves as the state flag. Taos Pueblo is one of the most photographed and recognizable pueblos in the country. Nearly one-half of the Navajo Reservation is located in New Mexico. There are 19 pueblos and three reservations throughout the state. If you can't visit all of them, stop at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, where you can sample the culture of each.

The Spanish, and later, Mexican influence is the soul of New Mexico. In Old Town Albuquerque, you will see the original Plaza laid out in 1706. Santa Fe's Plaza was built in 1610 and is bordered by the Palace of the Governors, the oldest public building in the U.S.. Down south in Las Cruces, Mesilla Plaza and church date from 1848, when New Mexico became part of the U.S.

We have an official state question: "Red or Green?" We're not referring

to Christmas, but to the New Mexico green and red chiles that are ubiquitous in the cuisine of the state. But, watch out - I've been eating chile all my life and when I taste something, it is not spicy to me - but to my gringo friends, it's nuclear.

You'll love the exceptionally savory food of New Mexico - it's unique in the world! While similar to some Mexican and Tex-Mex food, it is based on New Mexico-grown chiles plus Piñon (pine nuts) from the state tree. These long peppers start out green and turn red if left longer on the plant. Despite being from the same plant, each color has its own special flavor. In August, the rich smoky aroma of roasting green chile permeates the air. Ristras, strings of dried red chiles, are hung in doorways and patios, welcoming you like New Mexican mistletoe. The unique flavor of our food comes from the strong mix of Indian/Spanish/Mexican influences.

Stop by a roadside stand in Jemez Pueblo and enjoy some fry bread or an Indian taco made fresh while you sit under the sunset red cliffs... starkly



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contrasted by green trees and an endless turquoise sky. Find southern BBQ or Thai, Vietnamese, French or Brazilian food along with American staples like burgers or meatloaf - but expect a twist - you may find green chile on your burger or the meatloaf is infused with green chile and piñons.

New Mexico's nickname is the Land of Enchantment and when you step foot anywhere in the state, you sense you are in a very special place.

The turquoise sky dotted with fluffy white clouds, the mountains, the horizon which stretches to infinity - all lure you to the "land of manana". Here, you take the time to enjoy yourself, nothing is rushed, and you can relax.

Enjoy Santa Fe where you and your partner can get a couples' massage. Travel to Ojo Caliente and soak in the healing waters or get playful in a healthy mud bath with your spouse. Ready for some excitement instead? Go white-water rafting down the Rio Grande Gorge near Taos, enjoy the nightlife of Albuquerque, hike the Catwalk in the Gila Wilderness or visit the UFO Museum in Roswell. Ride the Sandia Peak Tram in Albuquerque, the world's longest.

Looking for culture? Santa Fe is the

country's third-largest art market and features the Spanish and Indian markets, the largest of their kind in the U.S. There are multiple galleries and museums, including world-famous Canyon Road. Take in an opera at the world-renowned Santa Fe Opera. Ride the Railrunner Express, the commuter rail that runs between Belen and Santa Fe, over 100 miles, through several Indian Pueblos and labors up ancient lava flows as you climb from 5,000 to 7,000 feet. Then drive up to Taos and see where some of our favorite authors and artists hung out, including Gertrude Stein and D. H. Lawrence, author of *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. Visit Georgia O'Keefe country in Abiquiu or the O'Keefe Museum in Santa Fe. Stop in Truth or Consequences, renamed from Hot Springs in the 1950's for the game show *Truth or Consequences*. It has a burgeoning gay population with restored motels and art galleries galore. You can also soak in the hot springs or waterski on Elephant Butte Lake, the state's largest. Soon you will be able to rocket into orbit from Spaceport America, provided you have a spare \$200,000.

You will be welcomed in New Mexico no matter where you go. We have sexual orientation, transgender and hate crimes protections statewide, and the state government now offers same-sex marriage. You will feel comfortable if you ask for one bed for you and your partner, whether it be in a large urban hotel, a roadside Route 66 motel or a fabulous bed and breakfast. Like to hold hands walking down the street, or share a romantic meal? No eyebrows will be raised - New Mexicans are a very live-and-let-live people, friendly and happy to welcome you to our state. This is truly the Land of Enchantment, and as a gay traveler or resident, you will find your own magic here!



CALENDAR of events

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May

Wedding & Honeymoon Expo (Albuquerque)

Save the date: May 2015.

Location TBD

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Albuquerque Pride (Albuquerque)

New Mexico's largest GLBT event.

Silver City Blues Festival (Silver City)

Memorial Day Weekend

Southern New Mexico Wine Festival (Las Cruces)

Memorial Day Weekend

June

Santa Fe Pride (Santa Fe)

Celebrate your pride in this unique 400 year old town.

Southern New Mexico Pride (Las Cruces)

Held in Las Cruces fast growing GLBT community.

Annual Mountain of Blues Festival (Ruidoso)

Great food, fun and the best live Blues around.

El Paso Sun City Pride (El Paso)

Home of the Largest Pride Celebration in West Texas!



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July

Las Cruces Annual 4th of July Electric Light Parade, Celebration and Fireworks (Las Cruces)
Experience live entertainment throughout the day plus a spectacular Fireworks display at night.

Deming Pride
Annual Pride event.

Gallup Pride (Gallup)
Annual Pride in Northwestern New Mexico.

Mariachi Spectacular Albuquerque (Albuquerque)
Enjoy a variety of mariachi music featuring the finest mariachi musicians.

Route 66 Summerfest (Albuquerque)
Albuquerque is filled with live music and entertainment, car shows, tours of historic Nob Hill, kids' events, arts, sidewalk sales plus local wine, beer and culinary events.

Roswell UFO Festival (Roswell)
Discover the mystery of the 1947 Roswell incident with presentations and lectures.

ZIA Regional Rodeo (Santa Fe)
Produced by the New Mexico Gay Rodeo Assoc.
2nd Largest Rodeo in the State.



August

Santa Fe Indian Market (Santa Fe)
1200 Indian artist compete for prizes and awards.

Gallup New Mexico Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial (Gallup)
Native Americans from across the country in a massive Inter-tribal ceremonial.



Great American Duck Race (Deming)
Features feisty waterfowl fighting feathery foes in speedy duck races.

Taos Pride (Taos)
Celebrating the LGBTQ Community.

New Mexico Wine Harvest Festival (Las Cruces)
Over 50 arts, crafts and agricultural product vendors to start your holiday shopping!

Hatch Chile Festival (Hatch)
Taste the local "Hatch" chiles, famous for explosive flavor and high heat!

September

Santa Fe Wine & Chile Fiesta (Santa Fe)
Chefs from Santa Fe's most celebrated restaurants pair food with wines from the region.

White Sands International Film Festival (Las Cruces)
Films from around the world – Latino & New Mexican film making.

New Mexico State Fair (Albuquerque)
The best day to be there of course is Gay Day.

Whole Enchilada Festival (Las Cruces)
Las Cruces hosts one big street party making the world's largest enchilada.

Annual Southwest Gay & Lesbian Film Festival (Albuquerque)
Attracts a national audience of film lovers to Albuquerque.

October

Albuquerque International Balloon Festival (Albuquerque)
Hundreds of balloons fill the sky at dawn and dusk.

Annual Big 5 Duke City Marathon (Albuquerque)
The State's largest and longest running marathon in the history of New Mexico.



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November

Annual Festival of the Cranes (Socorro)
Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge celebrates the return of the cranes.

Renaissance Arts Faire (Las Cruces)
Local, state and regional artisans gather to participate in a juried art show & exhibition.

December

Black Tie Ball (Silver City)
Annual fundraiser to benefit The Mimbres Region Arts Council.

Christmas on the Pecos (Santa Fe)
A leisurely riverboat tour featuring more than 100 homes decorated in holiday lights along the banks of the Pecos River.

Christmas Carols and Luminarias on the Plaza in Old Mesilla
The Town of Mesilla will host the annual Luminarias and Christmas Carols on the Plaza.

Luminarias of New Mexico (State Wide)
Visit the luminaria lined streets of Old Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Mesilla.

Check under the Community Resources in this New Mexico Pride Guide® as there are many organizations that give to the needy during the holiday season.



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Check out www.GoGayNewMexico.com for dates & updates!

February

Souper Bowl Santa Fe (Santa Fe)

Chefs from Santa Fe's top restaurants serve soup and compete for awards. Benefitting The Food Depot food Bank.

For the Love of Art Month (Las Cruces)

A month long celebration of the arts in Las Cruces and Mesilla.

Chocolate Fantasia (Silver City)



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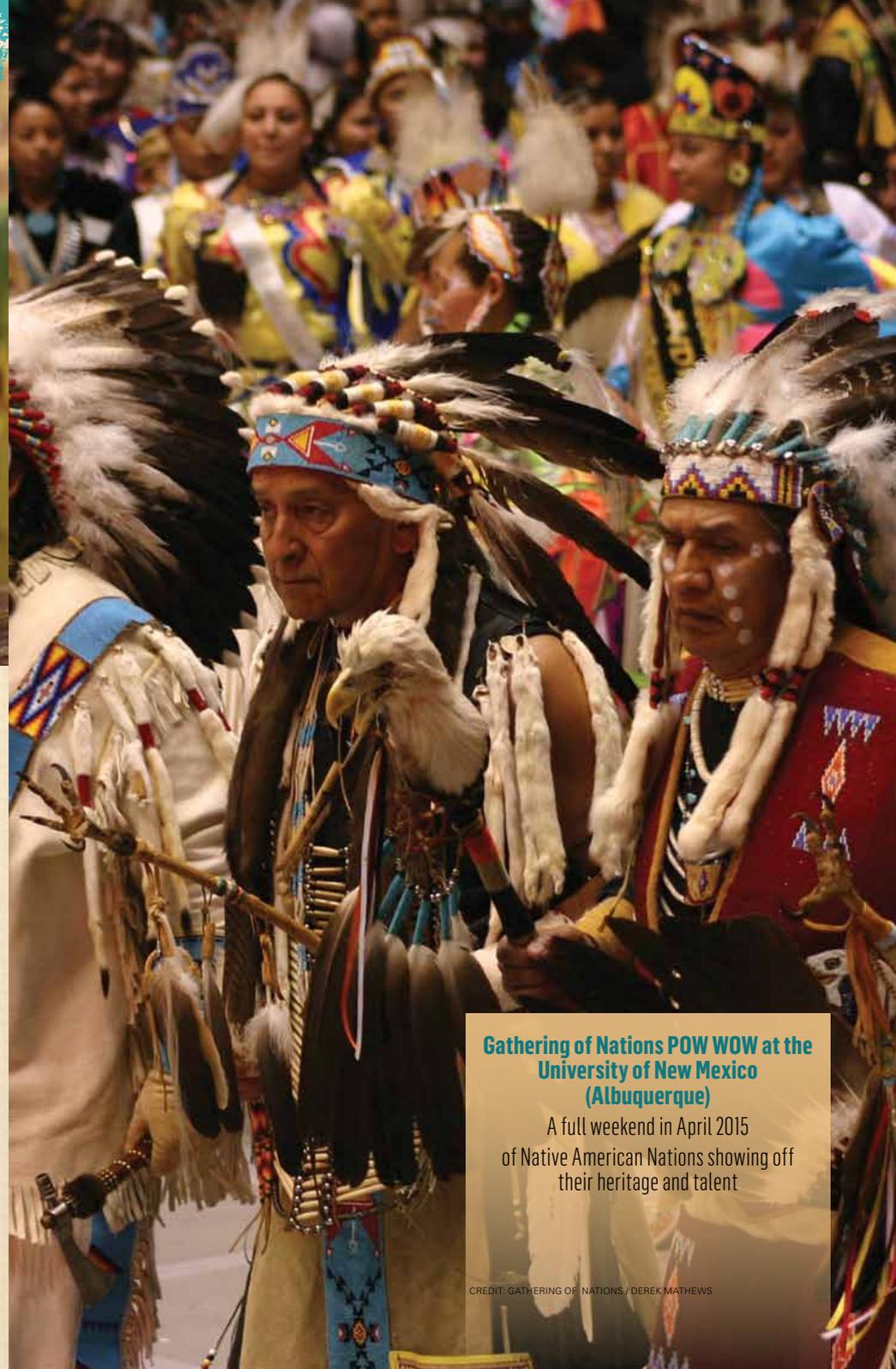
March

Santa Fe Japanese Cultural Festival (Santa Fe)

A celebration of traditional Japanese martial arts, food, music, arts and crafts.

OUT Standing Awards (Albuquerque)

Produced by Albuquerque Pride Inc. & The Alibi.



Gathering of Nations POW WOW at the University of New Mexico (Albuquerque)

A full weekend in April 2015 of Native American Nations showing off their heritage and talent

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TWO HEARTS *One Love*

Preparing for Your Wedding

by Jason E. Posey



The wedding ceremony: a chance to publicly consecrate and celebrate a couple's love and commitment to one another. As more and more same-sex couples choose to hold a ceremony to tie the knot, the LGBT-oriented wedding industry is set to explode - by some estimates, if same-sex marriage is legalized nationwide, the LGBT wedding business could be worth as much as \$17 billion. Even without legal recognition, many couples are opting to hold a wedding ceremony. But, as same-sex ceremonies are generally new territory - for both providers and the couples themselves - and as there are still some wedding providers who are not LGBT knowledgeable or friendly, it's useful to know who you can trust to handle your special day. And for any couple, it can be helpful to have a little guidance when making plans. The Pride Guide® is here to help!

The Rings

Of course, one of the most popular traditions for weddings, and proposals, is the exchange of wedding and engagement rings. In a heterosexual relationship the man traditionally surprises his would-be bride with an engagement ring, typically something gold or platinum with as large a stone as he can afford, preferably a diamond. The couple then exchange simpler gold bands for their wedding ceremony, which are sometimes merged with their engagement rings afterward. There's no requirement to follow tradition, though, unless you want to.

For a same-sex couple, one of the first challenges can be "who proposes to whom?" For some, it's easier and wiser simply to discuss with their partners what they want and work together on finding rings. If you want, you



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can purchase or make a cute mock ring. Get a cheap costume ring, a ribbon, or something similar to present to your partner, or to each other, at your proposal. If you want to surprise your significant other, then you'll need to make certain you pick out a ring they will love, and will be practical for them to wear, without busting your budget. Keep in mind their preferences in style when it comes to clothing and jewelry - do they like sleek and modern, or elegant and conservative, or fun and causal? Goth or punk, granola or hip-hop, preppy or country, it is important to pick a ring that matches their style. If you're picking rings out for both of you, you will probably want a pair that match, or are complementary. This is easier if you both prefer the same styles, but can be more difficult if the two of you tend to dress differently. Be creative. A common color or design theme can unite two otherwise very different rings.

Whether you shop alone or together, remember a few important things. First, be certain to use a reputable jeweler, especially if you plan on spending a lot of money. Lisa Krikawa, of Krikawa Jewelry Designs,

suggests, "Think about whether you want a mass produced ring or if you want to go the custom route. Prioritize your objectives: price, design, materials, origin. Keep in mind that many mass produced rings are made overseas, and decide whether or not that is an issue for you. If you want something that is unique and one-of-a-kind, know that it doesn't have to be expensive. Find a good custom jeweler with a large portfolio of designs, a high number of great reviews and a 100% money back guarantee, and treat yourself to a custom design appointment. With the right designer, it can be fun, informative, and it can result in a very meaningful product that you will treasure for the rest of your lives together."

Second, know what you're looking for. Some jewelry terminology may be useful; the "band" is the metal loop that goes around your finger (the ring itself); the "setting" is the part of the ring that holds the gemstone(s), if any, in place.

Lisa Krikawa has this advice: "Do your research. Make sure that you get the opportunity to try on different rings to see how

they feel, especially as far as the size and width are concerned. Look at the different metal options available; what color suits you best? Did you know that there are three white metals? Make sure you learn about the pros and cons of the different white metals. Decide upon a general budget to start with. You can save yourself and your jeweler a lot of time if you keep your search in the price range that is optimal for you. Be sure you think about: metal, width, accent stones, and decorative details. Do you want your rings to match, or is having some similar detailing or element enough?"

First Thing First

You proposed to your partner and they've said yes, it's now time to start planning your special day. Many couples immediately start thinking about what kind of wedding they want, where they want it and when. Unfortunately none of this can be properly done without deciding two very important and sometimes difficult things.

First the Guest List! Why you ask? Knowing who will be attending will determine things like your budget, where you will be able to have your ceremony and reception, what to have at the reception, how big of a cake and even what kind of ceremony to have.

Picking your guest list can be overwhelming,

but we have done some research and have a few suggestions on how to make this process a little easier. The most important people to invite first are you two. So many couples get caught up in all the hoopla and forget to include themselves as two of the guest. Next are your attendants, then your parents & siblings, family and finally friends and acquaintances.

The easiest way of chiseling away at the latter is to ask yourselves "Have you socialized with them in the last six months?" and "Are you inviting them because you think you should?". You have to remember it's your day, not theirs! Make sure you surround yourself with those who will make it even more memorable. It's ok to be selfish!

Second the Budget! As special a day as this is, you don't want to overextend yourselves and start out your union in debt! Weddings can get very pricey very fast. Later on in this guide you will find an article on some of the "I Do's" & "I Don'ts" when creating your budget. It's actually easier than you think, but you have to monitor it closely or it can get out of control.

Having these two big items taken care of, you're now ready to continue with the rest of the planning process. Have fun with it, your engagement time should be a memorable time.



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The Venue

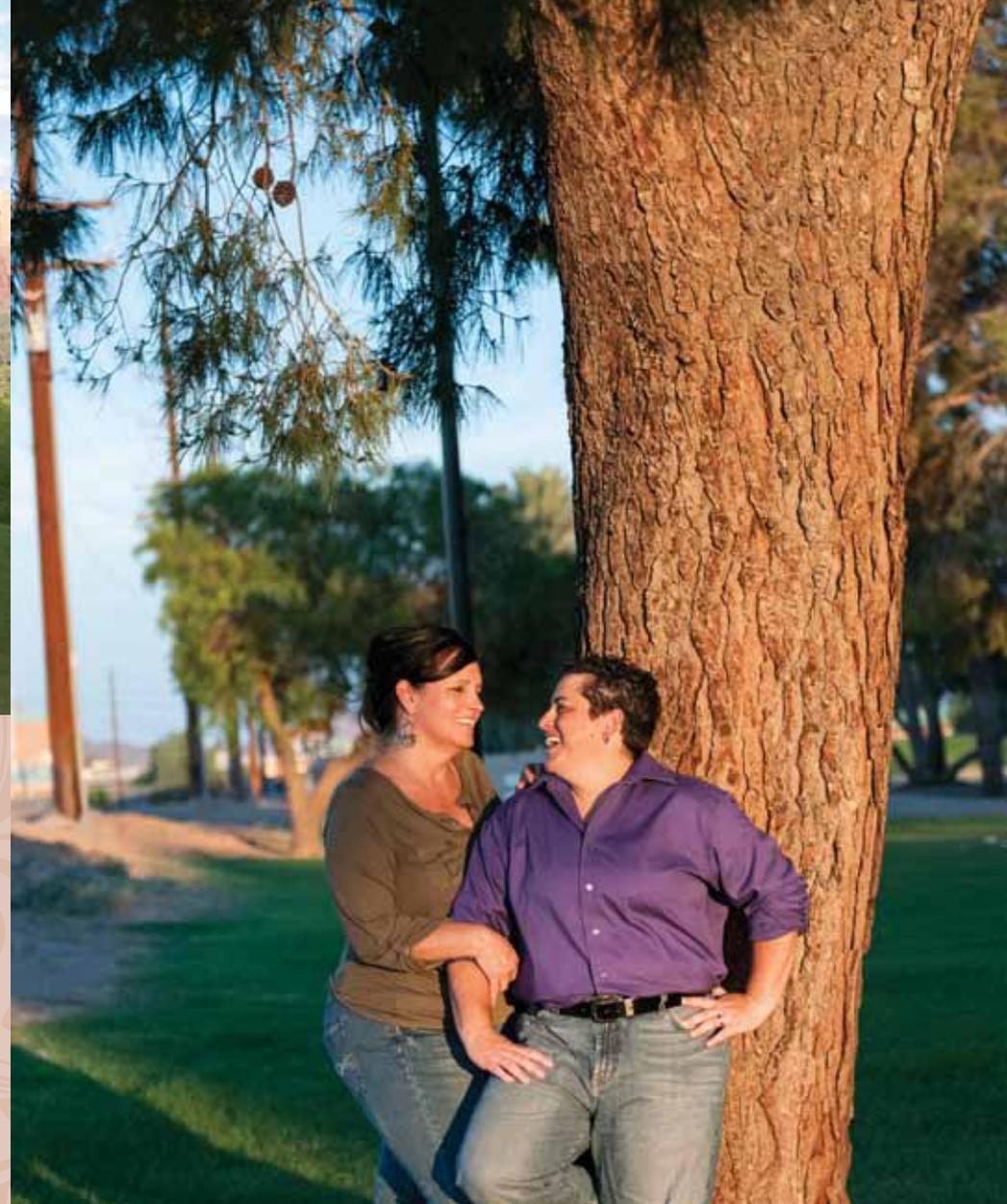
Picking a venue for your ceremony and reception can be a challenge. Any couple will want to make certain the location that they choose can handle their needs, both in terms of setting and decor and their capacity to accommodate the wedding party and all the guests. And of course, you need to have confidence that the establishment that is hosting your event is competent and concerned in making your special day go smoothly. You'll want the peace of mind knowing you and your guests will be treated with respect.

Similarly, if a couple wishes to have their ceremony in a church or other sacred building, they should be aware that some denominations - even generally LGBT-affirming denominations - may not allow same-sex ceremonies on their premises. Be certain you know a denomination's policies. If in doubt about an organization, you can avoid some heartache by doing a little research or asking other friends who have gone through this. Or just check out your Pride Guide®.

The Ceremony

For many LGBT couples, one of the biggest challenges in planning a wedding or commitment ceremony is simply figuring out what to do. Until recently, modern weddings were designed exclusively for heterosexual couples. Add to that the fact that LGBT people come from every faith background, and often choose a faith different from the one they were raised in, or none at all, and couples can be left with little guidance as to how to arrange their ceremony. Of course, this can also allow for a great deal of creativity. Try writing your own vows. Nothing is more meaningful than something written from the heart.

Many wedding experts say: "The most important thing when planning a wedding of any sort, would be deciding on a theme. When the couple has a theme planned out, it's easy to look for and describe what is needed for the wedding, and others are able to help in deciding what works best for the couple's wedding."



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Couples may or may not choose to hire a wedding planner to help them with setting things up. A good wedding planner can make a huge difference between a successful and relatively stress-free event, and disaster. But for LGBT couples, there's also the issue of finding a wedding planner who knows and understands the particular needs of our community. According to Drew Coleman of Life Design Event Planning, "Marriage is a right that has been denied to gay people until recently. Over the years, many wedding traditions have formed that are specific to a man and a woman. However, some of these traditions have a great meaning or purpose so gay couples would like to incorporate them, but don't always know how to do so. For example, a father usually gives the bride

away, but if there is no bride, who gives the grooms away? The good news is there are some great solutions. Working with a wedding planner who is familiar with same sex weddings can give some great suggestions for questions such as this."

Plan Ahead

How far ahead should you start planning your event? A great deal depends on the details. If you're looking at a very small and simple wedding, with no big bells and whistles, not a lot of travel for yourselves or guests, then you might be able to put something together quickly. Otherwise, most people in the wedding industry would advise at least six to eight months, preferably

as much as a year. Some couples will plan as far as three years in advance, giving them plenty of time to make all the arrangements -and to change arrangements as they go along - but, of course, not everyone will want to wait that long. Six months to one year would be ideal, especially if they want a specific date or venue to ensure availability." Similarly, Drew Coleman, of Life Design Event Planning, says: "Six months should be enough time, but beginning planning a year out will help ensure that you get your pick of the vendors you want."

The Laws

What legal options does an LGBT couple have in order to help guarantee their relationship has some legal basis? It all depends on what state you get married in and which state you reside in after you get married. Marriage is legal in New Mexico and many other states, thus affording a same-sex couple all the rights and privileges provided to heterosexual couples under state law, as long as you live in that state. With the defeat of D.O.M.A. many of your federal rights

are now extended to you as well no matter where you live in the United States.

It's still very important to protect yourselves in other ways especially if you decide to move out of a legally protected state. Get medical and financial power of attorneys put in place. Your partner will be able to do things on your behalf should you find yourself unable to do so. It will prevent one partner from being turned away at a hospital for not being a "family member." It is also important for couples to have Wills in place to make sure they receive any and all property upon their partner's death. Couples need things like real property, bank accounts and life insurance policies that have their partner as the beneficiary. It's all about protecting yourselves and what you have built together as a couple.

However long it may take for all state laws to recognize the love and commitment of same-sex couples, one thing is certain - LGBT citizens in the United States will no longer be silent, but are celebrating their relationships with the openness and joy they deserve.

Let the Pride Guide® be your guide for your wedding plans

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Las Cruces & Southern New Mexico
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NOW THAT YOU ARE ENGAGED

it's time to start planning your wedding.

HERE IS A 12 MONTH PLAN.

Month 12: (It All Begins Here)

- Decide on what type of wedding you want
- Finalize your wedding date
- Decide on a budget
- Hire a wedding planner if necessary
- Secure the Ceremony and Reception sites
- Mail Save the Date cards if you are having a destination or holiday wedding

Month 11: (Start looking for the following)

- Start to look for your wedding attire
- Caterer (Bring them a list of your favorite foods)
- Florist (Bring pictures of flowers/arrangements you like)
- Entertainment (DJ/Band)
- Invitations (Be sure to pick a font that can be used on programs & menu cards)
- Photographer (NEVER SKIMP ON YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER)

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Month 10:

- Choose your Officiant
- Choose your Attendants

Month 09:

- Review estimates from vendors
- Adjust budget as you start getting estimates

Month 08:

- Book your Caterer, Florist, Entertainment & Photographer
- Choose and order your wedding attire
- Begin creating your guest list (Prioritize Guests):
 - Groom & Groom or Bride & Bride Attendants
 - Parents & Siblings
 - Family
 - Friends



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Month 06:

- Decide what kind wedding cake you want and place the order
- Meet with vendors to plan details (Menu, Flowers etc.)
- Order invitations (15 extra invitations & 25 extra envelopes)
- Proof invitations with friends and family before printing



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Month 05:

- Research and book honeymoon
- Hire limos for the wedding party
- Brides shop for bridesmaids dresses
- Register for gifts
- Order wedding bands

Month 04:

- Reserve any rental equipment you may need
Chairs, Tables, Tents etc.
- Order Bridesmaids dresses
- Finalize your guest list
- Prepare your invitations
- Schedule your rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Grooms Pick out your tuxedos and reserve them
- Reserve accommodations for out-of-town guests.

Month 02:

- Mail invitations
- Go over ceremony details with your officiant
- Think about finalizing your look (Consult a Stylist)
- Buy gifts for your wedding party
- Order wedding favors
- Book a hotel room for the wedding night
- Check the state requirements for a marriage license

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06 Weeks:

- Print Programs
- Send Wedding Announcement to the Newspaper (if desired)
- Start writing your vows (No more than 3 minutes)

02 Weeks:

- Submit a shot list to your photographer
- Inform your DJ what you want him to play & say (Songs for your first dance)
- Call anyone who hasn't RSVP'd
- Finalize seating plan
- Write speeches for the rehearsal dinner and reception
- Get marriage license if possible



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01 Week:

- Pack for the honeymoon
- Give final guest count to your caterer
- Confirm details with all your vendors
- Pick up dresses & accessories
- Break in your shoes and scuff the soles

01 Day:

- Pick up tuxedos
- Get a manicure & pedicure
- Prepare wedding-day schedule
- Hold rehearsal dinner
- Give gifts to your wedding party



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Your Wedding Day

- Have your hair done
- Get dressed
- Take a moment to relax before the ceremony





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Honeymoon Ideas

You've walked down that aisle, said your "I Do's", ate some cake, opened your gifts and said good bye to all your friends & family. It's now time to go on that much anticipated honeymoon! Where are you going to go and what do you want to do?

You actually might want to start thinking about that before you ever set your wedding date. It can be crucial. Wanting a sunny honeymoon? Then a December wedding might not be a good choice. That is unless you want to fly down South of the equator. Same goes for a winter honeymoon and a June wedding. You also need to take into consideration each other's work schedules as well. We've all had jobs where there are certain times of year you just can't get away. Once you've worked through those few steps then it's time to decide.

The staff of "The Pride Guides®" has traveled throughout the six states we produce guides for. So, with the thousands of miles of travel we have come close to being experts on the areas. As luck would have it, they are all within a short drive or flight from anywhere in Arizona. From our research we have found there are more than enough things to go see and do right here in your own backyard.

HAWAII www.GoGayHawaii.com

The State of Hawaii is probably the furthest away, but is so worth the trip. Hawaii consists of six volcanically formed islands, each having their own unique features. The island chain can provide you with everything from beautiful tropical beaches, lush rainforest and desert landscapes to snowcapped peaks. The state also has some of the most unique flora and fauna in the U.S.

Kaua'i, "The Garden Isle", is the oldest and the northernmost. A lush island of jagged cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and emerald tropical forests, some parts of the island's interior can only be reached by air. It is also the only Hawaiian island with navigable rivers.

O'ahu also known as "the gathering place," the third largest among its fellow islands, but it is first in population. Almost half inhabit the bustling city of Honolulu and nearby resort town of Waikiki. From trendy hotels and TAG-approved resorts, to the best gay beach in Hawaii, and plenty of nightlife, dining and gay bars in Honolulu. Oahu is one of the top gay destinations and perfect for LGBT travel!

Molokai is the fifth largest island in the chain, and is radically different from some of the other, more touristy islands. The eastern half of the island is covered with lush vegetation and wet forests, while the western half of the island is nearly barren. Molokai is home to some of the highest sea cliffs on the planet, as well one of the longest fringing reefs on Earth at nearly 25 miles long!

Boasting to be the only island without a traffic light and only 30 miles of paved road, Lanai is a special place where you're sure to find serenity, adventure and intimacy. If you want to get away from it all, get away to Lanai.

Maui, the "Magic Isle," has a relatively small population, making it a quiet and peaceful place to live or to visit. With breathtaking vistas, black sand beaches and

lush tropical resorts and spas, Maui is the perfect place to go on your honeymoon.

Hawai'i Island abounds with natural wonder. From active volcanoes spewing molten magma, snow-kissed mountain peaks, to lush tropical rainforest and its white, green and black sand beaches. You can find every major ecosystem on the planet all in one place. Hawai'i Island is an adventure of nature's finest work.



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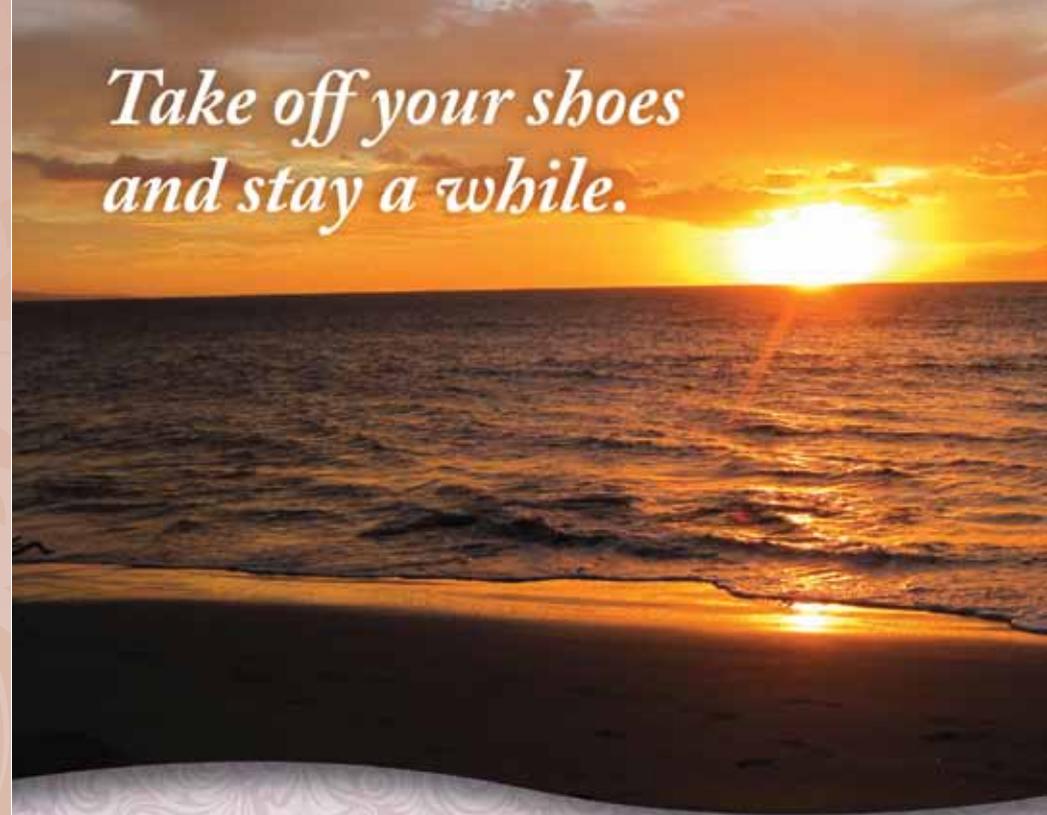
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NEVADA

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“America’s Adventure Place” is how some describe the Reno-Tahoe area. That said, you’ll find plenty of action in Nevada’s westernmost territory.

Reno’s downtown is highlighted by the Truckee River Whitewater Park and Riverwalk District. Reno has celebrity-chef restaurants, great shopping, world-renowned events, casinos, resorts and a blossoming downtown district, Reno is one of northern Nevada’s most diverse destinations.

Then there’s Lake Tahoe, more than 70 miles of majestic shoreline with recreation opportunities galore. South Lake Tahoe has all the casinos, world-class acts and nightlife Nevada is known for, while all around the

lake outdoor activities abound: hiking, biking, golfing, and water sports in the warm months, and world-class skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing in the winter.

The Las Vegas Strip is synonymous with vacation fun for everyone in the LGBT community. You can shop to your heart’s content, splurge on exquisite gourmet meals, indulge in decadent spa treatments at any one of the many resorts and party until sunrise at some of the hottest clubs in the world.

Las Vegas has way more to offer than just what lies on The Strip. Just minutes away, the Springs Preserve is essentially a living museum. Exhibits focus on Las Vegas history and desert wildlife. There’s also the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area or Valley of Fire State Park, perfect for some hiking, biking, or even world class rock-climbing on nearly perfect sandstone.

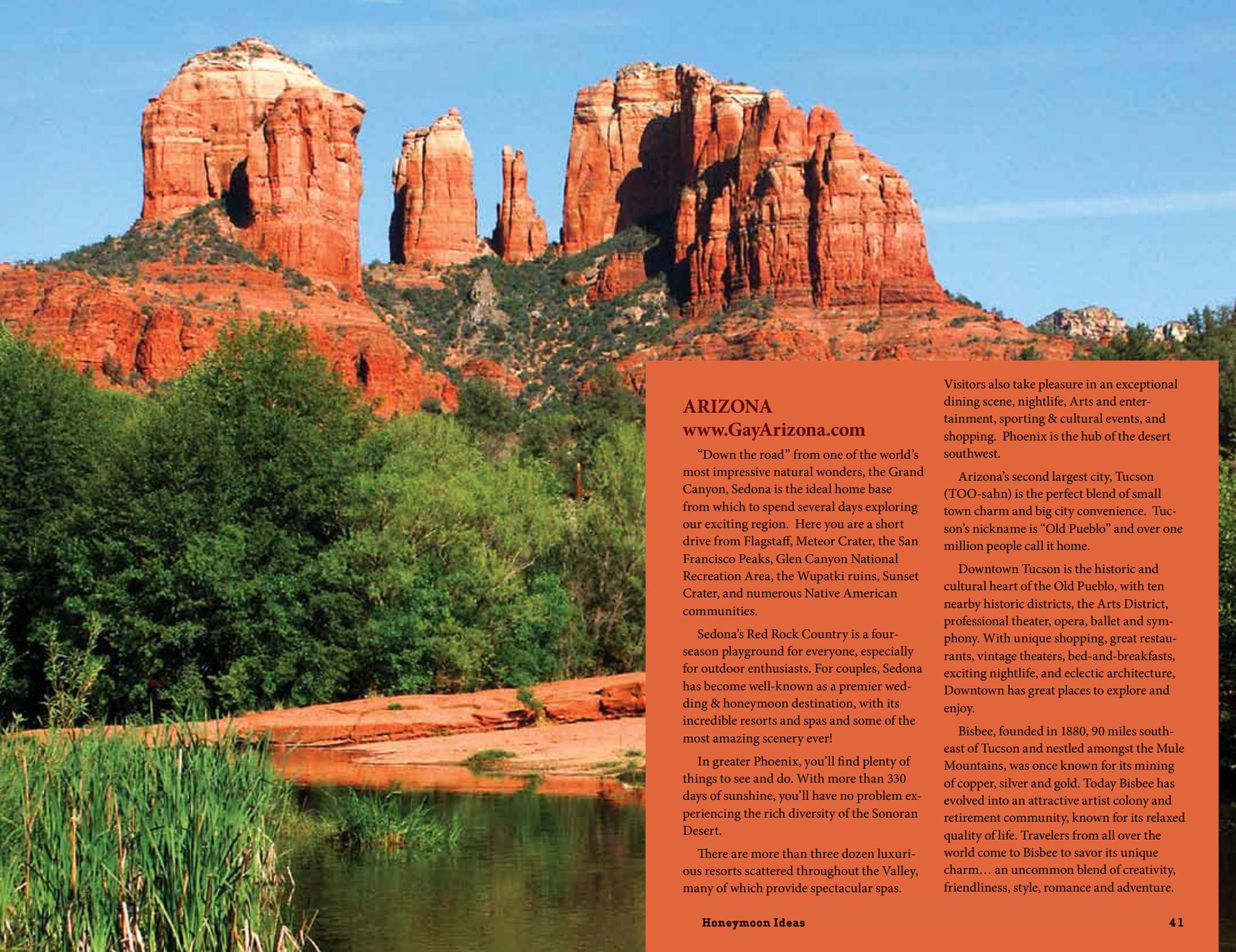
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“Down the road” from one of the world’s most impressive natural wonders, the Grand Canyon, Sedona is the ideal home base from which to spend several days exploring our exciting region. Here you are a short drive from Flagstaff, Meteor Crater, the San Francisco Peaks, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, the Wupatki ruins, Sunset Crater, and numerous Native American communities.

Sedona’s Red Rock Country is a four-season playground for everyone, especially for outdoor enthusiasts. For couples, Sedona has become well-known as a premier wedding & honeymoon destination, with its incredible resorts and spas and some of the most amazing scenery ever!

In greater Phoenix, you’ll find plenty of things to see and do. With more than 330 days of sunshine, you’ll have no problem experiencing the rich diversity of the Sonoran Desert.

There are more than three dozen luxurious resorts scattered throughout the Valley, many of which provide spectacular spas.

Visitors also take pleasure in an exceptional dining scene, nightlife, Arts and entertainment, sporting & cultural events, and shopping. Phoenix is the hub of the desert southwest.

Arizona’s second largest city, Tucson (TOO-sahn) is the perfect blend of small town charm and big city convenience. Tucson’s nickname is “Old Pueblo” and over one million people call it home.

Downtown Tucson is the historic and cultural heart of the Old Pueblo, with ten nearby historic districts, the Arts District, professional theater, opera, ballet and symphony. With unique shopping, great restaurants, vintage theaters, bed-and-breakfasts, exciting nightlife, and eclectic architecture, Downtown has great places to explore and enjoy.

Bisbee, founded in 1880, 90 miles southeast of Tucson and nestled amongst the Mule Mountains, was once known for its mining of copper, silver and gold. Today Bisbee has evolved into an attractive artist colony and retirement community, known for its relaxed quality of life. Travelers from all over the world come to Bisbee to savor its unique charm... an uncommon blend of creativity, friendliness, style, romance and adventure.



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For more than a century, Taos has been a magnet for artists and art lovers. World-class museums and galleries, historic tours, and excellent restaurants make Taos a popular destination. Seventy miles north of Santa Fe, at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, Taos is also a favorite among outdoor enthusiasts, with plenty of annual sunshine, excellent skiing, and mountain trails for hiking and biking.

Santa Fe is known as the third-largest art market in the country due to the large number of resident painters, sculptors, jewelers, photographers, and other fine artists. The city of 70,000 has more than 200 restaurants, incredible resorts & spas, galleries, shopping & cultural events. The 4 century-year-old Mexican/Spanish and Native American presence in this area, gives Santa Fe a distinct food & cultural heritage like no place else in the U.S..

Albuquerque is the largest city in New Mexico. It offers different cultural festivals,

all manner of restaurants, and specialty shops. Nightlife is abundant, and while most are not overtly gay, gay people are welcomed to a booming live music scene or to sip cocktails on a balcony.

East of Downtown is Nob Hill, an eclectic, bohemian area. This unique area thrives with nightlife, locally owned restaurants & shops. Nob Hill dazzles at night with people – straight and gay, from all over the world. This is ABQ at it quirkiest!

Just outside Albuquerque are the Sandia, Santa Ana, Laguna and Isleta Indian Pueblos, each with its own casino and hotel/resort. Native culture and entertainment abound.

Southern New Mexico is filled with a surprise around every corner. The history of Las Cruces, the natural hot springs of Truth or Consequences, the Rocky Mountain views in Ruidoso, the arts of Silver City and of course you can't forget about the Alien invaders of Roswell. These communities are a unique experience and they are welcoming to all.



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Find yourself amid the lakes, nature preserves, forests and rugged trails of gay friendly Northern California. The giant tree you can drive through near Redwoods State Park is one of the area's most famous landmarks, as are the wineries of Sonoma County and let's not forget Yosemite National Park.

Northern California boasts miles and miles of wide-open beaches that offer a contrast to the crowded coastlines farther south. You'll also discover small communities filled with wineries, quaint Inn's & B&B's, artist enclaves, fine dining and music festivals. All amongst redwood trees, and dotted with dramatic cliffs and rocky coves. This region's natural beauty provides the ingredients for an entirely unique romantic getaway.

Gay friendly San Francisco is considered one of the greatest cities in the world for many things, including five-star dining, amazing hotels, fantastic nightlife, a happening theater scene, and gay and lesbian culture. And, beyond the fifty-square-mile city, in the surrounding Bay Area, there's so much more to explore, including Silicon Valley's innovations, the Napa Valley's vineyards, and Berkeley's free spirit.

The High Sierras have fantastic food and wine festivals at Mammoth Mountain and Squaw Valley each year. If the outdoors is your game, then this is the place to be. Skiing, hiking, biking & camping are just a taste of the activities waiting for you.

Drive through the Central Valley, and you'll see evidence of how life here has historically revolved around agriculture. You'll find incredible farmers' markets, roadside produce stands, and festivals that celebrate local specialties: wine, tomatoes, asparagus, cheese and more. The region's major cities

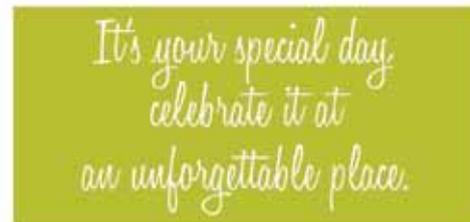


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offer many attractions including museums, concerts, racing, country music and unique gardens.

Find the perfect balance between urban and rural on California's Central Coast. Artist enclaves in Carmel and Big Sur, celebrity residents, world-class resorts, an emerging wine region and a castle are part of the attractions, yet the atmosphere is relaxed and casual.

One of the world's leading gay and lesbian destinations, Los Angeles is much more than a single metropolis — rather, it's an entire collection of both sprawling and in many cases scenic neighborhoods and adjacent cities. It could take a full week just to visit even those areas with the greatest numbers of gay-popular businesses and residential blocks, including West Hollywood, Silver Lake, Hollywood, the San Fernando Valley, Santa Monica, Venice Beach, Beverly Hills, Westwood, and even the increasingly trendy downtown. The center of America's entertainment industry has a ton of great restaurants, hotels, and bars. Gay visitors will find hundreds of LGBT-specific sights, sounds, tastes and activities.

Palm Springs CA: a desert oasis with a cosmopolitan twist. Dine in world class restaurants, lounge at legendary boutique hotels, & discover why mid-century modern enthusiasts gather here yearly. Unique to Palm Springs is its abundance of resorts catering to the gay and lesbian community. For the outdoor adventurer; Palm Springs offers magnificent hiking, unique jeep tours & 360 days of sunshine & starry nights.

San Diego welcomes gay and lesbian travelers with a vast array of activities, including six popular annual Pride festivals and a vibrant gay and lesbian community. Visit once and get hooked on the sunshine and spirit of a city where people from all walks of life come together to meet, shop, dine and enjoy the area's arts, culture and nightlife.

Hillcrest, home to San Diego's gay and lesbian community, is an exciting uptown district that celebrates diversity year-round. Guests are eased by the community's openness, hospitality and quaint neighborhood charm. Hillcrest celebrates San Diego's hip and wild side with a mix of exotic bistros, eclectic coffee houses and cafes, urban-style boutiques, nightspots and so much more.



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COLORADO

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Denver, also known as “The Queen City of the Plains” & the capital city of Colorado was founded in 1858 at the base of the Rocky Mountains. It has been a city of ethnic and cultural diversity since its inception. Denver has grown to become a modern city offering something for everyone.

The Mile High City, with 42,000 hotel rooms in the metropolitan area, has no shortage of a place to stay or budget to be followed. Many of its hotels cater to the LGBT traveler, insuring you a safe and accepting accommodations.

Looking for that urban experience? Denver is the place to go. There is shopping,

amazing restaurants, museums, art galleries and of course nightlife like no other. At any given time of the year, there are sporting & cultural events that will keep your days and evenings hopping.

This modern & chic city is also a great place for those looking for that outdoor experience. With the Rocky Mountains at its back door you will find over 850 miles of paved & dirt bike paths, hiking, and camping. Let's not forget about some of the top skiing areas in the world. Places like Aspen, Vail & Telluride offer everything from downhill, cross country, snowboarding and more. Of course these areas have world class resorts allowing you to make your honeymoon dreams come true.



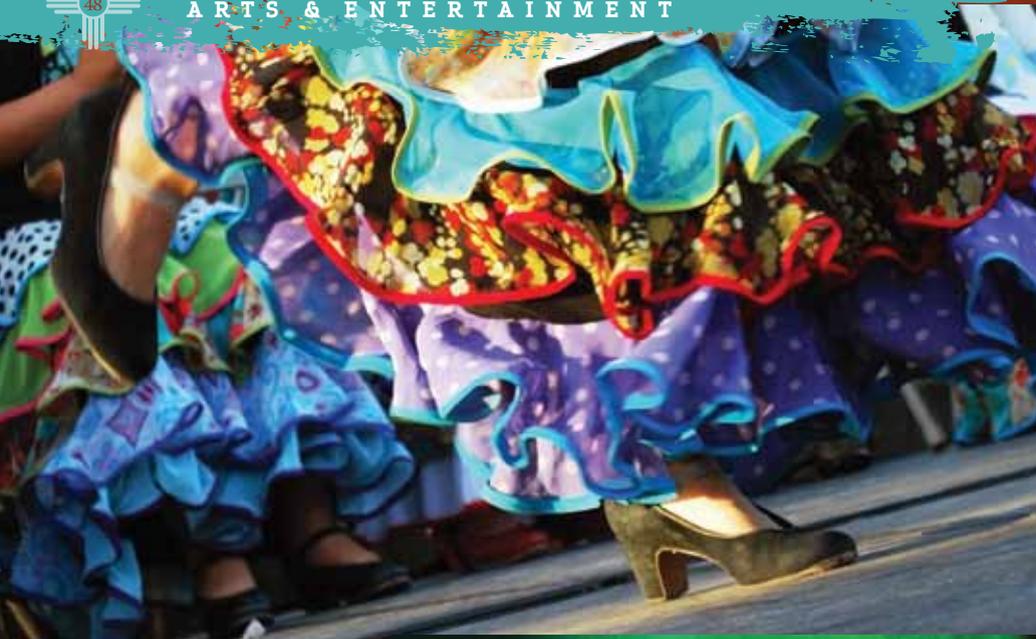


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ENTERTAINMENT & Nightlife

ALBUQUERQUE

As befits a city of half a million people, Albuquerque has an active performing arts and nightlife scene. The performing arts here are multicultural, with Hispanic and (to a lesser extent) Native American productions sharing stage space with Anglo works including theater, opera, symphony, and dance. Albuquerque also attracts many national touring companies. Nightclubs cover the gamut, with rock, jazz, and country predominant.

Downtown Albuquerque is all business during the daylight hours but once the sun sets, a younger crowd flocks to this area's hip dance clubs and martini bars. Both Downtown and Nob Hill are packed with some of the best bars around. Everything from brewpubs, wine bars and restaurants to billiards and dance clubs are within walking distance from each other. Art openings are common on Friday nights and you'll find live music every night of the week in Albuquerque concert venues. Make sure to check out Downtown Albuquerque's largest gay nightclub, Effex Night

Club. Holding up to 750 clubbers, this club features Go Go Dancers, a rooftop bar and an enormous dance floor with the best local DJs and World Class DJs brought in weekly.

You'll also find some of the best Albuquerque nightlife, restaurants and more in the city's casinos and resorts. Along with table games, poker, slots, bingo, spas and golf courses many casinos also have large performance venues featuring national performing acts and musicians. The closest Albuquerque casinos are just a 10 minute drive from Downtown and several offer free shuttle service from Albuquerque hotels.

For a quiet end to the evening, head to the Sandia Peak Tramway where you can glide through the sunset far above the Rio Grande Valley with the lights of Albuquerque sparkling below.

Check the Pride Guide® calendar to see what special events are happening during your visit. Complete information on all major cultural events can be obtained from the Albuquerque Convention and



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Visitors Bureau (Call 800-284-2282 for recorded information after 5pm). No matter which entertainment venue you choose, you'll never spend a dull night in Albuquerque!

SANTA FE

From nightclubs to lounges, cigar bars and dinner music, Santa Fe offers plenty of places to unwind and enjoy live music and dance performances. Take in a flamenco concert or a gig by a local band. Enjoy Native American flute music, or a mariachi concert full of local flavor. Dance to a DJ's pulsing beat or relax in the Lensic Performing Arts Center to a classical music concert.

Santa Fe is a musician's mecca, a place where well-known musicians live when they're not touring the world and where many local bands flourish. Santa Fe even has a local record label that represents a number of local musicians and bands. In addition to several live music venues, the city hosts music festivals throughout the year devoted to jazz, classical, opera, alt, indie music and bluegrass.

In a city renowned for culture, it's no surprise that Santa Fe has a thriving performing arts scene. The world-famous Santa Fe Opera performs only in the summer, but their performances are so good that it's worth thinking about planning your trip around them. A variety of free concerts are also staged throughout the summer in the Plaza. Other performing arts worth considering include the Maria Benitez Teatro Flamenco and the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet.

Like the locals, restaurants and bars in

Santa Fe have distinct personalities. For those who live to dance, there's an honest-to-goodness "disco" in town, several country-and-western venues and a few Latino clubs. Many hotels also offer live entertainment, much of it home-grown -- though that by no means rules out the occasional big-name act. Thanks to Santa Fe's magnetic attraction for artists, musicians and celebrities of all ilk and notoriety, local talent is excellent and plentiful here.

The Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino, located just 15 minutes north of Santa Fe, features table games, poker, slots, golfing and World Class entertainment and offers a complimentary shuttle between the historic downtown Railyard in Santa Fe and the resort on a regularly scheduled basis.

Art lovers could never be disappointed by a trip to Santa Fe. Artists have been thriving in the city for decades, and visitors are able to enjoy not only viewing breathtaking visual art, but taking part in the creative process as well. From pottery to painting and everything in between, there is a seemingly never-ending number of museums, galleries, shops, and workshops available within Santa Fe for residents and visitors to get their art fix. It's really no wonder the city is called an "Art Mecca Destination Location".

Again, check the Pride Guide® calendar for special events happening in the area or contact the Santa Fe Convention and Visitors Bureau (800-777-2489) or visit them at www.SantaFe.org.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT VENUES



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Venues

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www.Creativeabq.org

New Mexico Women's Chorus
www.NMWomensChorus.org

New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus
www.nmgmc.org

Globalquerque
www.globalquerque.com

10th Annual Southwest Gay & Lesbian Film Festival
www.SWGLFF.com

TAOS

Taos Center for the Arts
www.tcataos.org

SANTA FE

Juan Siddi Flamenco Theatre Company
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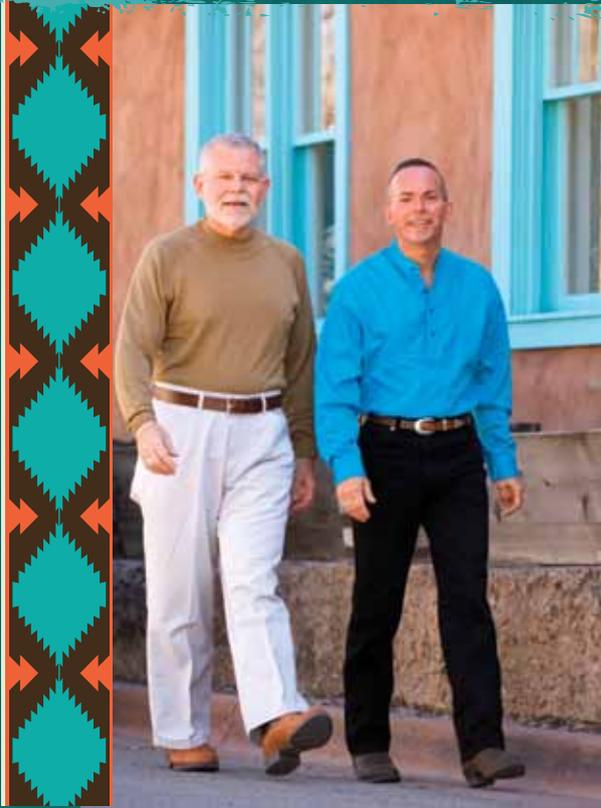


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What better way to start off the weekend than with the tradition of gallery hopping!

TAOS

First Saturday of each month is the Art Walk from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (year round)

SANTA FE

Every Friday there are a slew of openings, generally scheduled between 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (May to Sept.)

ALBUQUERQUE

First Friday of each month Arts Crawl on the Historic Route 66-Nob Hill & Highland Albuquerque neighborhoods from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (May to Sept)

LAS CRUCES

First Friday of each month Downtown Art Walk from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (year round)

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Wooden Menagerie: Made in New Mexico
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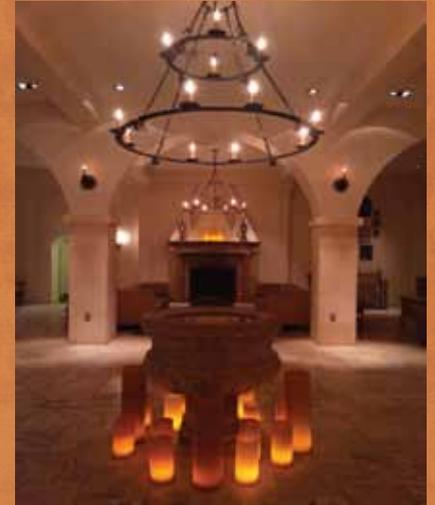
Few places on earth offer the rich history and blend of cultures you'll find in New Mexico. Home to dozens of Native American pueblos, tribes and nations, there is also over 500 years of Hispanic culture to discover here.

The Spanish first came to New Mexico in 1541 and 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 which is named for the Spanish Duke de Alburquerque, Francisco Fernández de la Cueva (hence the nickname "Duke City"). Hispanic culture has influenced how New Mexicans work, play and live for over half a millennia and today's visitors can feel the vibrant Hispanic traditions across the state. From the food to the language and from the festivals to the arts and crafts, Hispanic culture is here for everyone to savor.

Historic Sites

El Rancho de las Golondrinas (The Ranch of the Swallows) is a living history museum located on 200 acres in a rural farming valley just south of Santa Fe. The museum, dedicated to the heritage and culture of Spanish Colonial New Mexico, opened in 1972. Original colonial buildings on the site date from the early 18th century. In addition, historic buildings from other parts of northern New Mexico have been reconstructed at Las Golondrinas. Special festivals and theme weekends offer visitors an in-depth look into the celebrations, music, dance and many other aspects of life in the period when this part of the United States was ruled by Spain and Mexico.

El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (The Royal Road to the Interior Lands)



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was the official "Road from Spain" bringing the first colonists to the region beginning in 1598 -- 22 years before the Mayflower. This emigrant trail brought thousands of Spanish and Mexican colonists to New Mexico until the arrival of the railroad in the late 1800s. The unique culture, history and people of New Mexico trace their roots to the Camino Real. Though not used for over a century, remnants of the Camino Real, Indian pueblos, and other cultural sites along the trail are being preserved today. The towns and villages along the Rio Grande, and the Camino Real, are some of the oldest settlements in North America. El Camino Real is a National Historic Trail.

Named for the patron saint of Santa Fe, the historic Hotel St. Francis is located one block off the Santa Fe Plaza and embodies the authentic spirit of old Santa Fe. Inspired by the early presence of the Franciscan missionaries in New Mexico, the spectacularly renovated Hotel St. Francis is designed in a style where peace and tranquility are the key design elements throughout. The St. Francis has the distinction of being the oldest hotel in Santa Fe and is on the National Register of Historic Places.



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A prime example of Hispanic influence is found at historic Old Town Albuquerque, where adobe buildings surround a central plaza, a common feature of Spanish colonial towns. Anchoring the plaza is the San Felipe de Neri Church. Built in 1793 it is the oldest building in the city and the third oldest Hispanic church in New Mexico. Old Town Plaza and the church are the center of many Hispanic traditions in Albuquerque including the San Felipe Fiestas held each year at the end of May and early June. A procession of the patron saint is part of the three days of entertainment, food and festivities.

Hispanic Arts

One of the ways the rich Hispanic culture of New Mexico is celebrated is Santa Fe's Annual Spanish Market in late July. A popular event for residents and visitors alike, the Spanish Market features handmade traditional art from

over 350 local Hispanic artists as well as on-going live music and dance, art demonstrations, and regional foods throughout each day. This famous Market is the oldest and largest juried Spanish Market in the United States and attracts over 70,000 visitors and collectors from throughout the world. The artists not only exhibit and sell their art, but are also very happy to share their culture with visitors. All of the festivities are focused on and around the Santa Fe Plaza, which is surrounded by history-filled museums, shops and restaurants.

The National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC), located in the historic Baretas neighborhood in Albuquerque, presents and preserves Hispanic culture at the local, state, national and international levels. Its 16-acre campus is home to an art museum, performing arts complex, education center, history and literary arts building and several outdoor patios and pla-



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zuelas. Throughout the year visitors can enjoy a diverse mix of traditional and contemporary art, music, dance, theatre, book signings, lectures and family programming. Its full calendar includes flamenco, ballet, Latin dance classes, Cinco de Mayo Folklorico, and more. The Center also offers a restaurant and gift shop.

Flamenco in New Mexico

The passionate flamenco is one of the most widely associated dances with the Hispanic culture, and a visit to New Mexico offers a chance to view the dance at its best.

Flamenco is a Spanish musical genre with strong, rhythmic undertones and is often accompanied with a simi-

larly impassioned style of dance characterized by its powerful yet graceful execution, as well as its intricate hand and footwork. Flamenco embodies a complex musical and cultural tradition. Although considered part of the culture of Spain in general, flamenco actually originates from Andalusia. However, other areas, mainly Extremadura and Murcia, have contributed to the development of several flamenco musical forms, and a great number of renowned flamenco artists have been born in other territories of the state. The roots of flamenco are not precisely known, but it is generally acknowledged that flamenco grew out of the unique interplay of native Andalusian, Islamic, Sephardic and Gypsy cultures that existed in Andalusia prior to and after the Reconquest. Latin American and espe-



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cially Cuban influences have also been important in shaping several flamenco musical forms.

Once the seeds of flamenco were planted in Andalusia, it grew as a separate subculture, first centered in the provinces of Seville, Cádiz and part of Málaga—the area known as Baja Andalucía (Lower Andalusia)—but soon spreading to the rest of Andalusia, incorporating and transforming local folk music forms. As the popularity of flamenco extended to other areas, other local Spanish musical traditions (i.e., the Castilian traditional music) would also influence, and be influenced by, the traditional flamenco styles.

Today Albuquerque is known as a principal location for flamenco dance. Each summer thousands of flamenco dancers and aficionados gather for the Annual Festival Flamenco Internacional de Albuquerque held at the University of New

Mexico. The festival, one of the longest-running events in Albuquerque, is considered one of the most important flamenco events outside of Spain.

Located in downtown Albuquerque, The National Institute of Flamenco (NIF) is a unique, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the art, culture and history of flamenco. NIF offers a full flamenco curriculum for all ages and experience levels through the National Conservatory of Flamenco Arts. NIF proudly hosts exceptional performances by world famous flamenco artists throughout the year.

Tucked away in a school on Aqua Fria Street in Santa Fe is the Maria Benitez Institute for Spanish Arts. From the name you can surmise that its focus is artistic endeavor related to the country of Spain and its influence on Hispanic culture. What you can't know



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unless you have seen the product of their efforts is the powerful emotional and visceral impact one of their performances can have on an audience. It's a fitting organization for the oldest city that is a capital in the U.S. and was founded by the Spanish. Maria Benitez, its founder, may be known to you. She is an internationally recognized choreographer, dancer and director of Spanish dance. She is also one of the most well-known Flamenco dancers in the world. Maria Benitez also founded the Teatro Flamenco Dance Company in Santa Fe along with the Estampa Española dance company.

Legacy

The Spanish culture and traditions survive and evolve in New Mexico through the strength and ties of the language,

the family and the church. In general, the uniqueness of the arts, folk arts and traditions of New Mexico have been recognized since as early as the turn of the century. Hispanos practice and live their cultural and religious traditions which are apparent in the native foods and herbal remedies, the local music, arts and crafts, and the annual fiestas of Santiago y Santa Ana held the last week of July. Hispanos also continue to observe their unique religious functions which include the Posadas during Christmas season which reenacts Joseph and Mary's search for an inn, the celebration of the Virgin of Guadalupe and Lenten activities that include the practices of the Penitentes during Holy Week. The names of the people, towns, cities, rivers, valleys, and mountain ranges are testaments to the Hispanic legacy in New Mexico.



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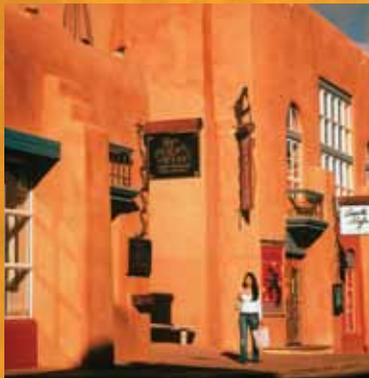


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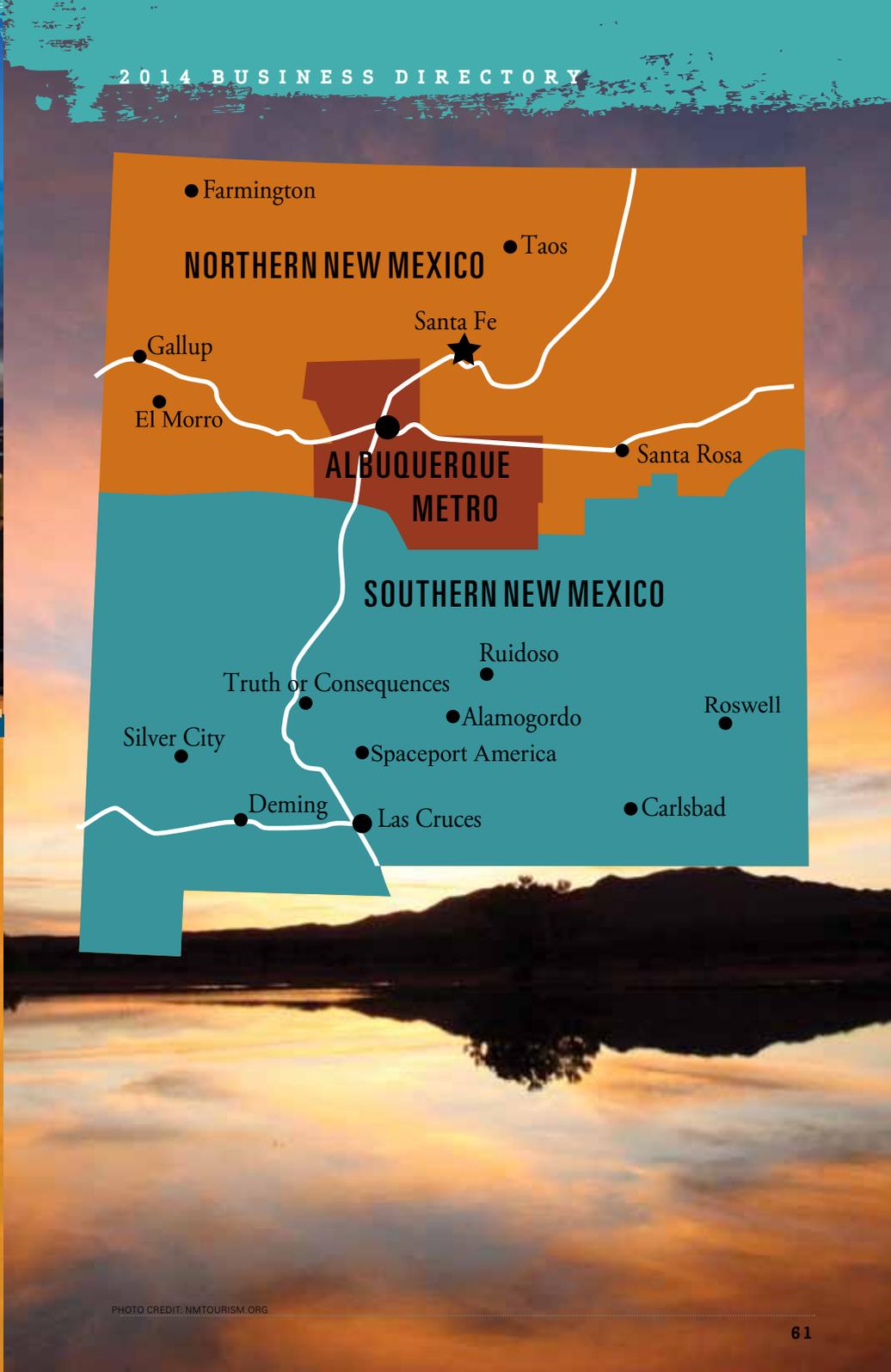


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Santa Fe's most popular nickname, "The City Different", is a proud representation of its residents' belief in distinguishing themselves by thinking outside the box while also honoring their roots. A very proud city that is not only very gay-friendly, but America's oldest capital city, celebrating 400 years in 2010.

The city's rich history is most visually apparent in Santa Fe's distinctive adobe buildings— a genuine manifestation of the confluence of Spanish and Native American cultures. Adobe, a durable material used

for centuries to construct the area's pueblos, is produced by combining sand, clay, water and fibrous organic matter such as sticks or straw. Adobe buildings were traditionally made by shaping the mud-based substance into bricks, with supports provided by large logs, called vigas. One of Santa Fe's oldest examples of this technique is the Palace of the Governors.

Besides its historic architectural heritage (which draws a huge number of LGBT visitors), Santa Fe's unique shopping and dining experience is a must for your visit list. The primary shopping



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district is downtown's many shops and boutiques centered around the Plaza. Then, just southeast of downtown, Canyon Road is lined with more high-end options. This street is renowned for its art galleries, but is also home to dealers of fine leather goods and jewelry, ranging from southwestern to contemporary.

Santa Fe is known as the second-largest art market in the country due to the large number of resident painters, sculptors, jewelers, photographers, and other fine artists. They choose to call Santa Fe home because the unique culture is conducive to the spirit of creative thinking. There are oodles of other artists here too: designers of fashion and furniture, of landscapes and home interiors, plus architects and builders, as well as quite a few innovators in the fields of science, sustainability, the healing arts, and water conservation. The wholeness-of-life atmosphere of Santa Fe originates from the area's indigenous communities, most of whom have always recognized the interconnectedness between themselves and the world around them.

More than 200 restaurants in a town of 70,000 or so makes for a terrific eatery-to-customer ratio. That's why this unique city has become such a culinary destination. The centuries-old Mexican/Spanish and Native American presence in this area

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TAOS

For more than a century, Taos has been a magnet for artists and art lovers. World-

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Essential to its character is the historic Taos Plaza, established in the late 18th century. Today, the Plaza boasts more than 40 galleries and boutiques and several restaurants.

The journey from Santa Fe to Taos can be an adventure in itself, with two possible routes, both about equal in distance. Locals call the most direct (yet still scenic) path, which follows the Rio Grande, the Low Road. But the snaking High Road to Taos is a stunning must-see. Heading north from Santa Fe, the High Road takes you along five different byways, passing through several small mountain villages, each rich in culture and history. The road goes east from Espanola and winds through beautiful Northern New Mexico.

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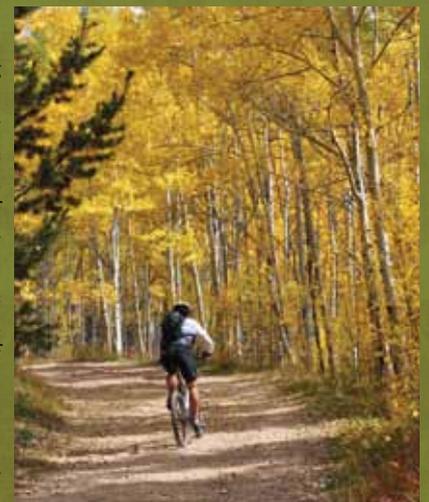


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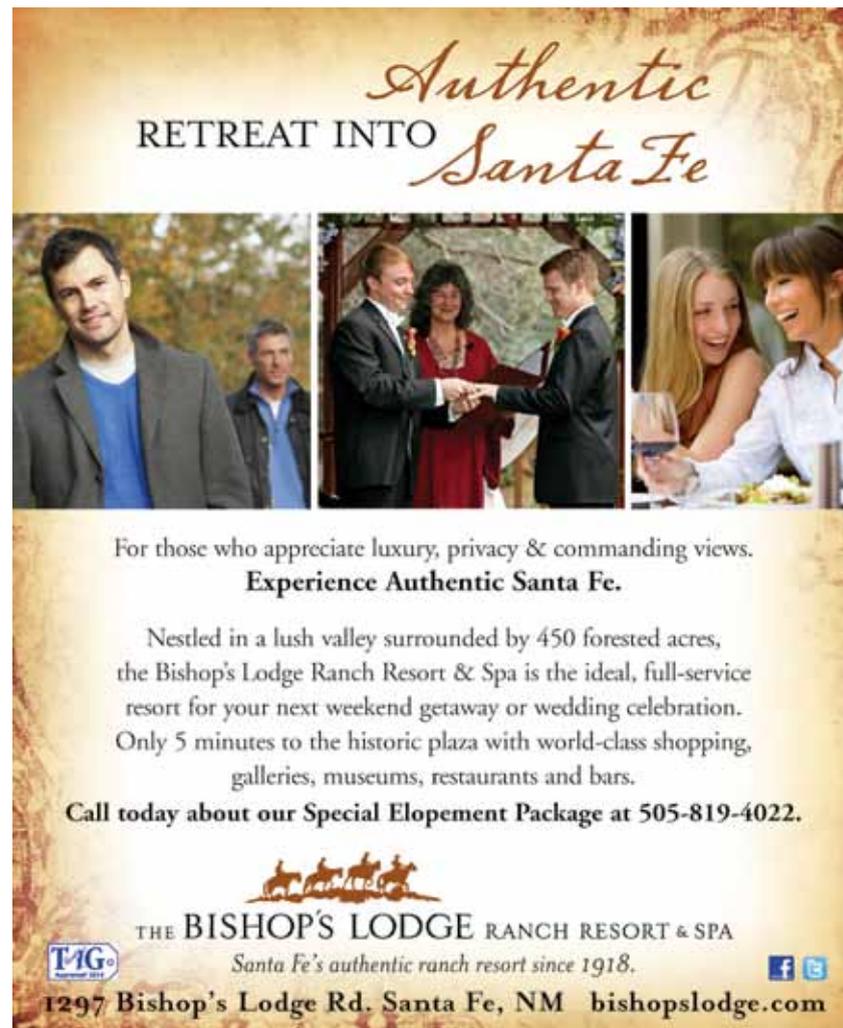
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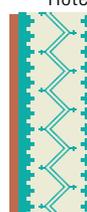
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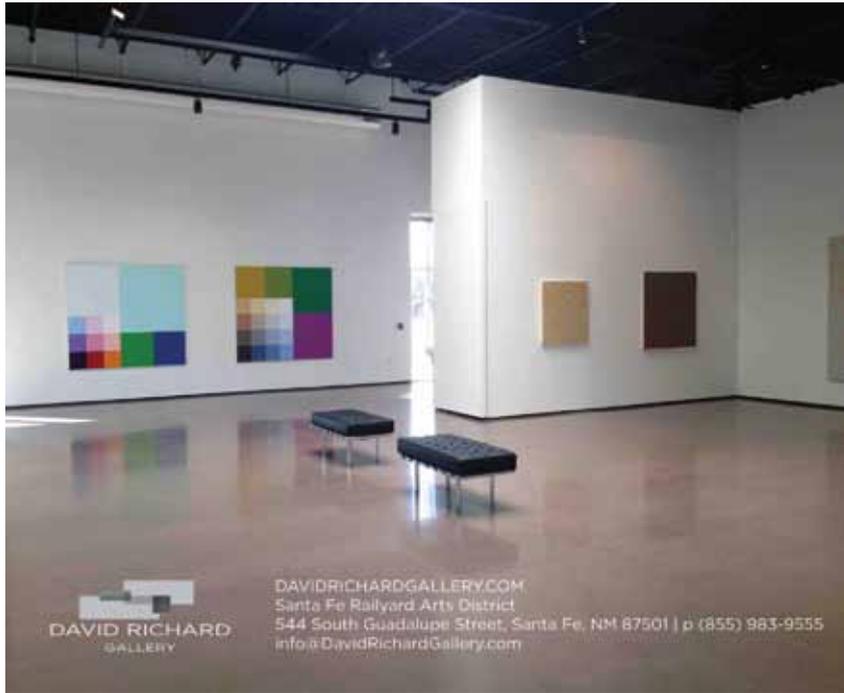
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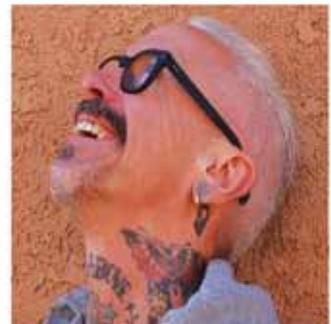


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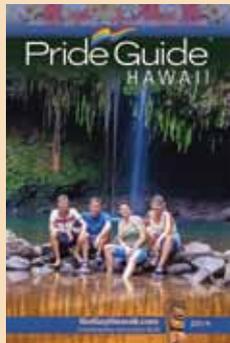
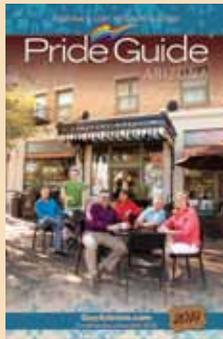
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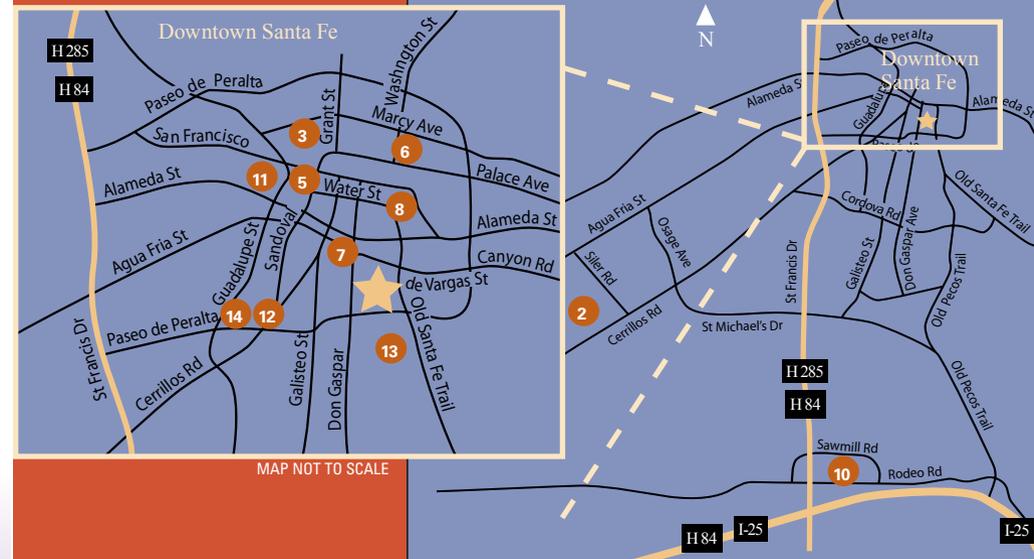
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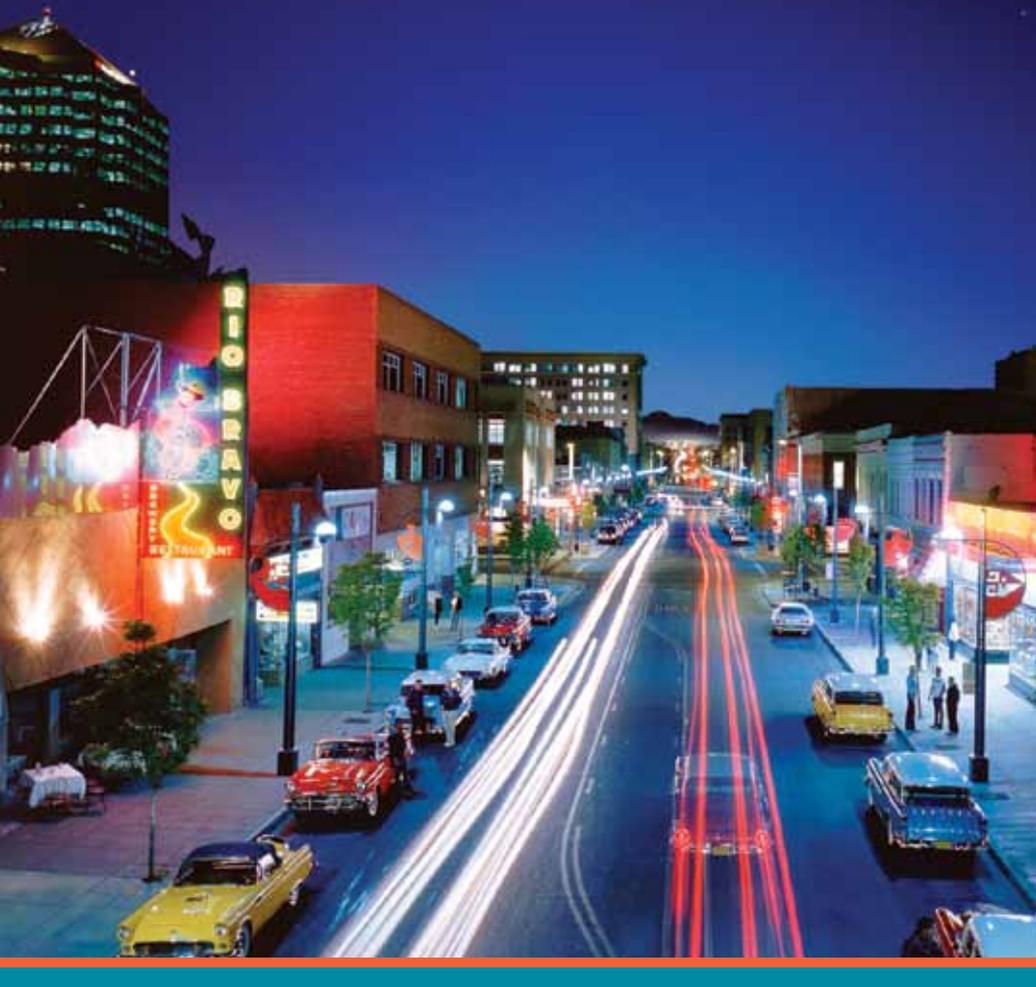
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Hip with a mid-century, quirky chic, Albuquerque moves to a unique rhythm with its own distinct personality. Most people used to know of Albuquerque from Bugs Bunny, who would say, “I shoulda made a left toin at Albuquerque!” Growing up in ABQ, as us natives call it, I laughed to think that my city was recognized by such an iconic figure.

by Mauro A. Montoya Jr.

But that’s in the past— today, ABQ is a growing metropolis full of whimsical sights, crisp scents, and passionate sounds. You can find anything other metropolitan areas have, but with an ABQ twist I call, “AlbuQuirky!”

Bugs Bunny wasn’t the only Hollywood star to recognize ABQ. Ethel, (actress Vivian Vance), Lucy’s sidekick on the I Love Lucy Show, hailed from ABQ. In one episode, en route to Los Angeles, they stopped in ABQ, where Ethel’s high school boyfriend remarked, “Ethel Mae Potter, we never forgot her!” The first movie shot here was made in 1898! Films such as *The Grapes of Wrath* and *Easy Rider* were filmed here. These days, ABQ is often called “Tamalewood” for all the movies and TV series shot here, including *Breaking Bad*, *In Plain Sight*, *Thor*, *The Avengers*, *The Lone Ranger*, and dozens of others. You can even look for a production filming and sign-on as an extra to find your inner star in Tamalewood!

Downtown Albuquerque offers different cultural festivals, all manner of restaurants, and specialty shops. Nightlife is abundant, and while most are not overtly gay, gay people are welcomed to a booming live music scene or to sip cocktails on a balcony. 1940’s-60’s urban chic Route 66 (Central Avenue) runs directly through Downtown.

East of Downtown is Nob Hill, an

eclectic, bohemian area. It’s filled with original neon signs and motels from Route 66’s heyday. Some now function as quirky boutique shops. There is no ‘gayborhood’, but Nob Hill thrives with nightlife, restaurants and all kinds of shops with personality, because most are locally-owned. Sip local sparkling wine or munch a shrimp corn dog while strolling around the monthly Arts Crawl. Nob Hill dazzles at night with people— straight and gay, from University of New Mexico Students to active seniors— all under ever-changing shades of neon. This is ABQ at its quirkiest!

Just outside Albuquerque are the Sandia, Santa Ana, Laguna and Isleta Indian Pueblos, each with its own casino and hotel/resort. Instead of taking the highway, drive south on Isleta Boulevard to Isleta/Hardrock Casino, through one of the oldest barrios (neighborhood) in the city, and spot one of my AlbuQuirky favorites, a 30 foot cartoon Roadrunner (Warner Brothers must have loved ABQ!) Also look for my favorite sign, “Phil’s Chile and Brake Repair”. Drive up Gibson Boulevard east of ABQ International Airport and be on the lookout for a sculpture I call “Chevy on a Stick”. It’s a blue-tiled, early 1950’s Chevrolet on a tiled arch.

October is scented by piquant roasting green chilis. And, lighting up the turquoise skies, is the Albuquerque International



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Old Town ABQ is the site where the city was founded in 1706 by the Spanish on the Camino Real from Mexico City to Santa Fe. Old Town has wonderful shops, restaurants and sights to discover, but Christmas Eve transforms Old Town into a magical place. About one million luminarias, small paper bags weighted with sand and lit by candles, line the sidewalks, the buildings, the Plaza and the San Felipe de Neri church. This is an ancient Spanish tradition meant to light the way for the newborn Christ child. Sip hot chocolate and munch on bischochitos,

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Albuquerque is ringed by gorgeous mountains and extinct volcanos. One of the top outdoor destinations in the U.S., there are bike trails throughout the city, including along the Rio Grande River Bosque (woods) as well as hiking trails into the mountains. Maps are readily available. Combine art and hiking by visiting the Petroglyph National Monument, where early Native Americans etched life symbols onto boulders. New Mexico Outdoors is a gay group that has outdoor events every weekend and always welcomes visitors.



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ABQ is a cultural melting pot with a strong Spanish/Mexican influence and, yes, one of the most festive occasions is the Día de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Marigold Parade and Fiesta in October. The custom is to celebrate the memory of loved ones you have lost by creating a shrine with food, photos and some of their favorite things. The parade features traditional music and dances along with low-rider cars, horses and my favorite— rolling descansos— memorials to those who have passed before us. (Descansos are roadside memorials put up where a loved one was killed in a car accident, some of which are very beautiful.) Like wearing make-up? Nearly everyone paints their faces like skulls, so get out and paint away! The Fiesta has food, traditional dances, music, vendors and an art show. And while you're there, take in the nearby National Hispanic Cultural Center, which has often featured gay Latino artists and whose large theater hosts movies for the Southwest Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, also in October.



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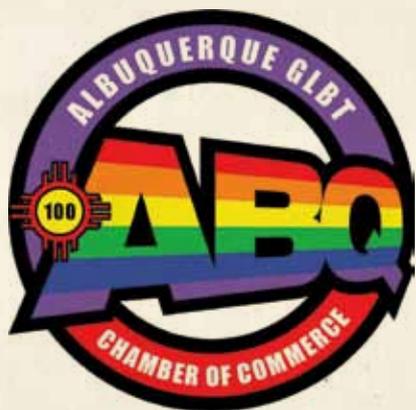
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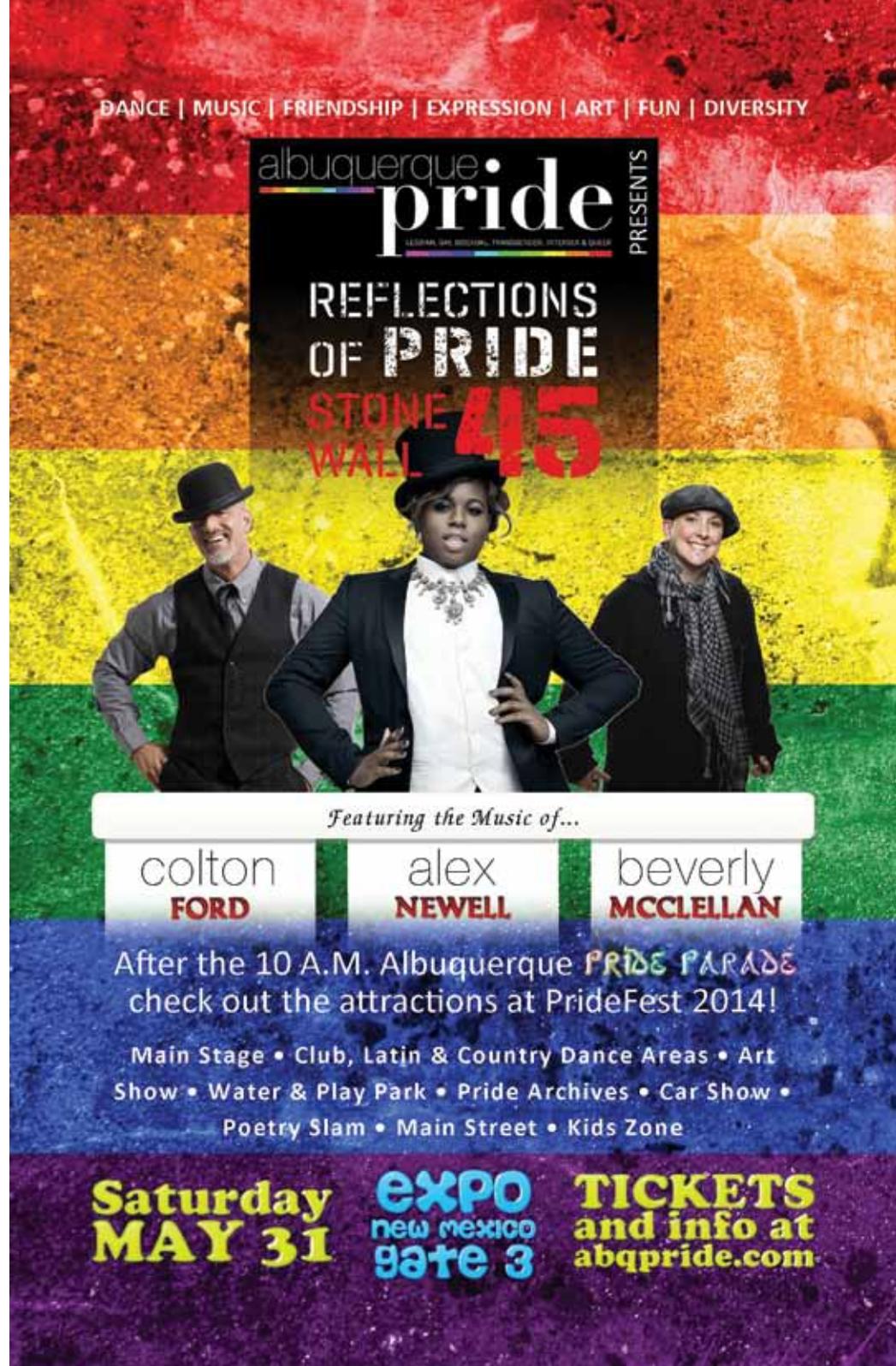
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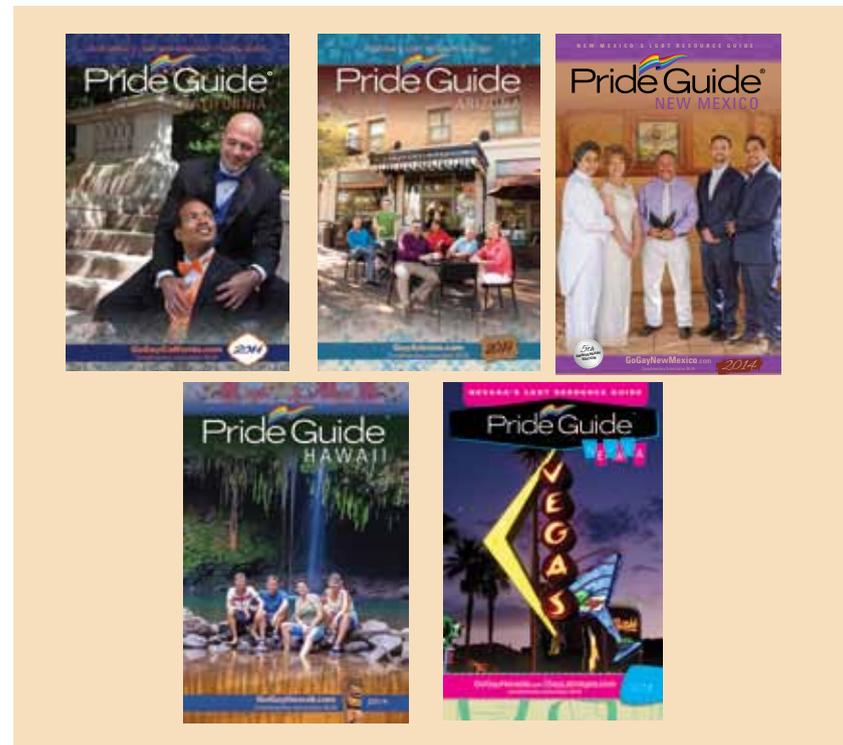
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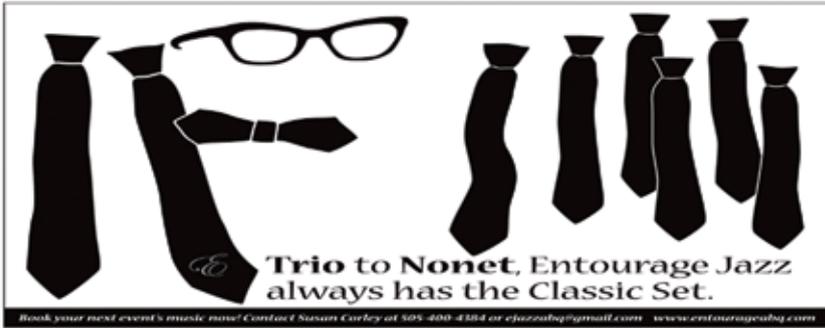
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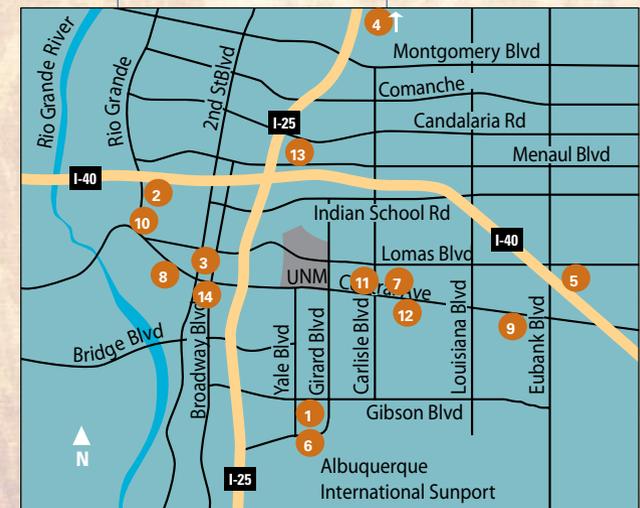
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The most common legend of the origin of the city's name refers to a Jardin

de Las Cruces (garden of crosses) created for victims of Apache raids witnessed by travelers on El Camino Real. The Gadsden Purchase in 1854 and the subsequent arrival of the railroad in 1881 were two significant events in the growth of Las Cruces and by 1900, the population of Las Cruces was expanding rapidly.

New Mexico State University, established in 1889, is a key contributor to the economy and culture of Las Cruces and the surrounding area. In the past decade,



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Las Cruces has experienced significant growth due to its mild annual weather and positive business climate. The city is home to The Whole Enchilada Fiesta and the International Mariachi Conference.

Just south of the Las Cruces city limits is Historic Mesilla. In 1848, following the War with Mexico, the Mexican Government commissioned Father Ramon Ortiz to settle the village of Mesilla. Village residences and shops were built around a plaza and the Basilica of San Albino. The Gadsden Purchase, signed on the historic Mesilla Plaza, brought Mesilla under the protection of the United States.

Many of Mesilla's buildings date back to the mid-1850's period and have been restored and preserved as examples of adobe territorial architecture common during that time period. Quaint shops, galleries and popular restaurants continue to attract locals and visitors to the plaza area and community as whole.



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Truth or Consequences has a long history around its hot springs. People gathered around the hot mineral water percolating up in the Rio Grande's sandy marshlands where downtown T or C now stands. The ancients built pueblo dwellings and farmed the surrounding area. They assembled around the hot springs for socializing and healing. The first bathhouse was built in 1882 by cowboys from the John Cross Ranch and more bathhouses followed. Construction of the Elephant Butte Dam (1911-1916) brought hundreds of workers to the area. Upon completion of the dam,

many settled by the hot springs, floating their small cabins down the Rio Grande from the dam site.

On March 31st, 1950, the town's citizens voted 1294 to 295 to change its name from Hot Springs to Truth or Consequences as a response to Ralph Edwards' (producer of the popular radio game show) request. On April 1, 1950, Ralph Edwards came to T or C to lead the first Fiesta celebration and returned each year for 50 years because he was inspired by the town's focus on recreation and healing.

T or C's downtown is filled with historic buildings, many dating from the 1920's-1940's when the town was a thriving health resort. A water table of 104° hot mineral water underlies much of downtown. Many of the town's bathhouses offer private soaking tubs or pebble-bottom pools available on an hourly basis and provide other luxury amenities such as massage therapy.

Besides being a stress-free, relaxing getaway, Truth or Consequences has a colorful and funky downtown with numerous shops that offer New Age gifts, antiques and art galleries displaying the hand-crafted work of local artists. After you bathe and shop you must try the variety of restaurants serving delicious local cuisine.

Southern New Mexico is home to the beautiful White Sands Desert and the Festival of the Cranes at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge where the return of the Sandhill Cranes each winter is a spectacular sight witnessed by wildlife enthusiasts from around the world. Carlsbad Caverns National Park attracts thousands of visitors each year to view its incredible limestone cave formations. The town of Roswell has capitalized on its famous "Area 51" incident in the last decade and you can visit the International UFO Museum and Research Center to see all about it.

Altogether, from a bustling Las Cruces, home to a growing GLBT population, to wildlife and beautiful scenery, to relaxing mud-baths and alien mysteries, southern New Mexico has plenty to see and do.



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RUIDOSO

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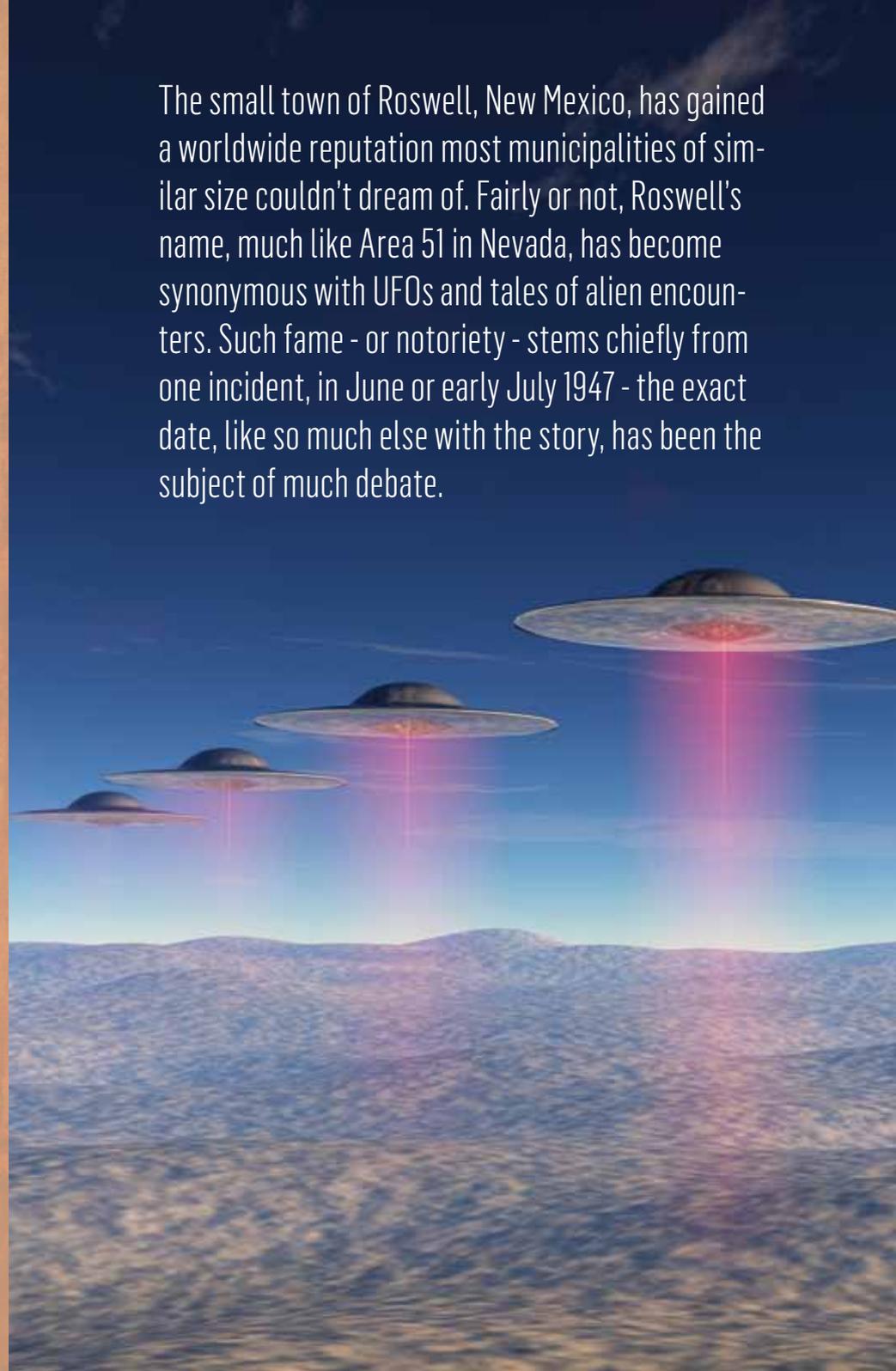
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The Town of Silver City was formed in the 1870s, after the discovery of silver in and around the Town. Silver City quickly became a boom town, and our Wild West past includes the first arrest and (brief) incarceration of William Bonney, better known as Billy the Kid. Although Bonney moved on, the Kid's family lived in the area for many years, and his mother is buried in the Town's Memory Lane Cemetery.

Today, Silver City is a bustling town with a diverse business community, a four-year university and an award-winning historic downtown.



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The small town of Roswell, New Mexico, has gained a worldwide reputation most municipalities of similar size couldn't dream of. Fairly or not, Roswell's name, much like Area 51 in Nevada, has become synonymous with UFOs and tales of alien encounters. Such fame - or notoriety - stems chiefly from one incident, in June or early July 1947 - the exact date, like so much else with the story, has been the subject of much debate.

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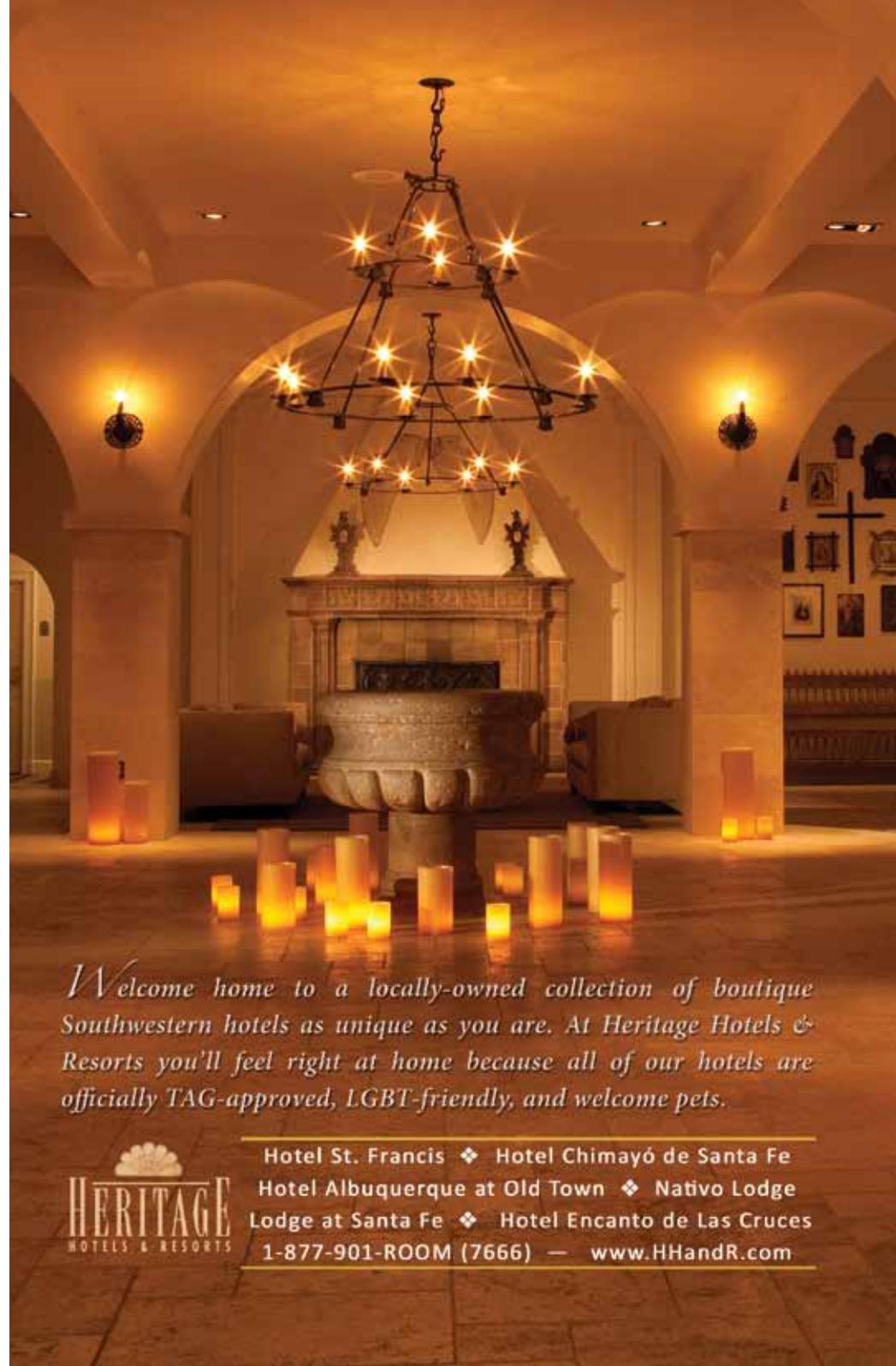
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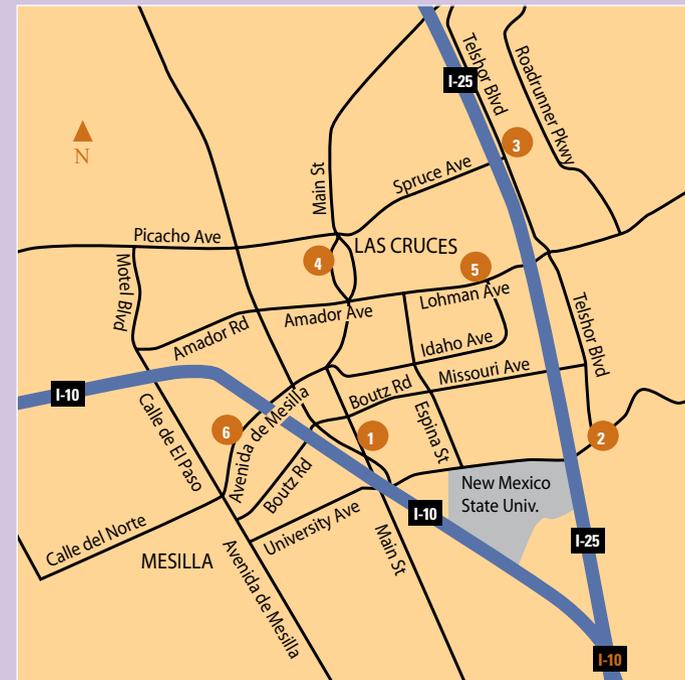
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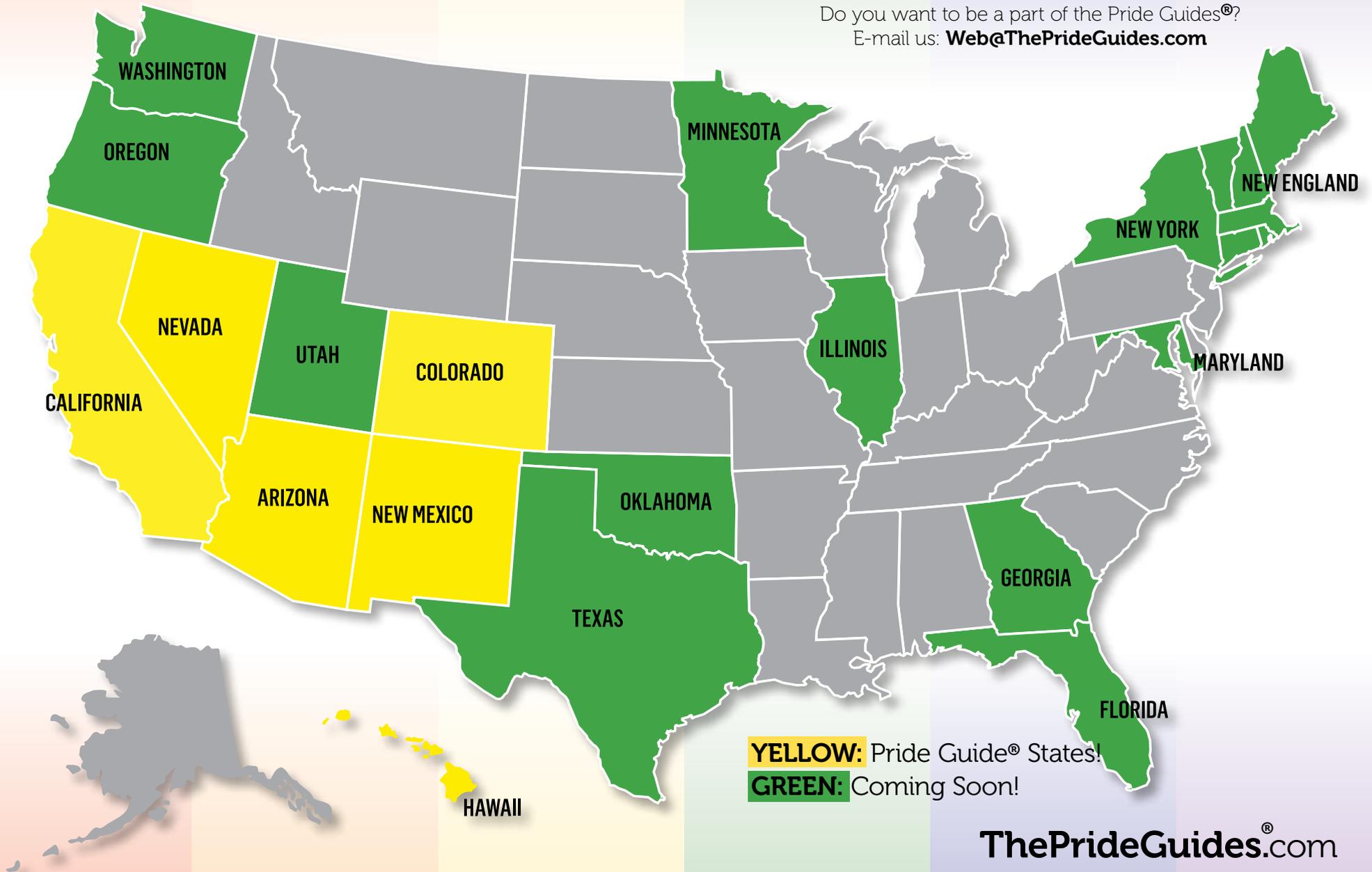
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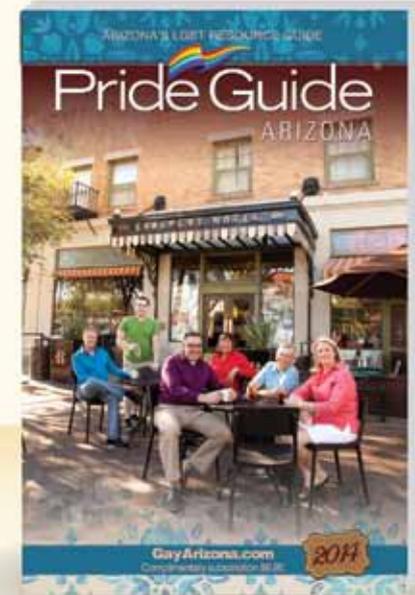
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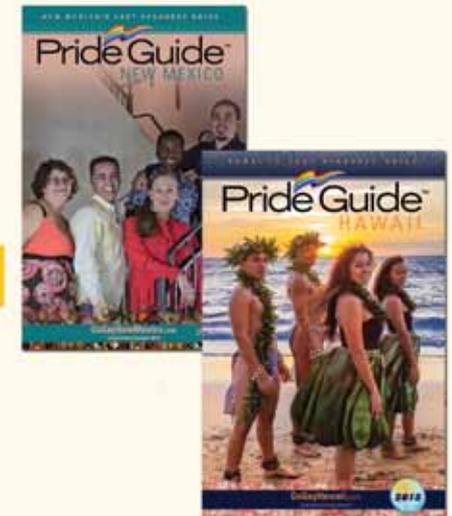
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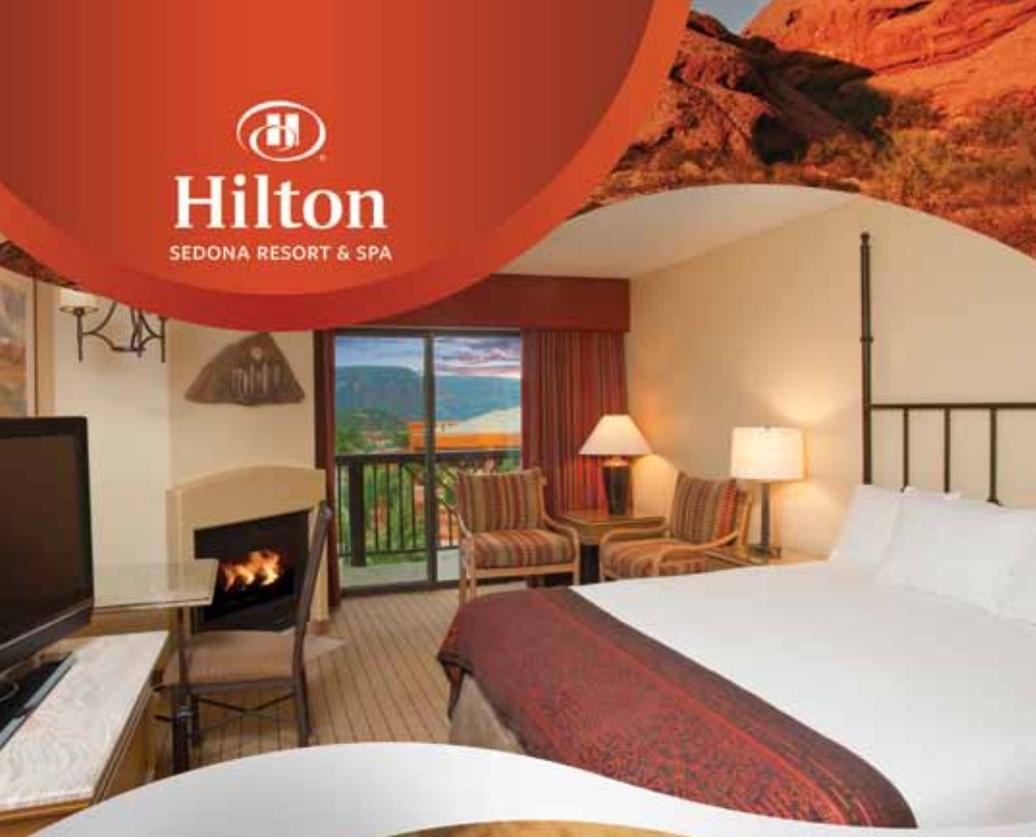
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