

REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS



Missions

The historic Mission Trail area on El Paso's far-east side is worthy of a half-day trip for a look at three very old churches, originally built during the 1600-1700s. Some are still used regularly for services, and reconstruction on them, given their age, seems to be eternal. Located in front of each church is a marker, giving the long history of that particular mission. The missions are still owned by the Catholic Church and are usually open during daytime hours, but this is always subject to change. Also, along the Mission Trail you'll find the Los Portales Museum in San Elizario, the Tigua Cultural Center and Licon Dairy, all of which will make this excursion more fun and interesting. Plan it in the afternoon, if possible, so that your sightseeing tour will end in time for dinner at Cattleman's Steakhouse at Indian Cliffs Ranch. It's more than just a great place to eat—it's a destination in and of itself.



Museums

The El Paso Museum of Art houses a permanent collection of more than 6,000 works of art, including the Samuel H. Kress Collection of European Art from the 13th-18th centuries; American art from the 19th to the 21st century; and Mexican colonial art and retablos from the southwestern United States and Mexico. The El Paso Museum of History opened in June of 2007 with El Paso A to Z, a three-dimensional, immersive and encyclopedic look at El Paso's most colorful and varied stories, and The Changing Pass, which carries visitors through an overlapping, 400-year chronology of regional history. The museum also features temporary exhibits related to the region's complex multicultural history. Admission is free, however there may be a fee associated with traveling exhibits.



Shopping

Looking for some familiar faces and/or places? Williams Sonoma, West Elm, Pottery Barn, H&M, Dillard's, Macy's, Nine West, Michael Kors, and Banana Republic are right around the corner for your convenience. Additionally, El Paso is home to a matchless collection of locally owned Southwest treasures. Our retailers represent a three-state, two, nation variety of multicultural items and accents. Pack comfortable shoes and shop til you heart's content.



El Paso Zoo

The 36 acre El Paso Zoo serves as a regional center for family fun, education, and conservation efforts for wildlife and habitats. Along with a new five tree houses blended into one giant playground, imagination filled; The Foster Tree House Playground. Currently, the Zoo is home to over 220 species of animals including mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and invertebrates from around the world in several habitat exhibits, The Zoo also offers two cafés and the Safari Outfitters Gift Shop.



Wyler Aerial Tram

The Wyler Aerial Tramway at Franklin Mountains State Park features an aerial cable car situated on nearly 200 acres on the east side of the rugged Franklin Mountains. At the parking area, almost 5,000 feet up, visitors can admire the cacti gardens or watch the tramway gondolas take off before purchasing tickets. Swiss-made gondolas travel 2,600 feet long on a 4-minute ride soaring above a canyon some 240 feet deep. From Ranger Peak, 5,632 feet above sea level, the visitor can enjoy a view of 7,000 square miles, encompassing three states and two nations. Accessible ramps and paved grounds leading into an observation deck with pay-per-view high power telescopes to enhance the experience.



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Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino

Located 10 minutes from downtown El Paso. SPR&C offers 1/4 quarter horse and thoroughbred racing from December 12 thru April 30. The casino floor offers a view of the racetrack as well as simulcast racing. From \$.01 to %5.00 machines, SPR&C offers over 700 state of the art slot machines. The casino is open 365 days a year Sunday through Wednesday from 10am to 1am, Thursday 10am-2am, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4am. We offer over 700 slot machines including: Wheel of Fortune, Monopoly, Ultimate Texas hold-em and Black Jack, Triple Red Hot 7, Double 3X4X5XDiamond, Cleopatra, Deal of No Deal, Ft., Knox, Super Flaminghot 10X, Mariachi Madness, Pharaoh's Fortune,



Inn of the Mountain Gods

Enjoy the best in Las Vegas-style gaming in the Southwest at both of our casinos Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino Apache Travel Center. From penny slots to a complete complement of table games including Blackjack, Craps, Poker, Three and Four Card Poker, Roulette, Ultimate Texas Hold 'em Poker and Mississippi Stud...plus great gaming promotions that never end! Also enjoy our smoke free slot room! All Aboard America now provides motor coach service to the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino and Casino Apache Travel Center. The shuttle departs El Paso every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday beginning at 7:00am and returns to El Paso at 6:00pm.



Zin Valle

Nestled between the majestic Franklin Mountains and the high plains where the Rio Grande cuts a lush green valley through the desert creating the Mesilla Valley Appellation is family-owned Texas wine makers Zin Valle Vineyards. The cool river valley brings together traditions, passions and inspiration. It is this union of emotions and a way of life that inspired our wine. Our Texas wines are more than a reflection of our personal dedication to making world-class wines. They represent our culture and desire to share all that means in one of life's finer pleasures. Handcrafted wines with true Texas spirit. Zin Valle - made in the place where the star touches the mountain. Salud!



La Viña

Nestled near the Rio Grande, this 15,000 gallon winery boasts its bright and red Zinfandels and bold Chardonnays. As one of New Mexico's oldest wineries, La Viña produces some of the best wines in the State of New Mexico and the southwest. Wine making began in the Rio Grande Valley as early as 1682, with the coming of Franciscan priests, who produced wine for their mass. Today, that wine making tradition continues. Nestled near the Rio Grand, this 15,000 gallon winery boasts its bright and red Zinfandels and bold Chardonnays. As one of New Mexico's oldest wineries, La Viña produces some of the best wines in the State of New Mexico and the southwest. Wine making began in the Rio Grande Valley as early as 1682, with the coming of Franciscan priests, who produced wine for the mass. Today, that wine making tradition continues.

