

Shopping



MES

ARROYO PLAZA

Outdoor strip mall with over 35 retail and specialty shops & restaurants. 2000 E. Lohman Ave.

LAGUNA SECA PLAZA

Featuring discount department stores like Ross and Marshall's, sporting goods at Big 5 Sporting Goods and home furnishings at Pier 1 Imports. 3020 E. Lohman Ave.

LAS CRUCES FARMERS & CRAFTS MARKET

Every Wednesday & Saturday morning in Downtown. Local merchants sell fresh produce, Southwestern arts and crafts, jewelry, clothing, photography & more. 575-541-2888. fcmlc.org

MERCADO DE MESILLA

The gateway to Old Mesilla, offering a range of shops. Calle de Mercado off Avenida de Mesilla, north of the plaza.

MESILLA ARTS, CRAFTS & SEASONAL PRODUCE MARKET

Local artists, craftspeople, growers sell their wares around the historic Mesilla Plaza Friday & Sunday. 575-524-3262

MESILLA VALLEY MALL

Largest shopping mall in southern New Mexico offering a selection of popular stores. 700 S. Telshor Blvd. 575-521-4409. mesillavalleymall.com

OLD MESILLA PLAZA

Over 40 shops featuring traditional and contemporary arts & crafts from the Southwest, Mexico & Central America. South of Las Cruces on Avenida de Mesilla. oldmesilla.org

OUTLET SHOPPES AT EL PASO

An open-air outlet center, only 20 minutes from Las Cruces. 85 stores with popular brands such as Banana Republic, Ann Taylor, Coach, Tommy Hilfiger and more. 7051 S. Desert Blvd., Canutillo, TX. Transmountain Loop off Interstate 10 East. 915-877-3208. theoutletshoppesatelpaso.com

PICACHO ANTIQUE DISTRICT

Located along Picacho Ave. between Alameda Blvd. & Valley Dr. are several antique & collectible shops ranging from furniture to vintage clothes.

SPECIALTY FOOD STORES

Mountain View Market, a local food cooperative offering organic and gluten-free foods located at 1300 El Paseo Rd., or Toucan Market at 1701 E. University Ave. Middle Eastern, Mediterranean & Indian foods are offered at Aden Market, 1255 El Paseo Road near International Delights, a Mediterranean foods restaurant. Pro's Ranch Market at 320 Wyatt Dr. has all your Mexican food and other grocery needs, along with a restaurant area serving up a variety of Mexican meals.

For a true taste of Old New Mexico, visit the neighboring town of Mesilla, where history is preserved, culture is celebrated, and the old and the new exist in perfect harmony. The best-known and most visited historical community in southern New Mexico, Mesilla has had a major influence on economic, political, historical and cultural life in the Mesilla Valley since its origins in the mid-1800s.

Located just minutes from Las Cruces, Mesilla ("Little Tableland") is home to historical attractions such as the San Albino Basilica, but it also features a variety of contemporary boutiques, unique stores, galleries and specialty restaurants serving traditional Mexican cuisine, New Mexican fine dining and American fare.

La Posta de Mesilla, famous for Mexican food and steaks since 1939, offers traditional dishes made from century-old recipes. Built in the 1840s, the adobe brick La Posta Compound includes shops specializing in gourmet gifts and chile products, southwestern clothing and jewelry. (laposta-de-mesilla.com)

The Double Eagle Restaurant, part of the New Mexico Green Chile Cheeseburger Culinary Trail, boasts the World's Largest Green Chile Cheeseburger and New Mexico's only dedicated beef ageing room, and is known for its award-winning Margaritas and nationally



Mesilla is one of New Mexico's true tourism treasures where the history goes much deeper than its historical buildings.

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recognized wine list. (double-eagle-mesilla.com)

And speaking of wine, no meal would be complete without a visit to a tasting room at Heart of the Desert Pistachios and Wines, Luna Rossa Winery or Vintage Wines, featuring its Black Range Vineyards label.

First visited by the Spanish conquistador Coronado in 1540, Mesilla's permanent settlers arrived after the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848. Mesilla became part of the U.S. in 1854 through the Gadsden Purchase. Mesilla was a major stop on the Butterfield Stage Line, and fine hotels and restaurants were built around the town's plaza – the same plaza housing the courthouse where famed outlaw Billy the Kid stood trial and was convicted of murder.

Today, this plaza is one of the few remaining in New Mexico that appears as it did in its early years, and the traditional adobe structures serve as a reminder of the town's long and significant history. The past and the

present are also reflected in the people of Mesilla, many of whom are direct descendants of the early settlers. Mesilla's diverse heritage of Indian, Spanish, Mexican and Anglo-American cultures and its rich history are celebrated at numerous special events held annually in the town.

