



## MUSEUMS

### Austin's Ring Museum

Antique and vintage jewelry. Museum featuring antique rings, ring boxes and more. 230 E. Idaho Ave. 575-525-3340 [austinsjewelry.com](http://austinsjewelry.com)

### Branigan Cultural Center

Features in-house and traveling exhibitions, regional historical and permanent collections and the work of local and regional artists. S 501 N. Main St. 575-541-2155. [las-cruces.org/museums](http://las-cruces.org/museums)

### Las Cruces Museum of Art

Hosts traveling exhibits and features works of regionally and nationally-known artists. Exhibits change several times a year and are often accompanied by lectures and demonstrations. Art education programs and Saturday kids art class. 491 N. Main St. 575-541-2137. [las-cruces.org/museums](http://las-cruces.org/museums)

### Las Cruces Railroad Museum

Interprets the railroading history of Las Cruces and the Mesilla Valley. Housed in a historic Santa Fe Depot, displays include a 100-year-old caboose, railroading tools, railroadiana, and model trains. 351 N. Mesilla St. 575-647-4480. [las-cruces.org/museums](http://las-cruces.org/museums)

### Museum of Nature and Science

This state-of-the-art museum features exhibits showcasing the Chihuahuan Desert, the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument, and the area's connections to space history. 411 N. Main Street. 575-522-3120. [las-cruces.org/museums](http://las-cruces.org/museums)

### New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

Tells the 3,000-year-old story of agriculture and rural life in New Mexico. Animals such as cattle, burros and mules, along with milking and blacksmithing demonstrations, help make this dynamic 47-acre museum unique. The facility also includes interactive permanent and changing exhibits, a theater, gardens, orchards, a restaurant and gift shop. 4100 Dripping Springs Rd. 575-522-4100. [frhm.org](http://frhm.org)

### New Mexico State University Museum at Kent Hall

Displays artifacts that document the history and culture of the border region. 1280 E. University Ave. Corner of University Ave. and Solano Dr. 575-646-3739. [nmsu.edu/museum](http://nmsu.edu/museum)

### Space Murals, Inc.

Features a water tower mural, gallery and museum honoring the country's space program, as well as a gift shop with space-related items. 10 miles east of Las Cruces. 12450 Hwy. 70. 575-382-0977.

### War Eagles Museum

This museum is dedicated to the collection, restoration and display of historic aircraft from World War II and the Korean War. A large antique auto collection is also on display. 8012 Airport Rd., Santa 575-589-2000. [war-eagles-air-museum.com](http://war-eagles-air-museum.com)

### White Sands Missile Range Museum & Missile Park

Focuses on the origin of the U.S. missile and space programs. 25 miles east of Las Cruces on Hwy. 70, on the White Sands Military Base. Be sure to have proof of auto insurance and registration. 575-678-8824. [wsmr-history.org](http://wsmr-history.org)

### Zuhl Geological Collection at New Mexico State University

Contains petrified wood, fossils, rocks, and minerals. 775 College Dr. (inside the NMSU Alumni and Visitor's Center). 575-646-3616. [nmsu.edu/zuhl](http://nmsu.edu/zuhl)

## MONUMENTS & HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS

### Alameda Depot Historic District

Las Cruces' original railroad depot community, dating back to the late 1800s. A relaxing walking tour of renovated and restored houses from the past two centuries, anchored by Pioneer Women's Park at the corner of Las Cruces Ave. and Reymond St. The district is west of Main St. between Picacho Ave. and Amador St.

### Fort Selden State Monument

The fort was home to the Buffalo Soldiers. Fort Selden State Monument was built in 1865 by the United States Army to protect settlers of the Mesilla Valley from attack. In April, the fort's Annual Frontier Days pays tribute to the past by recreating soldier life on the post. 15 miles north of Las Cruces on either Interstate 25, exit 19 or Hwy. 185. 575-526-8911. [nmmonuments.org](http://nmmonuments.org)



### Mesquite Street — Original Town Site

This historic district, east of Main St., is part of the original 1849 town, with many of the original adobe homes in place. Because of its size, it is recommended touring by car.

## PERFORMING ARTS

### A Children’s Theatre of the Mesilla Valley

Theater and film instruction for kids with performances. Frank O’Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell St. 575-571-1413. [zianet.com/act](http://zianet.com/act)

### American Southwest Theatre Company

Polished professional performances including Shakespeare, musical theater and dramas. Hershel Zohn Theatre, University Ave. & Jordan St. (on the campus of New Mexico State University). 575-646-4515. [nmsutheatre.com](http://nmsutheatre.com)

### Black Box Theatre

Home of the No Strings Theatre Company, presenting several plays a year, mostly by contemporary, little-known or local playwrights. 430 N. Main St. 575-523-1223. [no-strings.org](http://no-strings.org)

### Doña Ana Lyric Opera

Fully staged, costumed, orchestra-accompanied productions. Edith & F. E. Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Cir. (on the campus of New Mexico State University). 575-646-1993. [nmsu.edu/~music](http://nmsu.edu/~music)

### Fountain Theatre

Showcasing the best independent, foreign, documentary and other alternative art films in a historic adobe theatre. Weekly films and Saturday Cinematinee showings. 2469 Calle de Guadalupe. 575-524-8287. [mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://mesillavalleyfilm.org)

### Las Cruces Community Theater

Providing local talent with a place to perform year-round in a variety of plays and musicals. 313 N. Main St. 575-523-1200. [lcctnm.org](http://lcctnm.org)

### Las Cruces Chamber Ballet

Two performances a year, the traditional holiday version of The Nutcracker Ballet and a select performance each spring. Edith & F. E. Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Cir. (on the campus of New Mexico State University). 575-527-1893. [michelesdanceacademy.biz](http://michelesdanceacademy.biz)

### Las Cruces Civic Concert Association

Classical performances by emerging locals and visiting professional national artists. Rio Grande Theatre 211 N. Main St. 575-521-4051. [lascrucescca.org](http://lascrucescca.org)

### Las Cruces Symphony

Performing a wide variety of music from the standard orchestral selections. Edith & F. E. Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Cir. (On the campus of New Mexico State University). 575-646-3709. [lascrucessymphony.com](http://lascrucessymphony.com)

### Mesilla Valley Concert Band

Traditional music for concert bands. Edith & F. E. Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Cir. (on the campus of New Mexico State University). 575-646-1920. [nmsu.edu/~music](http://nmsu.edu/~music)

### New Mexico State University Choral Department

The choral department performs concerts and recitals throughout the year. Edith & F. E. Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Cir. (On the campus of New Mexico State University). 575-646-2067. [nmsu.edu/~music](http://nmsu.edu/~music)

### Rio Grande Theatre

This beautifully restored two-story adobe theatre features a wide range of performing arts from live plays to musical concerts. 211 N. Main St. 575-523-6403. [riograndetheatre.com](http://riograndetheatre.com)

### New Horizons Band and Symphony

Part of an international organization, these groups are made up of amateur and professional musicians who annually perform several concerts of popular band or symphonic music respectively. Edith & F. E. Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Cir. (on the campus of New Mexico State University). 575-523-1652 (band) or 575-522-5571 (symphony). [nhsocruces.com](http://nhsocruces.com)