

Things to do in Albuquerque near the conference hotel

CO3 2024 is being held at the **Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town**, at 800 Rio Grande Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM, 87104. There are lots of cool things near the hotel that might interest CO3 attendees during their free mornings or nights, and we've compiled a few of them here. For more options, check out VisitABQ's [guide to the city](#). Albuquerque is a big and vibrant city, though, and this is only a small sample. Enjoy!

Places to eat:

1. Our hotel has its own Mexican restaurant, [Garduños](#), open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. They also do take-out.
2. On Friday and Saturday, the hotel also runs [Tablao Flamenco Albuquerque](#), a bar serving a 4-course *prix fixe* Spanish meal and featuring a flamenco performance.
3. Across the street from the hotel is the [Sawmill Market](#), a covered market containing 16 restaurants, 5 bars, and many other shops.
4. Next door to our hotel is Hotel Chaco which contains a fine-dining restaurant called [Level 5](#), offering dinner daily and brunch on weekends.

Places to drink:

1. There will be a cash bar at the CO3 poster sessions and banquet.
2. Our hotel has a bar called [Qbar Lounge](#), featuring live jazz on Fridays and Saturdays.
3. There are several bars in the [Sawmill Market](#) (see above).

Hiking and nature:

1. About a 20 min walk from the hotel is the Rio Grande. Along the shores of the river are miles and miles of hiking trails, sandy beaches, and a [Japanese garden](#).
2. If you just want to stroll around a park even closer to the hotel, [Tiguex Park](#) is a 5 min walk from the hotel. It has walking paths, picnic areas, and a basketball court.
3. A little further out, about an 8 min drive away, is the [Rio Grande Nature Center State Park](#), which offers excellent bird-watching opportunities and more miles of hiking trails. The park's visitor center is an [architectural icon](#). Park access is \$3 per vehicle.
4. Just a bit further, about a 12 min drive from the hotel, is the [Petroglyph National Monument](#), where there are several trails along which you can see ancient Native American petroglyphs. Access is free.

Museums and zoos:

1. The [New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science](#) is a 10 minute walk from the hotel. It also has a planetarium and there is a Science Discovery Center next door (for the really young scientists in your group). The museum is known for its dinosaur exhibits, especially the local [Alamosaurus](#).

2. The [Albuquerque Museum](#) is also less than a 10 min walk from the hotel, and features exhibits about the history of the city.
3. By the Rio Grande, about a 20 min walk from the hotel, is the [ABQ BioPark](#), which includes a zoo, botanic garden, and aquarium. Next door to the BioPark is the [Bugarium](#), which is exactly what it sounds like: an insect museum.
4. About half a mile from the hotel is the [Rattlesnake Museum and Gift Shop](#), which is a rattlesnake rescue operation that you can also tour. Some of us find this exciting; don't judge.

Um... other?

1. [Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway](#). A cable car that takes you from the edge of the city (about a 20 min drive from the hotel) up to the top of the Sandia Mountains. Amazing views from the top, hiking trails, and a [restaurant](#) that Rob Hampton rates as "OK".
2. [Breaking Bad RV Tours](#). Need we say more? Probably. This is from their website: "*Miss Breaking Bad? Love Better Call Saul and El Camino? We will bring the show to Life on our 3 hour Film location tour. You get to ride in the Breaking Bad RV (Replica) just like the one on the show... Relive the sights and sounds in our fully interactive, Studio Film location Tour... Tour Guides are Actors who actually worked on Breaking Bad and Better Call Saul (Minor roles)... Price includes lunch at Los Pollos Hermanos*".