

Out & About

PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO SEE, NEAR AND FAR



A Flamenco Capital

Forty years ago, Eva Encinias founded the National Institute of Flamenco in Albuquerque, sealing the city's destiny as the flamenco capital of North America. Encinias retired last year as a dance professor at the University of New Mexico (home of the only accredited university flamenco program in the world), but her influence on **flamenco in New Mexico** remains strong. Here's where you can experience the Spanish art form (and even learn some dance steps yourself). » **CYNTHIA J. DRAKE**

Albuquerque

Bearing the motto "flamenco is for everyone," **Casa Flamenca** offers virtual and in-person dance classes. During the pandemic, Casa added an outdoor performance space, Tablao al Aire, for summer shows that make guests feel as if they've wandered onto a plaza in Seville. casaflamenca.org.

Tablao Flamenco Albuquerque at Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, in partnership with the National Institute of Flamenco, offers live shows on weekends, along with 4-course prix fixe Spanish-inspired dinners on Fridays and Saturdays. tablaoflamenco.org.

Flamenco Works offers performances and lessons downtown, where a newly donated building on Central Avenue will allow the organization to expand offerings in coming years. flamencoworks.org.

Santa Fe

El Flamenco Spanish Cabaret has flamenco shows (and ticket packages that include dinner) and offers in-person and online classes. entreflamenco.com.

Noted flamenco dancer, teacher, and New Mexico native **La Emi** will perform this summer at The Lodge at Santa Fe. Her dance school and company, EmiArteFlamenco Academy, offers classes for all ages. emiarteflamenco.com.