

## **New Mexico**

Let New Mexico take your breath away. There are many tourist attractions in New Mexico university age students can enjoy. Leaving 5 states behind and 3 states ahead on Route 66, you may seek antiques of the dust bowl days in the state of New Mexico. The old road is narrow and dangerous as it is not well maintained but the atmosphere and the light will present you a magical feeling.

First, you can go on thrilling hot air balloon rides. Over the Rio Grande River in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Above & Beyond offers hot air balloon rides for year-round excitement. The Above & Beyond Hot Air balloon rides have a perfect safety record, brand new ballooning equipment, and the finest pilots who have a great deal of flight experience. You should remember to make a reservation in advance.

Second, in Albuquerque there is the fascinating Albuquerque Aquarium. Many types of species are presented in this aquarium starting from fresh water riverine to shallow water and deep ocean. Other interesting highlights include an ocean tank which contains luminous jellies, brilliantly colored fish and sharks. There are also special dinners served in the aquarium restaurant you can enjoy.

Third, youth can enjoy rafting and kayaking at Kokopeli adventures. You can go down the Rio Grande River and Rio Chama River of New Mexico. There are various water programs ranging from thrilling whitewater rafting to the serenity of a peaceful canyon float. Moreover, professional guided tours are provided by staff filling us in with the cultural and natural history of the region. The decreased water level and increased temperature in late summer makes this a great time to go rafting and kayaking.

I have mentioned three exciting activities university students can enjoy in New Mexico. One is Above & Beyond Hot Air Ballon rides over the Rio Grande River, the other is the Albuquerque Aquarium in Albuquerque, and last but not least is Kokopeli adventures down the Rio Grande River and Rio Chama River of New Mexico. If you are passing through New Mexico on Route 66, be sure to make a visit to these places.