

White Sands National Park



## Alamogordo

# History & Culture

## ADVENTURE

Touring local vineyards and farms, visitors can get an up-close view of life in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Visitors can explore the incredible history of the area at museums, White Sands National Park, and historical sites. Opportunities for art lovers abound as well, making Alamogordo an ideal location for history buffs and cultural enthusiasts.

## Day One

### MORNING

❑ Stop by the **Aubrey L. Dunn Sr. Visitor Center** at 1301 N. White Sands Blvd. to get information about the area.

❑ Start your morning at **Three Rivers Petroglyph Site**, located between Tularosa and Carrizozo on Highway 54. It is one of the few sites in the region that provides direct access to petroglyphs created by Jornada Mogollon people who used stone tools to create the art we now see on the rocks. Explore more than 21,000 glyphs



depicting animals, humans, and nature. After an adventure at Three Rivers, stop by **Tularosa Pecan Company**, the area's signature pecan-growing operation established in 1969. Enjoy a pecan treat yourself, or purchase gift packages for your friends, family, or clients.





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### NOON

❑ Head back to town and stop by a local Alamogordo restaurant like **CJ's Si Señor** for flavorful food and friendly customer service.



### AFTERNOON

❑ Visit the **Tularosa Basin Museum of History**. Explore exhibits that preserve the history of Alamogordo, Tularosa, La Luz, and nearby communities. Walk through the ages and learn about the rich history of the area, including early Native Americans, La Luz pottery, ranching, the railroad, military, the urban legend of Atari's E.T., and more through artifacts, exhibits and stories.

### LATE AFTERNOON/EVENING

❑ You'll love an evening at the **Flickinger Center for Performing Arts**, Alamogordo's premier venue for world-class shows. During the summer months, enjoy their evening tailgate concert series. Check their website for upcoming shows and events during your visit.

### FOR VISITORS COMING IN APRIL OR OCTOBER

❑ On the first Saturday of April and October, you can explore the history that changed the world forever at

the **Trinity Site**, where the first atomic bomb was detonated. Rise early, and drive up the road to Tularosa to join the caravan line at the Athletics Parking Lot of Tularosa High School (the line forms at 7am, but you must arrive by no later than 7:45am). Explore the Missile Range and learn about the area's contribution to ending WWII.



Trinity Site

## Day Two

### MORNING

❑ Head 15 miles west of Alamogordo to start the day with one of the most incredible natural treasures in the world—**White Sands National Park**. Breathtaking, sprawling white sand dunes cover 275 square miles. Stop into the Historical White Sands Visitor Center to stock up on water, snacks, adventure packs, hiking information, sleds and souvenirs. Before setting out, enjoy interactive exhibits in the White Sands National Park Museum to learn more about the history and culture, as well as the scientific discoveries and ecology of White Sands.

Set off to explore White Sands National Park, and enjoy sledding, hiking, taking memorable photos, and observing wildlife—including New Mexico's State Bird, the Roadrunner.



### NOON

❑ Enjoy a scenic and peaceful picnic in the dunes or on one of the vintage picnic tables near the visitor center.

### AFTERNOON

❑ Start your afternoon off at **Heart of the Desert Pistachios and Wine**. Grab a bag of locally-grown pistachios and pick up a bottle of award-winning wine. Heart of the Desert also offers wine tastings on their beautiful patio. See how pistachios are processed on the tour at 1:30pm.

❑ Continue your immersion into Alamogordo's culture of farming by experiencing "The Nuttiest Place in New Mexico" at **McGinn's PistachioLand**. With a lengthy history of farming in the area, you're sure to learn a ton on this outing. Pose for a photo with the world's largest pistachio and take a farm tour, held on the hour every hour through 4pm. Don't forget to stop by the gift shop and take home local nuts, candies, wine, and have a delicious ice cream cone.

### LATE AFTERNOON/EARLY EVENING

❑ Enjoy dinner at a local Alamogordo restaurant. After a thrilling day of exploring, check into one of the lodging options in Alamogordo and rest up.

