Explore Española, New Mexico

Known as “The Jewel of Northern New Mexico,” Española sits at 5,500 feet above sea level and is a cultural destination. The City of Española is home to Presbyterian Española Hospital, a not-for-profit, acute-care hospital with 80 licensed beds, governed and guided by community leaders who serve on a Community Board of Trustees. The hospital offers a range of services for Northern New Mexico, including but not limited to emergency medicine, primary care and specialty services.

The Community
With a population of more than 10,000, Española offers a community environment that is growing, yet rooted in its southwest culture. The city of Española offers:

- Eleven elementary schools, one junior high school and one high school in the Española Public School system, and is home to Northern New Mexico College, a four-year college offering 16 bachelor degrees, including an RN to BSN program for nurses
- Many community-building resources, including an active chamber of commerce, the Regional Development Corporation for local businesses and economic development, the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area that works to sustain the heritage and diversity of cultures in Española, and more
- A newly formed Community Relations Commission that engages with community members across different cultures and faiths to plan the annual Española Fiestas celebration, celebrating the area’s rich history

Things to Do
Española and the surrounding areas offer a wide range of recreational activities and cultural points of interest, including:

- Exploring the Northern New Mexico Regional Arts Center’s exhibits or participating in an art class or workshop
- Hiking, fishing, camping, cross-country skiing and more in the Valles Caldera National Preserve, or boating and other water activities at Abiquiu Lake Recreation Area
- Golfing next to sandstone ridges at the 18-hole Black Mesa Golf Club
- Driving 30 minutes south to the state capital, Santa Fe, to visit the plaza or ski, or about an hour north for skiing at Taos Ski Valley or Red River
- Walking through the Plaza de Española and visiting the various museums or dining at one of the local favorites
- Attending the Española Valley Art Festival on the Plaza de Española in September
- Enjoying recreational activities at the Penny Roybal Aquatics Center and Richard Lucero Recreation Center

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