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In honor of the Route 66 centennial, New Mexico tourism company Heritage Inspirations launched a new tour that shares some of the sites and secrets of Albuquerque's impressive stretch of the Mother Road. During a full-day outing along Central Avenue, the **Route 66 Albuquerque Architecture & History Tour** takes guests to see historic architecture, landmarks, and art, with a tour guide sharing stories along the way.

Route 66 is more than a road—it's a living archive of American stories," says Angelisa Murray, owner of Heritage Inspirations. Among the many tour stops are the KiMo Theatre, built in 1927 in Pueblo Deco style, and the recently refurbished Arrive by Palisociety hotel that celebrates upscale motor travel along Central Avenue. "This tour invites guests to slow down and experience the Mother Road not as nostalgia, but as a place still very much alive today."

Little-known sites pepper the tour, with plenty of chances to wander through shops and historic buildings—and maybe even discover a speakeasy. "Route 66 shaped Albuquerque, and Albuquerque, in turn, transformed Route 66," Murray says. "This tour is about honoring that relationship and connecting people to place through story, design, and lived history, especially as we approach this remarkable centennial milestone." *Tours are offered on Fridays and Sundays. Cost is \$275 a person and includes lunch at Arrive's DWTNR restaurant.* ➔ **STEVE LARESE**

From left:
The KiMo
Theatre and
the newly
renovated
Arrive hotel
are both
on Central
Avenue in
Albuquerque.



FROM LEFT: PETER UNGER/GETTY IMAGES; COURTESY ARRIVE ALBUQUERQUE HOTEL