



# WOW, THERE'S A MOUNTAIN.

It's funny for us to hear the things that new visitors find surprising, but the 10,600 ft. Sandia Mountains seem a little obvious to be a surprise to anyone.

Having a two-mile high mountain chain crowning our city provides us with more than romantic views from anywhere. It also affects our weather, giving us milder days and cooler evenings than nearby communities. Not to mention a perfect environment for shopping, outdoor dining, gallery strolls, and cycling or hiking the many and varied trails. But maybe the best thing

our mountains give us is an amazing light show. For a little while every evening the setting sun is an

artist, painting the mountains its own remarkable

palette of golds and pinks and even crimson.

Many cities have unique structures that make their skylines distinct. In contrast to man-made icons, our distinction, our skyline, is real and natural just like the people who live here. What we've preserved in lieu of icons is a unique, rich blend of Native American, Hispanic and Western cultures shaped naturally over thousands of years.

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