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Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the El Rancho Hotel is the embodiment of America's Old West.

According to author Russell A. Olsen, "As you enter the historic El Rancho through the stately front entry, you immediately realize this was and still is a special place. During its heyday, the El Rancho Hotel was one of the premier hotels in the entire Southwest and became the place for the Hollywood set to stay when filming in the area.

During its glory years, the El Rancho was the definition of luxury and included many amenities that were lacking in other typical tourist hotels of the day.

For 50 years, the El Rancho Hotel greeted guests along Route 66 with class and dignity...Luckily for us, this one-of-a-kind hotel once again greets guests with open arms and enjoys the renewed worldwide interest in Route 66 and its landmarks."

When you stay at the El Rancho Hotel, you will be sleeping in a room where a movie star slept. But the hotel is not just about movie stars. When you stay at the El Rancho, you will be following in the footsteps of Americans who have traveled West, in hopes of a better life. Route 66 is the road most traveled by dreamers looking for a better life and the El Rancho is one of the cornerstones of that Westward Journey.

But perhaps the most important experience of all is yours. When you stay at the El Rancho Hotel, you will be giving yourself the opportunity to live your own Southwest experience in one of the most authentic places in the Region. You will give yourself the chance to explore unforgettable National Parks, and feel the American Spirit. You will give yourself the chance to discover churches that date back to the Conquistadors or the chance to sit on a Mesa, far from the rest of the world, overlooking a picture perfect sunset on your own journey.

Visit Historic El Rancho Hotel

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El Rancho features a great Mexican restaurant, lounge, jewelry and gift store, and a nostalgic and dramatic entry. The El Rancho Hotel is a proud sponsor of the 94th Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial. Stop by for a visit at 1000 E. Highway 66.