

## "Best Local History & Culture in El Paso"

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### El Paso Museum of History

"Bridge to the Past"

This museum focuses on the more than 400 years of history in this part of what is now known as Western Texas. It is one of the three city-operated museums, the other two include the Museum of Art and the Museum of Archaeology. The permanent exhibits include artifacts and documents that present the past as well as the city's present development. The exhibits are spread over more than 44,000-sq. ft. of space and since the admission is free, it provides a cheap, interesting education on how this part of the Southwest was settled.



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### Magoffin Home State Historic Site

"Illustrious Family History"

The historic Magoffin Home today houses a vast collection of Magoffin family artifacts used at the end of the 19th Century. On display guests will find furniture, decorative art and other interesting historical resources from this important El Pasoan clan. Built in 1875, the site still retains an old Texas charm with its period furniture and paintings. The site has become an integral part of the city's rich history as well as a landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Currently, the Texas Historical Commission manages the site and owns the belongings inside.



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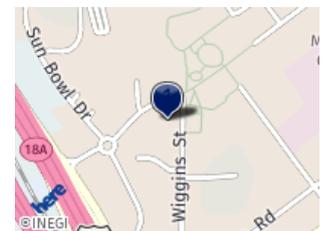
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### Centennial Museum & Chihuahuan Desert Gardens

"Exploring Local Wonders"

Located on the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) campus, this museum offers the perfect educational experience with a bit of fun. The museum focuses on the history of the area's native population, while the garden has over 600 species of plants native to the Chihuahuan Desert.



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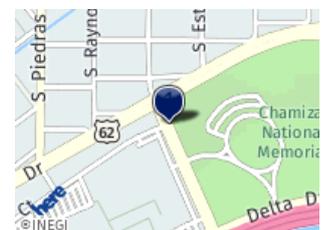
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### Chamizal National Memorial

"Nature and Culture"

The Chamizal National Memorial, with its large park, museum, gallery and a spacious amphitheater, is a vibrant multi-functional hot spot for culturally diverse events and activities. The museum educates visitors on the 1963 settling of the US-Mexico border dispute and the amphitheater hosts the annual Siglo de Oro Drama Festival. In addition to educational opportunities, the park also offers recreational activities such as picnicking, hiking, and birdwatching. The park's trails wind through desert



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landscapes and provide opportunities for visitors to observe local flora and fauna.

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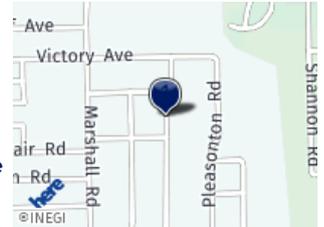


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## Fort Bliss & Old Ironsides Museums

### "Military Campaigns"

This museum located on the eponymous military base pays homage to the United States 1st Armored Division, more affectionately known as 'Old Ironsides'. The first division in WWII to encounter enemy fire. Today, the museum exhibits artifacts about this unit which include weaponry, historical accounts, patches, etc. Additionally, if you have the time, visit the replica Old Fort Bliss located on the same property. Admission is free, however you must have identification to enter the base.



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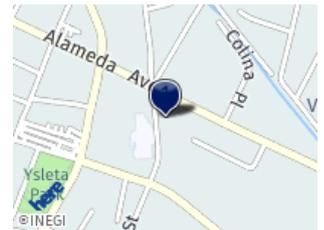


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## Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Museum

### "Tiguan Chronology"

A part of the Tigua Indian Cultural Center, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Museum takes you through the history of the tribe from 1680 to the present. Get a glimpse of their lives as refugees when they fled from New Mexico during the Pueblo Revolt in 1680 as well as their contemporary culture through relics, artwork, crafts and pottery. It is inside the Alderette-Candelaria House, built in the 1840's, and it's definitely one of the most interesting museums in El Paso.



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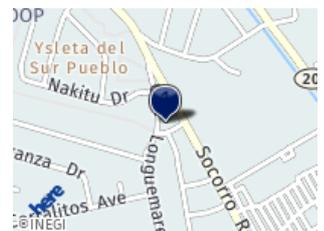


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## Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Cultural Center

### "Indian Culture"

The Tigua people are the last remaining tribe that carries on Puebloan culture in the state of Texas. Puebloan culture includes all tribes that live in similar ways and have similar cultural practices albeit they speak mutually unintelligible languages. In fact the binding nature of their name also derives from the houses they build, Pueblos. Here at the center inside the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, visitors can learn more about these native peoples with the wealth of education the tribe provides, such as bread baking, social dancing and even a museum with ancient artifacts.

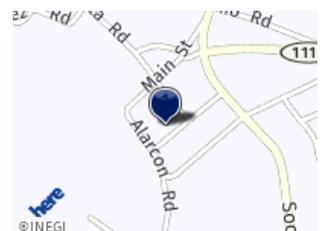


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## Los Portales Museum

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### "Legacy of a Historic Town"

The Los Portales Museum is run under the auspices of the San Elizario Genealogy & History Society and it is here where you will learn all about the history of this tiny town. The museum is tucked away on the side of the San Elizario Presidio Church, a hidden gem on its own. Some of the artifacts exhibited here include documents and pictures from the Salt War and exhibits as far back as the Spanish Conquest. Guests will also find a visitor's center which provides comprehensive information about the surrounding region.

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