

# SIERRA PACIFIC

## Sierra Pacific Airlines

Sierra Pacific Airlines is an American charter airline based in Tucson, Arizona. The carrier operates passenger charter flights for the United States Forest Service, Military, and Marshals Service along with sub-lease flights for other airlines using a small fleet of Boeing 737-500 aircraft.

Sierra Pacific was founded in 1971 and operated commuter airline flights within California during the 1970's using several types of propeller aircraft. From late 1986 through late 1988, the carrier operated two Convair 580 aircraft for Trans-Colorado Airlines which in turn was operating as Continental Express on behalf of Continental Airlines. These Continental Express flights served Albuquerque from Tucson as well as Farmington, New Mexico during April of 1987. The aircraft were specially painted in full Continental Airlines colors. Sierra Pacific then acquired Boeing 737-200 jet aircraft and today operates a pair of 737-500's with occasional charter flights to Albuquerque.



A Sierra Pacific Boeing 737-500 landing at Albuquerque in 2019.



Sierra Pacific Boeing 737-200 parked at the Cutter hanger in Albuquerque.



Sierra Pacific Convair 580.



Sierra Pacific Convair 580 in the livery of Continental Express that served Albuquerque in April of 1987.