

# Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta



## Your Name Here October 6-11, 2024

### **Day 1 – Arrive Albuquerque (10/6 Sunday)**

The "Land of Enchantment" welcomes you as you arrive in beautiful Albuquerque today. Each October the skies over Albuquerque are painted with hundreds of balloons as the lift off from Fiesta Park. After some time to settle in, join the group for a orientation followed by dinner..

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### **Day 2 – Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta & City Touring (10/7 Monday)**

Today you will learn why Albuquerque is called the Balloon Capitol of the World. Enjoy a City tour and explore the history of Albuquerque "The Jewel of the American Southwest," including **Old Town**. Old Town's tree-lined plaza and charming adobe buildings and churches are sure to delight the sightseer and the shopper! Get ready for a real treat this evening at the Balloon Glow event. Just before dusk, the burners of nearly 500 balloons are ignited and the evening sky fills with a kaleidoscope of brilliant, luminous color. Top off the evening with a fireworks display.

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### Day 3 – Mass Ascension/Private Dinner - (10/8 Tuesday)

Depart very early for Fiesta Park. Founded in 1972, the Fiesta began with 13 balloons and has grown to more than 600 balloons from all over the world. View the “mass ascension” of the specially shaped balloons as they lift off at sunrise. There is free time to explore Old Town. Tonight head to the Indian Pueblos Cultural Center for a private tour followed by dinner and an exclusive live performance of a Native American dance troupe in the Center.

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### Day 4 - Santa Fe Touring (10/9 Wednesday)

Today we're off to Santa Fe. The Turquoise Trail, named for the exquisite mineral that was once mined here, we travel on to the first state capitol in the United States, "The Royal City of the Holy Faith of Saint Francis," better known as **Santa Fe**. Founded in 1609, the city offers many historic and scenic delights. Your tour will be a combination of driving and walking to the many famous sights including the historic **Santa Fe Plaza** with a view of the **Palace of the Governors**, the **Loretto Chapel**, a miniature model of the Sainte-Chapelle in Paris, and the oldest church in New Mexico and more. There will be free time to explore the many wonderful shops, art galleries and restaurants for lunch on your own. Take a chance to stroll through the **Indian Market**, where native arts and crafts are available directly from the artists who created them. For shoppers, **Governor's Plaza** will provide a variety of shops and artists studios.

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### **Day 5 – Pecos National Historic Park (10/10 Thursday)**

Travel East of Santa Fe to visit Pecos National Historic Park, which feature the ruins of Pecos Pueblo and mission. Pecos is the sight of the westernmost battle of the Civil War, Battle of Glorieta Pass was fought March 26-28, 1862. Tonight enjoy dinner hosted by your Tour Manager.

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### **Day 6 – Home (10/11 Friday)**

After breakfast, transfer to the Albuquerque Airport for your departure home.

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#### *Tour Includes*

Round Trip Air Madison – Albuquerque

Airport Transfers in New Mexico

3 nights accommodations at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn – Albuquerque, New Mexico

2 nights accommodations at the Hilton Buffalo Thunder - Santa Fe, New Mexico

Transportation on a full-size motorcoach

Services of a Tour Director

5 breakfasts, 3 dinners

Guided sightseeing in Albuquerque including Old Town

Balloon Glow, Mass Ascension, Private Tour of the Indiana Pueblo Center, Pecos National Historical Park

Entrance fees to attractions, Parks and Monuments as mentioned in itinerary

Tips for included meals

Luggage handling (one suitcase per person)

*Land Price Per person not including Air*

\$1899.00 DOUBLE

\$2599.00 SINGLE

\*This tour requires average physical activity. Participants should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground or unpaved trails. This tour covers areas of higher altitudes including overnight locations above 4,000ft. and touring above 10,000ft.

Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance is available and Highly Recommended!

**For More Information and to make Reservations Contact:**

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**Deposit of \$250.00pp due upon registration. Final payment due: July 1, 2023**