

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta & Santa Fe



October 8 - 13, 2021
6 Days / 5 Nights

Itinerary

Day 1 Our journey begins as we fly into Albuquerque. Here we begin to see why New Mexico is named "the Land of Enchantment". Upon your arrival you will be met by a Friendly Excursions Tour Director. You will be transported to your hotel where you will have time to freshen up before a delicious Welcome Dinner. **D**

Day 2 Wake up bright and early for the **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Dawn Patrol** when the balloons begin to inflate. The Dawn Patrol Show is choreographed with the inflation and launch set to music. With the launch of all the balloons, this most spectacular display of sound and color is called the "**Mass Ascension**". We return to the hotel for a midday rest. This evening we return to the balloon fields for the **Twilight Twinkle Glow** where, just before dusk, burners from the balloons light up the evening sky. **B**

Day 3 This morning visit the interesting **International Balloon Museum** with exhibits to help you see and understand how hot air and gas balloons have been used for adventure, scientific experiments, arts, warfare and the exploration of space. Then we begin our introduction to Albuquerque. The city tour of Albuquerque will include the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center** where you will be introduced to the history of the

\$2,999 Per Person Double Occupancy
\$3,499 Single Occupancy

Tour Highlights:

- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
- Mass Ascension
- Twilight Twinkle Glow
- City Tour of Albuquerque
- Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
- International Balloon Museum
- Santa Fe Walking Tour:
 - Loretto Chapel
 - Georgia O'Keeffe Museum
 - Taos
 - Spanish Village of Chimayo

Tour Price Includes:

- Round Trip Airfare
- Round Trip Transfers from Center
- Professional Tour Director
- Luggage Handling
- Meals: 5 Breakfasts
2 Dinners
- 2 Nights Albuquerque
Courtyard Albuquerque Airport or
Holiday Inn & Suites Albuquerque Airport
- 3 Nights Santa Fe
Courtyard Santa Fe

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Pueblo Native Americans in the region. Our city tour continues with the sights and history of Albuquerque, together with some time in **Old Town Albuquerque**- the original town center. Old Town Plaza is surrounded by structures built in the early 18th Century. We leave Albuquerque and travel to **Santa Fe**. Upon arrival we check into our hotel with time to explore and visit the many shops and art galleries. You will be amazed at the extraordinary views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and the city of Santa Fe. **B**



Day 4 Santa Fe Today we visit Chimayo and Taos, an area influenced by the Spanish, Native American and Anglo heritage's. **Chimayo** is our first stop with a visit to the famous and holy El Santuario Chapel. On to Taos which is actually three villages. Taos proper is legally Don Fernando de Taos, the original Spanish town that is now a center of art and tourism. **Pueblo de Taos**, home of the conservative Taos Indians, remains as it was before the Spanish conquest. We will visit the Pueblo in the late afternoon. Ranchos de Taos is the farming community whose massively buttressed mission church is one of the most frequently depicted structures in the state. This cultural mix and dramatic setting on a plateau between the Rio Grande and the western foot of the Sangre de Cristo Range has lured artists and writers to Taos since the mid-19th century. You will have time to wander through Taos and enjoy lunch on your own before we return to Santa Fe. **B**

Day 5 Santa Fe After breakfast, we will take a historic tour of Santa Fe to view the **Governor's Plaza** and **Loretto Chapel**, all historical landmark structures built in 1610. Then we will visit the most visited art museum in the state of New Mexico - the **Georgia O'Keeffe Museum**. This museum showcases the first internationally known woman artist and is home to over 1,000 O'Keeffe paintings, drawings and sculptures from 1901 to 1984. You will have some time to shop the galleries, cafes, and boutiques. End the evening with a farewell dinner. **B, D**

Day 6 Santa Fe Our last day begins with breakfast before we depart for the Albuquerque Airport. Once on board your flight home you will take with you memories of a fun filled vacation and the Southwest's culture and history, as well as the beauty of the hot air balloons. **B**

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The Albuquerque Balloon festivities are subject to change due to climate conditions. The Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Association will decide if the balloons can ascend as scheduled. No refund will be given if weather conditions are deemed to be dangerous for the balloons to rise at Balloon Fiesta.

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DEPOSIT: \$200 person is required to hold your reservation. Your deposit is fully refundable up to 90 days prior to departure. Final payment is due on **July 10, 2021**.

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