

Albuquerque Balloon Festival



October 9-14, 2018
6 days ~ 5 nights

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascension ~ Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
Afterglow Fireworks Display ~ Acoma Pueblo ~ Albuquerque Old Town
Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway ~ Loretto Chapel & Miraculous Stairway
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi ~ Historic Turquoise Trail ~ Santa Fe
Palace of the Governors ~ Chimayo Shrine

TOUR INCLUDES:

- *Round-trip scheduled air transportation
- *Motorcoach transportation in New Mexico
- *Five nights lodging
- *Eight meals – 5B & 3D
- *Sightseeing and admissions
- *Baggage handling
- *Gratuities for drivers, guides and porters
- *Professional Tour Manager
- *Travel Insurance



TOUR FARE:

\$2,349.00 per person based on double occupancy
\$2,319.00 per person based on triple occupancy
\$2,799.00 per person based on single occupancy

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DAY 1 - Fly to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Upon arrival in Albuquerque travel north via motor coach along the picturesque Turquoise Trail to the historic city of Santa Fe. Established in the early 1600's, Santa Fe is the oldest capital in North America and the second oldest city in the United States. Later today we arrive at our hotel for a delightful two-night stay. Tonight we gather for a special "Welcome to the tour" dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 2 – Following breakfast embark on a guided tour of this fascinating city featuring the Palace of the Governors, Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, State Capital Building and Loretto Chapel with the "Miraculous Staircase." After a lunch break we travel north out of Santa Fe and stop at Chimayo Shrine, a historic sanctuary for healing and spiritual growth. Later today we return to Santa Fe for a leisurely afternoon with ample time to explore this sophisticated capital city. Surrounding the historic plaza is a variety of shops, museums and galleries.

DAY 3 – After breakfast we depart Santa Fe and travel south to Albuquerque. Upon arrival embark on a city tour with a stop in Old Town which features shops and galleries offering Native American artwork, jewelry, food and specialty items. This afternoon following a lunch break, visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center which depicts the history, art and culture of New Mexico's 19 American Indian pueblos. Later today arrive at our hotel for a three-night stay. Gather this evening for dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 4 - This morning following breakfast we travel to Balloon Fiesta Park to witness the spectacular mass ascension of hundreds of colorful hot air balloons which take to the sky. Over 700 hot-air balloonists come from all over the world to fly here at the annual Albuquerque International Balloon Festival. Later today we visit the Albuquerque Balloon Museum which depicts the history about balloon flight, which dates back to the early 1700s. This evening we return to Balloon Fiesta Park for the Afterglow Fireworks Display.

DAY 5 - Today after breakfast we journey to Acoma Pueblo - "Sky City", one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements in the country. The Acomans, who have occupied this pueblo since the second century, worked fields on the plains 367 feet below their village and climbed back atop the mesa each night. Later today we experience a thrilling ride aboard the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway. The 2.7-mile-long ride transports passengers above the deep canyons and spectacular terrain of the western Sandia Mountains and the Cibola National Forest into the New Mexico sky. This evening we gather for a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 6 - This morning following breakfast at the hotel we transfer to Albuquerque Airport for our flight home.

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***Travel arrangements made by Wendt Touring, Inc.***

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