



Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

The World's Most Photographed Event

OCTOBER 5-10, 2027

Experience the magic of New Mexico on this unforgettable journey, beginning with the spectacular display of the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, where hundreds of colorful hot-air balloons fill the desert sky. Explore the rich history and charm of Santa Fe, from the iconic San Miguel Mission to the miraculous spiral staircase at the Loretto Chapel, and savor the flavors of the region with a hands-on cooking demonstration and a lively stroll through the local farmers market. With vibrant culture, stunning vistas, and memorable culinary experiences, this adventure captures the true spirit of the American Southwest.

DAY 1: WELCOME TO ALBUQUERQUE!

Arrive in Albuquerque, host city of the dazzling 2027 International Balloon Fiesta, the world's premier balloon event. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers and Tour Director in Albuquerque at a welcome dinner. **D**

DAY 2: BALLOON FIESTA MASS ASCENSION

Begin your day with excitement as the Dawn Patrol Show and spectacular Mass Ascension fill the morning sky with hundreds of vibrant hot-air balloons. Take in the breathtaking views from your exclusive launch field seats or stroll among the balloons for an up-close experience. Afterward, visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center for a special lunch in the Pottery Room, then explore the museum to discover the rich traditions, artistry, and craftsmanship of New Mexico's 19 Pueblo communities. **B, L**



DAY 3: BALLOON GLOW

Spend the morning as you wish—take an optional hot-air balloon ride (at your own expense) or enjoy some time to relax. Later, board the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway for a scenic ride over the Cibola National Forest to Sandia Peak, where expansive desert and mountain views await. Visit the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum to explore the history of ballooning. As night falls, experience the magic of the glowing balloons before watching the sky come alive during the AfterGlow Fireworks Show. **B, L**

DAY 4: SANTA FE

Travel to Santa Fe, the nation's oldest capital city, featuring a unique blend of Spanish and Native cultures. Enjoy a cooking demonstration and lunch at the Santa Fe School of Cooking where you will sample the unique flavors of New Mexico. Afterward, discover the many charms of Santa Fe with our local guide, including visits to the San Miguel Mission and the Loretto Chapel to see the miraculous staircase. **B, L**

DAY 5: SANTA FE FARMERS MARKET AND NEW MEXICO STATE CAPITOL

Visit the Santa Fe Farmers Market, one of the oldest and most successful growers' markets in the country. Continue to the New Mexico State Capitol building, where you'll discover the state's history and admire its beautiful works of art. This afternoon, take some time to wander through the streets of Santa Fe on your own, soaking up the city's distinctive art, culture, and charming atmosphere. **B, D**

DAY 6: RETURN HOME

Fly home from Albuquerque with amazing photos to share and exciting stories to tell of your adventure out West. **B** 🌞



See the mysterious spiral staircase at the Loretto Chapel



Enjoy lunch and a demonstration at the Santa Fe School of Cooking

TOUR DETAILS

Oct 5-10, 2027

6 Days • 10 Meals

Price Per Person:

DB \$3,529, TP/QD \$2,909, SG \$4,279

Depart/Return:



St. Louis
Kansas City

HIGHLIGHTS

- See hundreds of balloons take flight at the Mass Ascension
- Stand in awe when you see the balloons aglow at the Balloon Fiesta Glow
- Dine at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
- Cooking Demonstration at the Santa Fe School of Cooking

ACCOMMODATIONS

Nights 1-3: Embassy Suites, Albuquerque, NM

Nights 4-5: Hyatt Place (or similar), Santa Fe, NM

Fun Fact:

The first Balloon Fiesta in 1972 featured just 13 balloons. Today, hundreds of colorful balloons fill the New Mexico sky each fall, creating one of the world's most spectacular celebrations of flight.

