



# Southwest Grand Adventure

OCTOBER 5-14, 2026

## Experience the Wonders of the Scenic American Southwest

Discover Arizona’s stunning cliffs and canyons, displaying their magnificent geological formations. In New Mexico, witness the vibrant spectacle of the International Balloon Festival, indulge in delectable cuisine at the Santa Fe School of Cooking, and take in panoramic views from Sandia Peak. Along Route 66, appreciate the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, and find peace at the serene Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum.

### DAY 1: WELCOME TO THE SOUTHWEST!

Arrive in Phoenix for a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers. *D*

### DAY 2: SEDONA

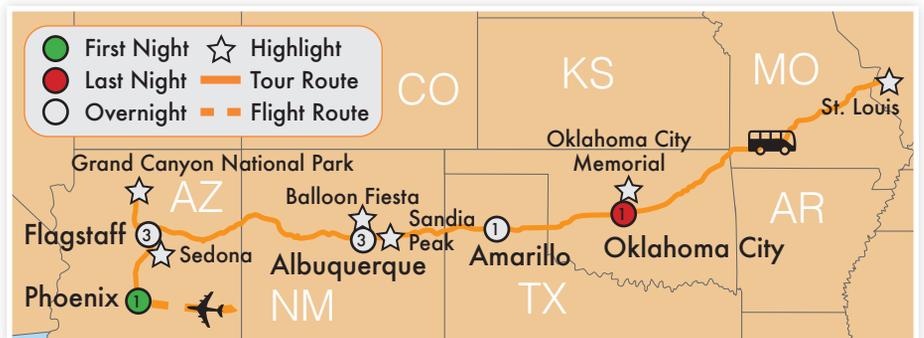
Discover the stunning beauty of Sedona from the comfort of a narrated trolley tour, where dramatic red rock vistas unfold around every turn. Visit the renowned Chapel of the Holy Cross, seamlessly integrated into the rugged cliffs. Then, enjoy a leisurely lunch downtown and explore Sedona’s artistic side with a visit to its eclectic galleries, boutique shops, and handcrafted treasures. *B, L*

### DAY 3: WALNUT CANYON NATIONAL MONUMENT

Begin your day with a visit to Walnut Canyon National Monument to view ancient cliff dwellings built by the Sinagua people over 700 years ago. Take a guided tour of Riordan Mansion, an elegant example of American Arts and Crafts architecture known for its detailed woodwork, handcrafted finishes, and rich history. Tonight, explore the wonders of the cosmos with an optional visit to Lowell Observatory (additional expense), where you’ll witness celestial marvels firsthand through powerful telescopes and expert-guided stargazing. *B, L*

### DAY 4: GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

In 1903, Teddy Roosevelt said about the Grand Canyon “... it is beyond comparison—beyond description; absolutely unparalleled throughout the wide world...one of the great sights which every American should see.” Enjoy a visit to Grand Canyon National Park and marvel at the canyon’s sheer majesty and inspiring beauty where the unique geologic colors change throughout the day. Enjoy time to explore the rim or visit shops and lodges nearby. *B, D*



## DAY 5: ALBUQUERQUE, NM/BALLOON GLOW!

Journey east through New Mexico to Albuquerque, home to the magnificent 2026 International Balloon Fiesta, the foremost hot-air balloon event in the world. This evening, wander leisurely among the incredible display on the launch field. Be captivated by the mesmerizing Balloon Glow, as these floating wonders light up the desert twilight. Positioned at your reserved spot on the launch field, take in the breathtaking AfterGlow fireworks display—a truly unforgettable spectacle. **B, D**

## DAY 6: THE INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER

Begin your morning with a hot air balloon ride (optional and additional cost), soaring above New Mexico's breathtaking desert landscapes as the sun rises over the horizon. Then, visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center to explore the rich history and living traditions of New Mexico's 19 Pueblo Tribes. Later, enjoy lunch as you continue to take in the artistry and spirit of Pueblo culture. **B, L**

## DAY 7: MASS ASCENSION/SANTA FE

Start your day with the breathtaking Dawn Patrol and Mass Ascension, as hundreds of colorful hot air balloons rise into the morning sky. Watch from your reserved launch field seats or get up close among the balloons. Later, enjoy a cooking demonstration and meal at the Santa Fe School of Cooking, followed by a guided tour of Santa Fe's historic center, vibrant markets, and the iconic Loretto Chapel with its legendary spiral staircase. **B, L**

## DAY 8: SANDIA PEAK

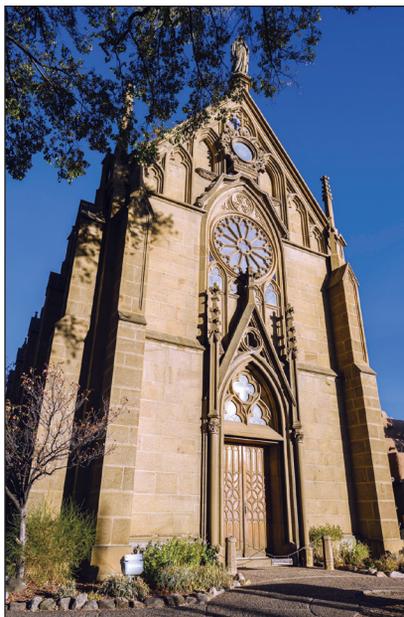
Before saying goodbye to Albuquerque, take a ride on the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway, the longest aerial tramway in the world. Travel 2.7 miles high above the forested slopes of the Cibola National Forest to the summit of Sandia Peak, where breathtaking panoramic views stretch across the vast landscapes of the Southwest. After taking in the stunning scenery, continue your journey to Amarillo. **B, D**

## DAY 9: NATIONAL COWBOY MUSEUM/OKLAHOMA CITY MEMORIAL

Start your day with a journey into the heart of the American West at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, immersing yourself in cowboy history and Western art. Afterwards, visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial, where peaceful grounds and thoughtful exhibits are brought to life through powerful first-person accounts that convey the profound impact of the 1995 bombing, honoring the memories of those lost and the strength of the community. **B, L**

## DAY 10: RETURN HOME

Return home with some amazing photos to share and exciting stories to tell of your adventure in the Southwest. **B** ✨



Visit the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe

## TOUR DETAILS

10 Days • 18 Meals

Oct 5-14, 2026

Price Per Person:

DB \$3,599, TP/QD \$3,239, SG \$4,509

Depart:  St. Louis  
Springfield

Return:  St. Louis  
Springfield

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the Grand Canyon
- Enjoy the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
- Visit the miraculous Loretto Chapel
- Ride the Sandia Aerial Tram
- Reflect at the OKC memorial

## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Night 1:** Drury Plaza Hotel  
Phoenix, Tempe, AZ

**Nights 2-4:** Little America  
Hotel, Flagstaff, AZ

**Nights 5-7:** Drury Inn, Albuquerque, TX

**Night 8:** Drury Inn & Suites, Amarillo, TX

**Night 9:** Wyndham Grand,  
Oklahoma City, OK

Soar into  
the excitement with  
the Balloon Fiesta's 2026  
theme—*The Scenic Route*—  
celebrating 100 years of  
Route 66!

