

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

OCTOBER 10-15, 2025

The World's Most Photographed Event

Up, up, and away! This bucket-list adventure in New Mexico explores the magical Balloon Fiesta where you'll see hundreds of unique hot air balloons taking flight! This tour hits all the local stops from Albuquerque to Santa Fe, including the San Miguel Mission and Loretto Chapel — home of the miraculous staircase. In Santa Fe, we'll dive into the local cuisine with a cooking demonstration at the Santa Fe School of Cooking before a visit to the local Farmers Market. This gem of the Southwest is a true sensory adventure.

DAY 1: FLY FROM DENVER/WELCOME TO ALBUQUERQUE

Fly into Albuquerque, host to the dazzling 2025 International Balloon Fiesta — the world's premier balloon event. Meet your fellow travelers and Tour Director for an evening welcome reception. \boldsymbol{D}

DAY 2: BALLOON FIESTA MASS ASCENSION

Start your day with excitement at the Dawn Patrol Show and the breathtaking Mass Ascension, where the morning sky fills with hundreds of brilliantly colored hot air balloons. Experience it all from your exclusive seats on the launch field or wander amidst the balloons. Discover the rich history of the renowned Balloon Fiesta with a visit to the Albuquerque International Balloon Museum. Later today, explore the cherished landmarks of Old Town Albuquerque. Tonight, take a leisurely stroll among the illuminated balloons as they glow against the desert backdrop. Conclude your evening in reserved seats, enjoying the spectacular After Glow Fireworks show. *B*, *D*





DAY 3: SANDIA PEAK/FIESTA BALLOON GLOW

Embark on the Sandia Peak Aerial Tram, known as the world's longest tramway, for a scenic 2.7-mile journey above the Cibola National Forest to Sandia Peak. There, you'll enjoy a panoramic view of the majestic Southwest landscape. Discover the rich traditions, art, and craftsmanship of the 19 New Mexican Pueblos at your leisure at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. *B*, *L*

DAY 4: NEW MEXICO CAPITOL

This morning, enjoy an optional hot air balloon ride or relax at the hotel. (The optional hot air balloon ride is approximately \$430 per person and can be booked on

your own with information provided by Sterling Travel.) Next, we travel to Santa Fe, the nation's oldest capital city filled with a unique blend of Spanish and Native cultures set against the backdrop of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Lunch at the Santa Fe School of Cooking will educate and entertain you while you sample the unique flavors of New Mexico. Discover the many charms of Santa Fe with our local Step-on guide. Do you know the mystery that surrounds



Santa Fe School of Cooking



Visit the State Capitol Building

the construction of the Miraculous Staircase at the Loretto Chapel? B, L

DAY 5: EXPLORE SANTA FE

Immerse yourself in one of the oldest, largest, and most successful growers' markets during a visit to the Santa Fe Farmers' Market. Admire beautiful works of art and explore the history of New Mexico at the New Mexico Capitol building. This afternoon, wander through the enchanting streets of Santa Fe on your own, soaking up the city's unique art, culture, and charming atmosphere. **B**, **D**

DAY 6: RETURN HOME

Return home from Albuquerque with amazing photos to share and exciting stories to tell of your Balloon Fiesta adventure. **B**



TOUR DETAILS

6 Days • 10 Meals
Oct 10-15, 2025
Price Per Person:
Double: \$2,838
Call for Travel/Cancellation

Insurance quote

Depart/Return:

Denver, CO
Flight pricing and details
available January 20th

HIGHLIGHTS

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

INCLUSIONS

- Transfer included from Albuquerque International Sunport
- Welcome Dinner and meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Fees and tips for included attractions and meals
- Luggage handling at most hotels
- Free bottled water on coach
- 24-hour emergency call service

ACCOMMODATIONS

Nights 1-3: Hyatt Place Uptown, Albuquerque Nights 4-5: Hyatt Place, Sante Fe

SAVE \$100 PER COUPLE RESERVE BY DEC 16, 2024