



# Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

featuring Santa Fe and Pecos National Historic Park

**Tour Dates:** October 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024



**DAY 1 Arrive in Albuquerque:** Each October, the skies of New Mexico are painted with hundreds of balloons as they lift off from Fiesta Park. This evening, join your Tour Manager for an orientation at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner. **Meal: D**

**DAY 2 Balloon Fiesta's "Mass Ascension" and Evening "Balloon Glow":** Depart very early for Fiesta Park. Founded

in 1972, the Fiesta began with 13 balloons and has grown to more than 600 balloons from all over the world. View the "mass ascension" of these specially shaped balloons as they lift off at sunrise. Get ready for a real treat this evening at the Balloon Glow event. Just before dusk, the burners of nearly 500 balloons are ignited and the evening sky fills with a kaleidoscope of brilliant, luminous color. **Meal: B**

**DAY 3 Albuquerque City Tour and Indian Pueblo Cultural Center:** Today, enjoy a city tour and explore the history of Albuquerque. There is free time today to explore Old Town. Tonight, visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and enjoy a dinner featuring regional cuisine and an exclusive live performance from a Native American dance troupe. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 4 Santa Fe Touring:** A local Guide joins you for a walking tour of historic Santa Fe. Visit the Loretto Chapel, whose staircase is a marvel of architectural ingenuity. For shoppers, Governor's Plaza will provide a variety of shops and artist studios. **Meal: B**



Pueblo ruins at Pecos National Historic Park

**DAY 5 Pecos National Historic Park:** Travel east of Santa Fe to visit Pecos National Historic Park, which features the ruins of Pecos Pueblo and Mission. Pecos is the site of the westernmost battle of the Civil War, the Battle of Glorieta Pass that was fought March 26-28, 1862. Tonight, enjoy dinner hosted by your Tour Manager. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 6 Depart for Home:** A group transfer takes you to Albuquerque's Sunport Airport for flights home departing after 12:00 p.m. **Meal: B**

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Days 1 through 3** – Best Western Rio Grande Inn or Hampton Inn, Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Days 4 and 5** – Hilton at Buffalo Thunder or DoubleTree Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico

# Tour Highlights

- 8 Meals: 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend three nights in historic Albuquerque, a city rich in Native American Culture
- Marvel at the “Mass Ascension” of the balloons and watch as the sky above Albuquerque fills with color in a spectacular display of sight and sound
- Visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center with dinner and exclusive live performance of a Native American dance troupe
- Guided sightseeing tour of Albuquerque including historic Old Town, a maze of cobbled courtyards, hidden patios and numerous galleries and shops
- Be amazed as all balloons fire their burners filling them with light at the evening Balloon Glow
- Spend two nights in Santa Fe, nestled in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in the foothills of the Rockies
- Visit Pecos National Historic Park, site of the westernmost battle of the Civil War
- Embark on a walking tour of Santa Fe including Governor’s Plaza, San Miguel Mission and Loretto Chapel with its miraculous staircase

2024 Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
October 11	\$2,239	\$999

**Tour and roundtrip airport transfers are included. Airfare from the Sacramento Airport is \$850, Travel Insurance recommended**

*Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.*

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



**Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$250 per person (optional)**

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

**Cancellation Charges Without Traveler’s Protection Plan (TPP)**

- 61 days or more: Deposit Amount
- 60 to 31 days prior: 20% of tour cost
- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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