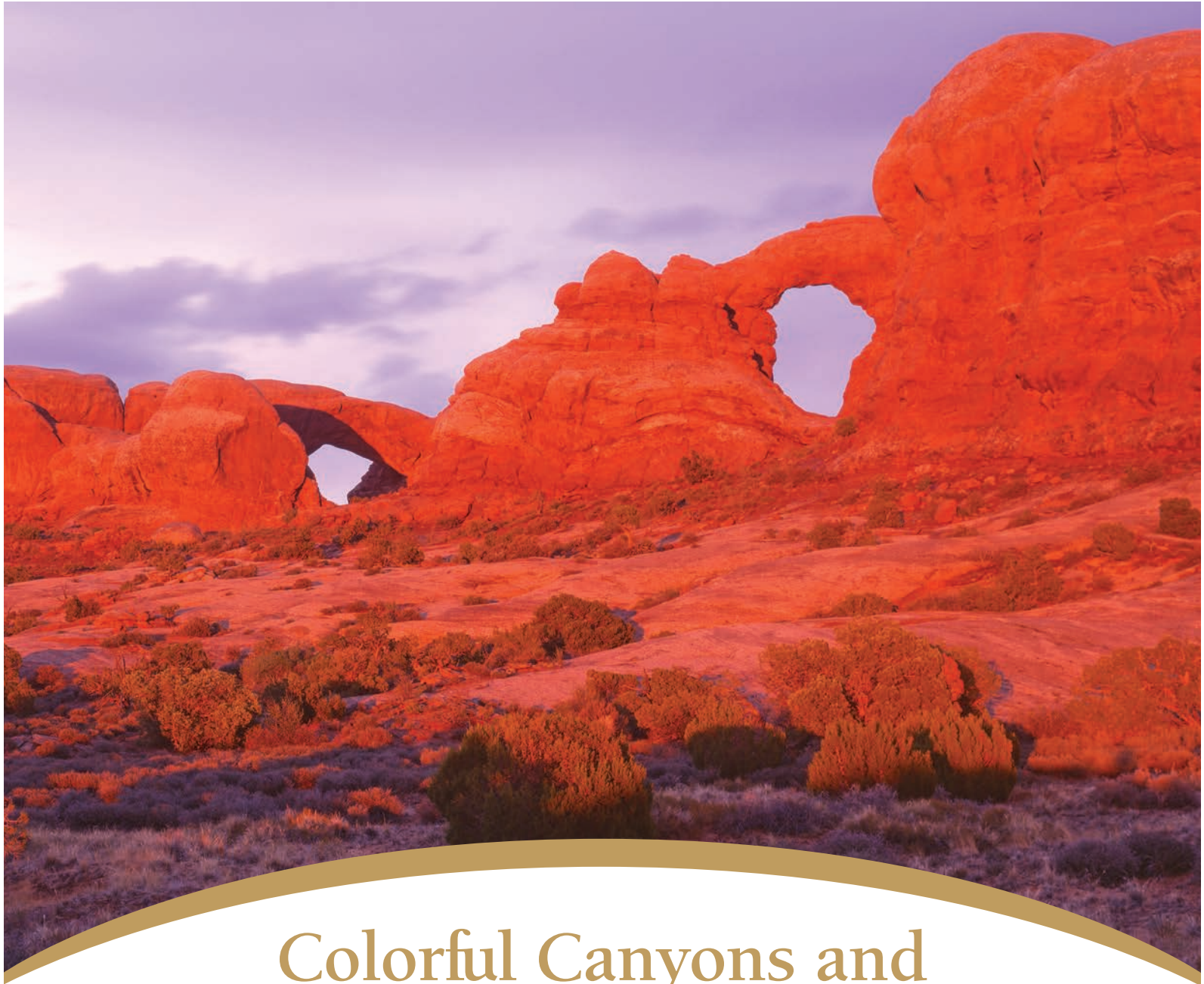




Fitchburg Senior Center *Friends*  
*Seniors Serving Seniors*



# Colorful Canyons and Beautiful Balloons

featuring Six National Parks and the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

**Tour Dates:** September 24<sup>th</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025



# Colorful Canyons and Beautiful Balloons



**DAY 1 Arrive in Utah:** Welcome to Salt Lake City, Utah. Meet your Tour Manager at 6:00 p.m. for dinner with your traveling companions. **Meal: D**

**DAY 2 Salt Lake City and Dead Horse Point State Park:** Enjoy a panoramic tour of Salt Lake City, founded by Mormon settlers more than 150 years ago. Then, venture into Dead Horse Point State Park with its amazing views of the Colorado River as it snakes its way through massive sandstone walls and colorful canyons, mesas and buttes of the area. Later, continue to Moab and your hotel. **Meal: B**

**DAY 3 Arches National Park and Colorado River Float Trip:** Arches National Park contains the largest concentration of stone arches in the world. A local guide shows you the massive sandstone arches and describes the culture of those that have occupied the region. Enjoy lunch before boarding a raft for a float trip on the Colorado River. During the leisurely ride your oarsman will tell tales of the area as you explore river passages and rock formations such as Fisher Towers. **Meals: B, L**

**DAY 4 Capitol Reef National Park and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument:** A morning scenic drive brings you to impressive Capitol Reef National Park, where white sandstone “domes” cap massive reef-like cliffs. Then, travel along Utah’s incredible Highway 12 Scenic Byway as you wind your way through spectacular Escalante-Grand Staircase National Monument. **Meal: B**

**DAY 5 Bryce Canyon National Park:** Today, visit Bryce Canyon National Park with spectacular views of the cavernous canyons. The Park is named for just one of the many canyons

that form a series of horseshoe-shaped amphitheaters on the edge of the Paunsaugunt Plateau. Erosion has carved colorful limestone into thousands of spires, arches and mazes.

**Meals: B, D**

**DAY 6 Zion National Park and Lake Powell Cruise:** Today’s sightseeing features awe-inspiring Zion National Park, where the Virgin River has cut a dramatic rugged gorge through multi-hued sandstone, shale and limestone. Look up at the towering rock walls surrounding this incredible natural wonder aboard open-air sightseeing trams. This afternoon, take a boat tour on sky-blue Lake Powell. Dinner tonight is in the Rainbow Room at the Lake Powell Resort. **Meal: B**

**DAY 7 Glen Canyon Dam and Navajo Bridge:** Touring today includes a visit to the 710-foot high Glen Canyon Dam followed by a scenic drive along Vermilion Cliffs National Monument to see the impressive Colorado River Gorge at Navajo Bridge. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 8 Grand Canyon South Rim:** Entering through the east gate, arrive at Grand Canyon National Park’s amazing south rim. World-renowned for its remarkable beauty and diverse range of rock layers, the Grand Canyon offers visitors an unmatched display of scenic wonders and breathtaking views. **Meal: B**

**DAY 9 Petrified Forest National Park and Painted Desert:** Drive through one of the world’s largest concentrations of petrified wood at Petrified Forest National Park and see the multi-hued badlands of the Painted Desert. **Meals: B, D**



Chimney Rock, Capitol Reef National Park, Utah

**DAY 10 Balloon Fiesta Mass Ascension and Evening Balloon Glow:** It's an early start today at the Fiesta Grounds for the "mass ascension" of over 600 specially shaped balloons as they lift off at sunrise. Later a local guide joins you for a tour of Albuquerque to learn about the history of the area. Just before dusk, the burners of nearly 500 balloons are ignited and the evening sky fills with a kaleidoscope of brilliant, luminous color at the Balloon Glow. **Meal: B**

**DAY 11 Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and Sandia Peak:** The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center was designed to preserve and perpetuate Pueblo culture and features original artwork, exhibits and theater presenting the accomplishments of the people of New Mexico. Later, take a thrilling ride aboard the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway for incredible views of the Rio Grande Valley. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner hosted by your Tour Manager. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 12 Depart for Home:** Transfer to Albuquerque's Sunport Airport for flights home departing after 12:00 p.m. **Meal: B**

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** – DoubleTree Suites Downtown, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Days 2 and 3** – Aarchway Inn, Moab, Utah
- Day 4** – Best Western Ruby's Inn, Bryce Canyon City, Utah
- Day 5** – Holiday Inn Express, Springdale, Utah
- Days 6 and 7** – Lake Powell Resort, Page, Arizona
- Day 8** – Drury Inn, Flagstaff, Arizona
- Days 9 through 11** – Hampton Inn or DoubleTree Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico



## Tour Highlights

- 17 Meals: 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 5 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Visit Dead Horse Point State Park
- Spend two nights in Moab and spend two nights in Utah's canyon country
- Tour Arches National Park with a local guide and embark on a scenic float trip with a picnic lunch along the Colorado River
- Travel through Escalante-Grand Staircase National Monument and visit Capitol Reef National Park
- Touring in Bryce Canyon National Park
- Embark on a narrated tour of Zion National Park
- Enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Powell
- Explore Grand Canyon National Park's South Rim
- Drive through the Petrified Forest National Park and see the Painted Desert
- Enjoy the Balloon Fiesta including the evening Balloon Glow
- Marvel at the "Mass Ascension" of the balloons above Albuquerque in a display of sight and sound
- Visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and ride the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway in the Cibola National Forest

# Colorful Canyons and Beautiful Balloons



Enjoy a float trip on the Colorado River

2026 Departure	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
September 24	\$5,749	\$2,449

### Pricing includes round trip airfare from Chicago.

*Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group and may not be available until airport check-in. Seat changes can only be attempted at the airport and may not be possible. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend booking air on your own rather than booking air with the group.*

### COMPLIMENTARY LOCAL PICKUP SERVICE AVAILABLE.

With 10 or more travelers, on the same departure date, the travelers will be picked up at the Fitchburg Senior Center (pick up is in the back of the seniorcenter building). Fewer than 10 travelers, the pickup will be at the Madison Dutch Mill Park and Ride.

### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$399 (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

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION EMAIL:

[travel@fscfriends.org](mailto:travel@fscfriends.org)

or

**Mayflower Cruises & Tours**

Group Sales Department

**1-800-728-0724 x201**

Please mention Fitchburg Senior Center Friends when making your reservation.

