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ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA

featuring Santa Fe and Pecos National Historic Park

Tour Dates: October 1st – 6th, 2027

Dazzling during the day, the spectacle of hundreds of hot air balloons is even better when they light up at dawn and dusk. See these amazing displays, explore early Pueblo life and enjoy the artists of Santa Fe.


Attend the evening Ballon Glow event

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 Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
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. 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 3 Albuquerque City Tour and Evening "Balloon Glow"
Today, enjoy a city tour and explore the history of Albuquerque. There is free time today to explore Old Town. 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


Spend two nights in Santa Fe



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

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 encompasses thousands of acres of landscape infused with historical elements from prehistoric archaeological ruins to 19th-century ranches. 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

Itinerary subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 through 3 – Best Western Rio Grande or DoubleTree Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Days 4 and 5 – DoubleTree Hotel or Courtyard by Marriott, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta		Tour Code 352AB
2027 Departure Date	**Per Person Twin**	**Single Room add**
October 1	$4,148	+ $1,549

Pricing includes tour, R/T Airfare from BOS, Tripmate Travel Insurance plan and $100 non refundable booking fee

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- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day 1 of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 8 Meals: 5 breakfasts, and 3 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers in Albuquerque
- 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, featuring prehistoric archaeological ruins and 19th-century ranches
- Embark on a walking tour of Santa Fe including Governor's Plaza, San Miguel Mission and Loretto Chapel with its miraculous staircase

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