

# Albuquerque Balloon Fest

September 30 - October 5, 2022

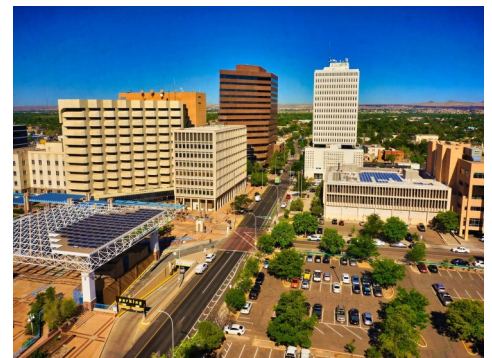


*If you think watching one hot air balloon float through the sky can be mesmerizing, then you will be in awe of watching hundreds of them at the 50th Annual Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta! Balloons in all shapes, colors and sizes descend on Albuquerque for this event and you can get up close and touch the balloons and speak to the pilots. In addition, you will get to see the city of Albuquerque and the artsy Sante Fe. This Southwest getaway will leave you wanting to come back to see more!*

**Day 1, Friday, Sept. 30: Arrive in Albuquerque.** This morning, meet your transfer in Madison for the short drive to Chicago to catch your flight to Albuquerque, New Mexico....the hot air ballooning capital of the world! This evening, join your Tour Manager for an orientation at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner. (D)

**Day 2, Saturday, Oct. 1: Balloon Fiesta & City Touring.** Today, enjoy a city tour and explore the history of Albuquerque. 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. And the evening would not be complete without a vivid fireworks display. (B)

**Day 3, Sunday, Oct. 2: The Balloon Glow & Private Dinner.** This morning will start very early, but it will be worth it as you experience Mass Ascension at the 50th Balloon Fiesta! Founded in 1972, the Fiesta began with 13 balloons and has grown to more than 600 balloons from all over the world. View every shape, color and size of hot air balloons as they lift off at sunrise. Make sure to take your cameras as you will be able to get up close to the balloons as the pilots are getting ready for take off. Later, you will have some free time to stroll the plaza of historic Old Town Albuquerque. Take a tour or shop at over 150 stores and galleries for unique gifts from the Southwest and around the world.



## Tour Highlights & Inclusions

- 3 Nights in Albuquerque
- 2 Nights in Santa Fe
- 8 Meals Included (5 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners)
- Sightseeing Tour of Albuquerque
- Balloon Fiesta
- Pecos National Historic Park
- Walking Tour of Santa Fe
- Private Tour of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center with dinner & Native American Dance Troup Show
- Transfers from Madison and air from Chicago

The plaza encompasses about ten blocks of historic adobe buildings, including San Felipe de Neri Church, the oldest building in the city, dating back to 1793. Tonight, head to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center for a private tour followed by dinner and an exclusive live performance of a Native American dance troupe in the Center. (B,D)

**Day 4, Monday, Oct. 3: 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. (B)

**Day 5, Tuesday, Oct. 4: 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 western most 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. (B,D)

**Day 6, Wednesday, Oct. 5: Depart for Home.** Your magical New Mexico vacation has come to an end. Transfer back to Albuquerque's Sunport Airport for flights home departing after 12:00 p.m. Or if you are still in vacation mode, why not extend your stay and explore more of the desert beauty. (B)



### Tour Price (double occupancy)

**\$2,549.00 per person**

**\*\*Airfare from Chicago, transfers from Madison and Albuquerque airport transfers included.\*\***

Pricing valid until July 1, 2022 or until space sells out, whichever comes first.

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