



WESTMINSTER

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

5 Days September 30 to October 4, 2022

Every October, pilots, crews and spectators from all over the world come to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, the world's largest hot air ballooning event. For nine days during the first full week of October, hundreds of colorful balloons float above the city each morning as dawn breaks over the Sandia Mountains. It's no wonder this visual feast is said to be the world's most photographed event.

Tour Highlights:

- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
 - Evening Glow and After Glow Fireworks
 - Dawn Mass Ascension
- Albuquerque Guided Sightseeing Tour
- Sandia Peak Aerial Tram
- Acoma Pueblo & Sky City Cultural Center
- Santa Fe City Tour Plus Loretta Chapel
- Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
- Visit the Turquoise Museum
- Four Nights First Class Lodging
- Four Hotel Breakfasts
- Three Dinners
- All Taxes and Tips with these services
- Luggage Handling (one bag per person)
- Motorcoach Transportation & Driver's Tip
- Group Travel Video App

Per Person Prices Starting at:

\$1,699 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$1,599 TRIPLE...\$1,499 QUAD...\$2,299 SINGLE

\$400 per person deposit with reservation

Final Payment due by August 24, 2022

Cancellation Waiver is Available

(Should be purchased when making deposit)

\$120 pp Double & Triple, \$90 pp Quad Occupancy

\$150 per person Single Occupancy

Register for this trip at any
City of Westminster Recreation Center

For questions call (303) 426-4310



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Day 1 – Albuquerque, NM – Today, you travel by motorcoach to Albuquerque, NM. On arrival, Check into a comfortable three-star hotel, your home for the next four nights. Dinner is on your own this evening.

Day 2 - Turquoise Museum - Free Time & Evening Session at Balloon Fiesta - Today, enjoy a 90 minute energetic and interactive guided museum tour featuring the largest collection of natural turquoise on display, world history of turquoise, hands on exhibits, and so much more. Spy into a working lapidary shop and understand how this beautiful gemstone goes from the mountain to the jewelry.

Then enjoy some free time and the evening at the Balloon Fiesta. During the Balloon Fiesta, enjoy a nice dinner on a private outdoor patio located next to the launch field. Then enjoy the Balloon Glow and the AfterGlow Fireworks show. The Balloon Glow happens when all the balloons fire their burners and light up at the same time. Probably the most spectacular single moment in all of Balloon Fiesta. Followed by the After Glow Fireworks, New Mexico's most spectacular fireworks display – now among Balloon Fiesta's most popular events. **(B,D)**

Day 3 – Acoma Sky City Pueblo – Albuquerque Sightseeing – Sandia Peak Aerial Tram - Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before visiting the Acoma Pueblo & Sky City Cultural Center. It is built high atop a sheer-walled, 367-foot sandstone bluff towering above a beautiful valley. Continuously occupied since 1150 A.D., Sky City is the oldest inhabited community in North America. The mesa-top settlement is known worldwide for its unique art and rich culture, and it is truly one of the most magnificent vistas in the Southwest. You may feel like an Archeologist by the time your visit is over!

The afternoon features a guided sightseeing tour of Albuquerque including Old Town and San Felipe de Neri Church. Next you will enjoy a ride on the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway, as it transports you above deep canyons and breathtaking terrain at a distance of 2.7 miles. See some of nature's more dramatic beauty unfold before you! Dinner is included tonight at County Line BBQ. Enjoy spectacular views and roadhouse decor. **(B,D)**

Day 4 - Morning Session at Balloon Fiesta – Turquoise Trail - Santa Fe, NM - Loretto Chapel - It's an early morning today, starting before dawn at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. The Dawn Patrol Show is a choreographed inflation & launch set to music. Followed by the morning glow and Mass Ascension. Mass Ascension occurs when more than 500 balloons from all over the world rise together in a harmonious lift off.

Leaving Albuquerque you travel the Turquoise Trail to Santa Fe, the oldest seat of government in the United States. As you drive north you're surrounded by the unspoiled beauty of 7,000-foot tall Rocky Mountain vistas as your companion. On arrival in historic Santa Fe you will marvel at the contrast of ancient native culture mixed with modern arts. The Spanish Colonial Charm of this ancient pueblo has been enchanting travelers for over 400 years and today it is your turn to enjoy. Your visit to this historic city features the world renowned Loretto Chapel famous for its miraculous floating staircase, the Palace of the Governors, oldest continuously used public building in the United States and Historic Square. Dinner is included tonight at a local authentic Mexican restaurant. Return to Albuquerque after dinner. **(B,D)**

Day 5 - Indian Pueblo Cultural Center – Depart for home - This morning visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. The Center is owned and operated by the 19 Indian Pueblos of New Mexico and is dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of the Pueblo Indian Culture, History and Art. The center features daily dances, art markets, exhibitions, live entertainment, museums, native food and more! After the Cultural Center visit, depart for home. **(B)**

