



Itinerary

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

Sep 28, 2022 - Oct 3, 2022

Day 1: Santa Fe, New Mexico - Tour Begins



Welcome to a veritable "land of enchantment." New Mexico is a place diverse in culture and scenic beauty. In both Santa Fe and Albuquerque, discover cities rich in multiculturalism, natural beauty and profound history. Albuquerque's International Balloon Fiesta has grown into one of the world's most photographed events. Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception with your fellow travelers.

Hotel

Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe
Santa Fe

Weather

High 83°
Low 55°

Day 2: Santa Fe



A local guide joins us on an open-air tram as we tour the renowned Santa Fe Plaza and the surrounding city, including the Miraculous Staircase at the Loretto Chapel. This afternoon, perhaps you will visit a museum or one of the many art galleries on Canyon Road. A special treat awaits at the Santa Fe School of Cooking. It's your favorite cooking show come to life as you watch an expert chef create a delicious meal before your eyes. Everything is made with a Southwest theme and is simply delightful.

Hotel

Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe
Santa Fe

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 83°
Low 55°

Day 3: Santa Fe - Albuquerque



Enjoy a morning at leisure to enjoy Santa Fe before setting out for Albuquerque. Traveling via the historic Turquoise Trail, you are sure to enjoy the stunning views. Prehistoric peoples made their homes here, Spanish missionaries explored the area, and many battles were fought over this land. Arrive in Albuquerque, your home for the next three nights.

Hotel

Albuquerque Marriott
Albuquerque

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 82°
Low 55°
Rain 1"

Day 4: Albuquerque



Today is sure to be one of the highlights of your trip...Albuquerque's International Balloon Fiesta. Join in the excitement of this annual hot air ballooning extravaganza. This is your chance to experience one of the world's most photographed events. Watch as the balloons launch in one of the most spectacular displays of sound and color in all of aviation. After your early morning, enjoy some time to relax. This afternoon, visit Old Town Albuquerque. Savor the unique fusion of Mexican, Native American and Spanish heritages. Experience a "must-do" as you embark on a bucket-list ride along the eclectic Route 66. Then enjoy some time in Old Town to explore the wonderful shops and restaurants. Tonight, return to the fiesta grounds to experience the grandeur of the Balloon Fiesta by moonlight. The breathtaking event of balloons lit from within at night is known as "Balloon Glow." There will be plenty of time to stroll the grounds, shop for a memorable Balloon Fiesta souvenir or grab a bite to eat.

Hotel

Albuquerque Marriott
Albuquerque

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 71°
Low 43°
Rain 1"

Day 5: Albuquerque



Since before the Cold War started, New Mexico has been known as a hub for covert military projects. Today, this fascinating history unfolds at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History where a docent takes you on an intriguing journey that includes details of the Manhattan Project. Next, visit the gateway to the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. See the ever-changing galleries that highlight local and national Native American artists. With a focus on Pueblo artists, the center strives to preserve their culture.

Hotel

Albuquerque Marriott
Albuquerque

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 71°
Low 43°
Rain 1"

Day 6: Albuquerque - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close with wonderful memories of the spectacular Balloon Fiesta.

Post Night: Albuquerque Marriott

The Marriott is located in the heart of the restaurant and shopping district of Albuquerque overlooking the Sandia Mountains. The recently renovated rooms feature modern comfort and elegant design. The hotel offers an indoor and outdoor pool for leisure.