



## Itinerary

### Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

Sep 30, 2020 - Oct 5, 2020

#### 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 travellers.

##### Hotel

Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe  
Santa Fe

##### Weather

High 28°  
Low 13°

#### 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. Enjoy time to discover the many shops and numerous art museums that Santa Fe is known for or join an optional excursion to Taos. A special treat awaits at the Santa Fe School of Cooking. It's your favourite 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 22°  
Low 6°

#### Day 3: Santa Fe - Albuquerque



Today we set out for Albuquerque. Travelling 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. Later, 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 22°  
Low 6°  
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. Watch as the balloons launch fill the sky during the balloon ascension. It's one of the most spectacular displays of sound and colour in all of aviation. After your early morning, you have some time to relax. Later this afternoon, enjoy a tour of Old Town Albuquerque and the surrounding area. Savour the unique fusion of Mexican, Native American and Spanish heritages. Experience a "must-do" as you embark on a drive along the eclectic Route 66. Take some time in Old Town to explore the wonderful shops and restaurants.

### Hotel

Albuquerque Marriott  
Albuquerque

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

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## 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 Centre. See the ever-changing galleries that highlight local and national Native American artists. With a focus on Pueblo artists, the centre strives to preserve their culture.

### Hotel

Albuquerque Marriott  
Albuquerque

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

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Rain 1"

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## Day 6: Albuquerque - Tour Ends



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

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## 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.