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# The Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

5 Days October 2-6, 2026

**COMPLIMENTARY  
AT HOME PICKUP SERVICE!  
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Our pick up zones are: the vast majority of the Twin Cities metro area & within Rochester MN City Limits - Call 1-833-424-2700 with questions! **We'll answer!**



The world's largest hot air ballooning event. Every October hundreds of colorful balloons float above the city as dawn breaks over the Sandia Mountains. It's a marvelous tour whether your group flies to Albuquerque or drives. Enjoy great patio seating and food service during the Balloon Fiesta.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta (reserved seating)
  - Evening Balloon Glow
  - After Glow Fireworks Show
  - Chasers Dinner
  - Dawn Patrol Mass Ascension
- Anderson Abruzzo Balloon Museum
- Old Town Plaza Tour
- Full Day Trip to Santa Fe including:
  - Loretto Chapel & Palace of Governors
- Ride on the Sandia Peak Aerial Tram
- Four Nights Lodging
- Four Breakfasts
- Four Dinners
- All Taxes & Tips on the Above Services
- Luggage Handling (as available)
- Motorcoach Transportation
- Round Trip Airfare
- Round Trip Airport Transfers
- *Itinerary Subject To Change*

## PER PERSON PRICES

**\$4,295** DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**\$3,995 TRIPLE...\$3,895 QUAD...\$5,295 SINGLE**

**\$650 deposit due with reservation**

**Final Payment due by August 3, 2026**

**Travel Insurance is available**

**For Reservations or More Information Contact:**



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**Day 1 – Albuquerque, NM** – Arrive today in Albuquerque, NM where a motorcoach will be waiting at the airport to transfer your group to your hotel, the Holiday Inn Express Old Town (or similar), for a four-night stay. Dinner is included this evening at a local restaurant. **(D)**

**Day 2 - Anderson Abruzzo Balloon Museum – Old Town Plaza Tour – Evening Session at Balloon Fiesta** – After breakfast, start with a visit to the Anderson Abruzzo Balloon Museum. Set on the southern edge of Balloon Fiesta Park, the balloon museum is a focal point in the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, but its scope is much broader. As the world's premier balloon museum facility dedicated to the art, culture, science, history, sport and spectacle of ballooning. The balloon museum, which opened in 2005, features one of the world's finest collections of ballooning equipment and memorabilia.

Next, enjoy a tour of Old Town Plaza. Learn the secrets, sights, sounds, flavors, shops, products, photo opportunities, and all the unique things at Old Town as your guide gives you a 30-minute overview of the area. Following the tour, you will have free time to have lunch and visit on your own.

This evening, 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.

During the Balloon Fiesta, enjoy a nice dinner on a private outdoor patio located next to the launch field. Your upgraded ticket grants you access to seating in a comfortable outdoor patio next to the launch field where you can indulge in hot food items, dessert, and refreshments. Located at the northeast corner of the Launch Field, a session in this private patio provides prime viewing of the launch site. **(B,D)**

**Day 3 - Drive the Turquoise Trail – Santa Fe, NM – Palace of the Governors – Loretto Chapel** - This morning, travel north to Santa Fe via the Turquoise Trail. The Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway encompasses 15,000 square miles in the heart of central New Mexico, linking Santa Fe and Albuquerque. The journey is approximately 50 miles along Highway 14.

One arriving in Santa Fe, NM, visit the Palace of the Governors. Originally constructed in the early 17th century as Spain's seat of government in the American Southwest, the Palace chronicles the history of Santa Fe. An adobe structure, it is now the State's history museum and sits opposite the Santa Fe Plaza.

Next, visit the Loretto Chapel, a former Roman Catholic Church that is now used as a museum and wedding chapel. It is known for its unusual helix-shaped spiral staircase (the "Miraculous Stair"), that may have been created by carpenter "Frenchy" Rochas, however the Sisters of Loretto credit its construction to St. Joseph. Regardless, the story is as fascinating as the stairway is unique. Return to Albuquerque in the late afternoon. Dinner is included this evening at a local restaurant. **(B,D)**

**Day 4 - Morning Session at Balloon Fiesta – Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway** - 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.

Today, 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. The remainder of the afternoon is free to enjoy the area and have lunch on your own. Dinner is included tonight at County Line BBQ. Enjoy spectacular views and roadhouse decor. **(B,D)**

**Day 5 - Depart for home** - After breakfast, you will be transported to the Albuquerque airport for your return flight home. On arrival, a motorcoach will be waiting to transfer you home. **(B)**

