



HEART OF THE NORTH TOURS

# ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA & SANTA FE

October 2nd - 10th 2024

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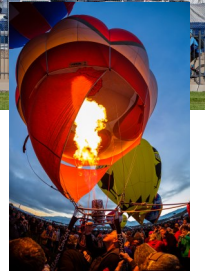


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## Itinerary:



### Day 1 Wednesday, October 2

#### **At-home pickup**

A car pulls up, the driver ready to take your luggage, and off you go! Headed to board the coach, leaving your vehicle safely home.

#### **Overnight in Kansas City**

Check into the Drury Inn in Kansas City. Dinner is on your own. There are several restaurants located near the hotel or try the Drury Inn included 5:30 Kickback Light dinner served with complimentary wine and beer.

### Day 2 Thursday, October 3

#### **Depart Kansas City**

After enjoying breakfast, we will check out and continue toward Albuquerque.

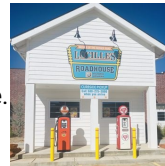
#### **Overnight Lodging, Clinton, Oklahoma**

Today is a travel day. Check in to your hotel for an overnight stay in Clinton.

#### **Dinner at Lucille's Roadhouse**

Tonight you have dinner at Lucille's Roadhouse. This Route 66 themed restaurant has a 1950's diner-look with polished chrome, glass brick, and colored lighting.

(B,D)



### Day 3 Friday, October 4

#### **Three Nights Lodging in Albuquerque**

Upon arrival in Albuquerque this afternoon, check in to your hotel for a three night stay. You will have time to relax before the dinner and your evening activities.

#### **Chasers Club**

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 a prime vista of the launch site.



#### **Evening Session at Balloon Fiesta**

This evening enjoy the Balloon Glow and the After Glow 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 4 Saturday, October 5

#### **Morning Session at Balloon Fiesta**

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.

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# Balloon Fiesta & more!

## Drive the Turquoise Trail

Meet your local guide and travel north this morning for a day trip 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 drive is approximately 50 miles along Highway 14.



## Visit the Palace of the Governors

Today, you will tour 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.



## Visit the Loretto Chapel

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. In the late afternoon, return to Albuquerque where your evening is free and dinner is on your own. (B)

## Day 5 Sunday, October 6

### Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

This morning visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. The Center is owned & operated by the 19 Indian Pueblos of New Mexico & is dedicated to the preservation & perpetuation of the Pueblo Indian Culture, History & Art. The center features daily dances, art markets, exhibitions, live entertainment, museums, native food & more!

### Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway

Next, in Albuquerque, 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!



### 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 more broad. 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.

### Included Dinner this Evening

Tonight's is at County Line BBQ. Enjoy spectacular views and roadhouse decor. (B,D)

## Day 6 Monday, October 7

### Trolley Tour of Albuquerque

This afternoon you will enjoy the Best of Albuquerque tour onboard an open air trolley. During your tour you will learn the uses of red and green chilies and the thundering call of the University of New Mexico Lobo. Discover film locations of motion pictures and television shows such as Breaking Bad, see a beach in the desert, and more!!

### Visit the Cadillac Ranch

Today you will stop at the Cadillac Ranch on Route 66. Here there are ten graffiti-covered cars half-buried, nose-down, facing west "at the same angle as the Cheops' pyramids". Invented & built by a group of art-hippies imported from San Francisco, their silent partner was Amarillo billionaire Stanley Marsh III. He wanted a piece of public art that would baffle the locals. So ten Caddies were driven into one of Stanley Marsh III's fields, half-buried, nose-down.

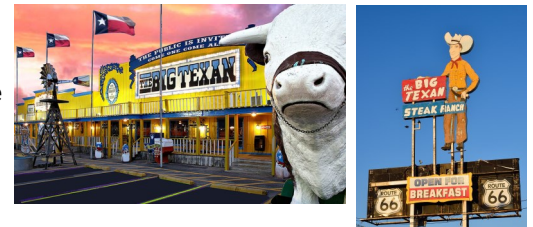


### Overnight in Amarillo

Check in to your home in Amarillo, Texas for an overnight stay.

### Dinner at the Big Texan Steak House

Tonight's included dinner is at the Big Texan Steak Ranch. Enjoy the atmosphere as well as the food in another unique restaurant along the iconic Route 66. (B,D)



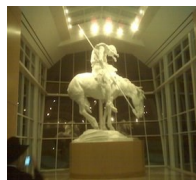
## Day 7 Tuesday, October 8

### Breakfast - check out of the hotel

After breakfast at your hotel, we will check out and will depart for Oklahoma City.

### Visit the American Quarter Horse Museum

Today, visit the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Museum. It is a hidden gem of Western art in the Texas Panhandle. Visit the many interactive and educational exhibits showcasing the American Quarter Horse and the Western lifestyle.



### National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

Visit the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum for a guided tour. From Albert Bierstadt's glowing landscape, Emigrants Crossing the Plains, to Native American art, see some of the finest Western art in the country. The Museum features a superb collection of classic and contemporary Western art, including works by Frederic Remington and Charles Russell, as well as sculptor James Earle Fraser's magnificent work, The End of the Trail. Round out the tour with a look at the evolution of the working cowboy to their portrayal in film and pop culture. The Museum's Hall of Great Western Performers includes musicians (and Oklahoma natives) Gene Autry, Vince Gill and Reba McEntire.

### Overnight in Oklahoma City

Check in to your Oklahoma City hotel for an overnight stay. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B)

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# Balloon Fiesta & more!



## **Day 8 Wednesday, October 9**

### **Oklahoma City National Memorial**

Visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial, dedicated to the victims of the bombing in Oklahoma City of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The Outdoor Symbolic Memorial stands on the now-sacred ground where the events of April 19, 1995, unfolded. What was once the footprint of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, Fifth Street, the Athenian Building and Oklahoma Water Resources Board are now the Field of Empty Chairs, Reflecting Pool and Rescuers' Orchard.

### **Overnight in Kansas City**

Check into the Drury Inn in Kansas City. Dinner is on your own this evening. There are several restaurants located near the hotel or try the Drury Inn included 5:30 Kickback Light dinner served with complimentary wine and beer. **(B)**

## **Day 9 Thursday, October 10**

### **Depart Kansas City**

After enjoying breakfast, we will check out and continue homeward.

### **Russell Stover Chocolates**

Make a stop in Kansas City at Russell Stover Chocolates. Shop for some of your favorites, or try something new. Russell Stover's Corporate Headquarters are located in Kansas City.

### **Depart for Home**

Later this morning you will travel home. **(B)**

### **Return Home!**

As the coach pulls into the parking lot, your drivers and cars await to gather you, your luggage and any treasures you might have gotten on the



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## Limitations & Exclusions

### Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from:

1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane;
2. an act of declared or undeclared war;
3. participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard;
4. riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events;
5. mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment);
6. participating as professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition;
7. participating in skydiving or parachuting except parasailing, hang gliding, bungee cord jumping, extreme skiing, skiing outside marked trails or heli-skiing, any race, speed contests, spelunking or caving, or scuba diving if the depth exceeds 120 feet (40 meters) or if You are not certified to dive and a dive master is not present during the dive;
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9. being Intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician;
10. the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation;
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18. a mental or nervous condition, unless hospitalized for that condition while the Plan is in effect for You;
19. a loss that results from a Sickness, Injury, disease or other condition, event or circumstance which occurs at a time when the Plan is not in effect for You; or
20. an assessment from a Legally Qualified Physician advising You in writing that You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You are not Medically Fit to Travel, as defined in the Plan, at the time of purchase of Coverage for a Trip.

**The plans also contain exclusions that apply specifically to Baggage and personal Effects.**

**Trip Cancellation and Trip Interruption benefits are only payable if a trip is canceled or interrupted due to a covered peril**

*For R774 only: Excess Insurance: The insurance provided by this Plan shall be in excess if all other valid and collectible Insurance or indemnity. If at the time of the occurrence of any loss there is other valid and collectible insurance or indemnity in place, We shall be liable only for the excess of the amount of loss, over the amount of such other insurance or indemnity, and applicable deductible. Recovery of losses from other parties does not result in a refund of plan payment paid.*

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#### WAIVER OF PRE-EXISTING CONDITION EXCLUSION

The exclusion for Pre-Existing Condition will be waived provided:

- (a) Your payment for this Plan is received within 21 days of the date Your initial Payment or Deposit for Your Trip is received; and
- (b) You are not disabled from travel at the time Your plan payment is paid.

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## Balloon Fiesta & more!

9 DAYS 8 NIGHTS

(Wednesday - Thursday)

October 2nd - 10th, 2024

Every October, pilots, crews & spectators from all over the world flock to New Mexico for the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, the world's largest hot air ballooning event. 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 is no wonder this visual feast is said to be: **"the world's most photographed event"**

### Tour Highlights:

- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta - Chasers Club (*reserved seating*)
- Evening Balloon Glow
- After Glow Fireworks Show
- Dawn Patrol Mass Ascension
- Guided Albuquerque City Tour
- Tour Anderson Abruzzo Balloon Museum
- Full-day trip to Santa Fe!
- Ride on the Sandia Peak Aerial Tram
- The Loretto Chapel
- Palace of Governors
- Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
- Cadillac Ranch
- Quarter Horse Hall of Fame
- National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
- Visit Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial

### Also:

- Eight Nights of Select Accommodations including:
  - Three nights in Albuquerque!
- Fourteen Included meals:
  - Eight Hotel Breakfasts
  - Four Dinners
  - Two Drury Inn 5:30-Kickback light dinners
- All Taxes & Tips on above services
- Luggage Handling (*one bag per person*)

### Pricing per person - based on room occupancy

Description:	Double:	Triple:	Quad:	Single:
Tour cost:	\$3,499	\$3,299	\$3,099	\$4,399
TripAssure Basic	\$245*	\$231*	\$217*	\$308*
TripAssure Deluxe	\$297*	\$280*	\$263*	\$374*
Cancellation Waiver opt:	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$300

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**\$550 per person deposit due with reservation**  
**Final Payment is due by August 18th, 2024**

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- **At-home pickup** within designated zones at **NO Additional Charge**
- Deluxe Motorcoach driven by an experienced professional driver
- Free Bottled Water and Free on-board snacks!
- Free on-board WiFi! (within the United States)
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