

# Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta & Enchanting Santa Fe

October 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

For centuries, writers and artists have used their talents to portray New Mexico in ways that illustrate why this beautiful place is so special. Come with us for a taste of the Land of Enchantment...

Where you'll view the spectacular sight of over 600 ascending hot air balloons.

Explore the rich history of Santa Fe and Taos. This exciting tour is loaded!

**Included:**

- ⌘ Round trip motor-coach to the Portland Airport
- ⌘ Services of OregonWest Tour Director
- ⌘ Round trip airfare to Albuquerque (1 bag included)
- ⌘ Admission to 2 Balloon Fiesta Events & the VIP Hospitality Tents
- ⌘ 2 nights Albuquerque – Uptown Albuquerque Marriott
- ⌘ 3 nights Santa Fe - Hotel Santa Fe
- ⌘ Services of a Professional Local Guide
- ⌘ Deluxe motor-coach on the tour
- ⌘ 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 fantastic dinners
- ⌘ All guide and driver gratuities

**Albuquerque:** Your adventure begins at Uptown Albuquerque Marriott... Next we're off to **Balloon Fiesta's Wells Fargo Shape Glowdeo**, where special shaped balloons inflate at dusk and light their burners in a synchronized fashion creating a "glow effect".

Enjoy the **exclusive Gondola Club**, where comfortable seating, luxurious bathrooms and a buffet style dinner awaits you... In the morning return for the **Mass Ascension**, few spectacles on earth rival the Mass Ascension, as upwards of **600 hot air balloons lift off from Balloon Fiesta Park** to drift in the crisp high-desert air... Walk amongst the masses and talk to the pilots, or enjoy the view from the **Chasers Club Tent**. Next, visit the **Turquoise Museum** - learn all about turquoise - with five generations of knowledge this is fascinating and fun! Spend the afternoon at your leisure in **Old Town**, the heart of Albuquerque's heritage, filled with shops & galleries! Dinner tonight is at the fabulous **El Pinto restaurant**.

**Santa Fe:** We're off for an exciting ride on the **Sandia Peak Tramway**, the world's longest aerial tramway. **View the Sandia Mountains of the Cibola National Forest** from a vantage point once only known to rock climbers and hunters. Afterwards we'll travel the **Jemez Mountain Trail**, a National Scenic Historic Byway. Enjoy a **picnic lunch** at a beautiful park before visiting **Bandelier National Monument**, a prehistoric complex of cliff dwellings built by the **Anasazi**. Then welcome to the deluxe **Hotel Santa Fe**, adorned with Native American Art and warmth, it's within walking distance to the **Santa Fe Plaza**, or use the hotel shuttle! This is the heart and soul of the Southwest, "**Santa Fe Style**".

Today we'll travel to **Taos**, via the **High Road**. Enjoy the fall colors of the **Sangre de Cristo Mountains**. The unsurpassed light of northern New Mexico has drawn artists here since the nineteenth century. Explore the beauty of this mountain village... See **St. Francisco de Asis Mission**; visit **Taos Pueblo - now a designated World Heritage Site by UNESCO**. This Pueblo dates from the 14th century. Dine tonight at the century old adobe home, **Rancho de Chimayo**.

The next day enjoy a historic trolley tour of Santa Fe... get the lay of the land as the rest of the day is yours to explore! Visit the **Plaza, St. Francis Cathedral, Loretto Chapel** and the "miraculous" staircase, **San Miguel Mission**, or whatever you choose... Later in the evening we'll meet for a true Southwest experience at our farewell dinner. We'll head home the next day with great memories of the "land of enchantment", Balloon Fiesta and more.



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**A \$100 deposit will hold space; balance is due by June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**