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~ 7 Days ~

# ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA ~ 2022

## TOUR INCLUSIONS



*Discover why they call New Mexico "The Land of Enchantment" as you experience diverse cultures, rich history and beautiful landscapes during the world's largest Balloon Festival! All your senses will experience something new and exciting as you feel the crisp autumn air, smell and taste the local cuisine, hear stories of the local cultures and see one of the world's most stunning events. You, too, will be enchanted by all that is the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta!*

- Spend an evening at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta to see the Special Shapes Glowdeo
- Return to the Fiesta site on two mornings to see the Special Shapes Rodeo and the Mass Ascension
- Shop for turquoise and other Native American crafts in Taos, New Mexico
- Experience the pueblo culture when you visit both the Taos Pueblo and Acoma Pueblo
- Enjoy an authentic New Mexican dinner at El Pinto
- Two night stay at the Marriott Albuquerque (or similar)
- Overnight stay in Laughlin at the Golden Nugget
- Overnight at the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort
- Overnight along Route 66 at the historic El Rancho Hotel
- Overnight stay in Las Vegas at the Golden Nugget
- 4 meals

## PRICES (based on double occupancy)

### ESCORTED BY A PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR:

38-55 paying passengers: \$1,375 per person  
29-37 paying passengers: \$1,495 per person  
19-28 paying passengers: \$1,895 per person

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** Add \$535

*escorted  
vacation*



**THIS TOUR IS AVAILABLE  
OCTOBER 4-10, 2022**

Activity Level



**LEVEL 2: AVERAGE**  
Able to walk a few blocks  
and climb some stairs

### COMP POLICY:

1 free with 19-37 paying passengers  
2 free with 38 or more paying passengers

### OPTIONS & ENHANCEMENTS (call for details):

- ~ Add a day in Santa Fe, New Mexico
- ~ Fly to and from Albuquerque
- ~ Add more included meals
- ~ Add a show in Las Vegas

## DAILY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 TRAVEL TO LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

Our weeklong adventure to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta begins with a drive to Laughlin, Nevada. We'll check in to the Golden Nugget Hotel Casino for our first night together. The hotel is located along the banks of the Colorado River and is centrally located within an easy walk of the other casinos.

### DAY 2 TRAVEL ROUTE 66 TO FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

After a leisurely morning in Laughlin, we'll travel across the river and into Arizona making a stop in Kingman at the Desert Diamond Distillery. Here, we'll get a behind-the-scenes tour of Arizona's oldest craft distillery and enjoy a tasting of their rums and vodka with each guest getting to take their shot glass home! Later, we'll travel to Flagstaff to check in to the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort. The evening is yours to dine, gamble and have some fun.

### DAY 3 FLAGSTAFF TO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO — EVENING AT THE BALLOON FIESTA

This morning, we'll continue our travels along historic Route 66. We'll arrive into Albuquerque, "The Jewel of the American Southwest" in the early afternoon when we'll take a tour of the downtown area and see the University of New Mexico before stopping in Albuquerque's Old Town. Old Town's tree-lined plaza and charming adobe buildings and churches are sure to delight the sightseer and the shopper! Later, we'll check in to our hotel in Albuquerque for a two-night stay. Everyone will have time to settle in and have dinner before heading off to the Balloon Fiesta site in the evening. The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta®, the world's largest hot air balloon festival, takes place each October, when we'll see hundreds of balloons in the sky at a time. This magical hot air balloon festival is considered to be the most photographed event in the world, drawing a huge international crowd of balloonists and spectators. Tonight's special event, the Special Shape Glowdeo™, promises to be one of the highlights of your week. You'll witness more than a hundred balloons, in whimsical shapes of all kinds, fire their burners and light up at the same time. It's perhaps the most spectacular single moment in all of Balloon Fiesta. It's followed by a spectacular fireworks display.

### DAY 4 SPECIAL SHAPE RODEO™ AT THE FIESTA AND A DAY IN TAOS (B, D)

Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel before departing for the Fiesta site at dawn, when the winds are the calmest, to witness the Special Shape Rodeo™. You'll watch as more than a hundred of the uniquely shaped balloons fill the morning sky above you. This is truly a magical spectacle. Later in the morning, we'll travel up to Taos to spend some time exploring. The first stop will be at the Taos Pueblo. This fascinating place is the only living Native American community designated both a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and a National Historic Landmark. The multi-story adobe buildings have been continuously inhabited for over a 1,000 years. We'll then travel a short distance into the town of Taos where we'll have time to shop for Native American jewelry and crafts. When we return to Albuquerque, an authentic New Mexican dinner awaits us at El Pinto, one of the city's best and most popular restaurants. Overnight again in Albuquerque.

### DAY 5 MASS ASCENSION, ACOMA PUEBLO AND TRAVEL TO GALLUP, NEW MEXICO (B, L)

Another early morning breakfast is planned as we check out and head back to the Fiesta site for one more event — the Mass Ascension. Watch as the sun begins to rise and hundreds of colorful hot air balloons take to the sky. It's an amazing and memorable event to witness. We'll bid farewell to Albuquerque later in the morning and begin our travels back west. We'll veer off Route 66 to Acoma Pueblo for an included lunch and touring. The Pueblo offers a window in time where Native people carry on the customary traditions of their ancestors through Native American pottery making and tribal celebrations. Enjoy a guided tour of the Sky City Cultural Center followed by a visit to Haak'u Museum to view the exhibits, stunning Pueblo pottery and Southwest Indian art created by renowned Native American artists. Leaving Acoma, we'll continue west to Gallup where we'll check in to Route 66's historic El Rancho Hotel. Like a page out of time, this promises to be a memorable evening.

### DAY 6 TRAVEL FROM GALLUP TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

This day takes us through the Great Southwest along Route 66 before veering north to Las Vegas. Upon arrival, we'll check in to the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino in downtown Las Vegas. The evening is yours to grab a bite, catch a show, or win some money!

### DAY 7 HOMEWARD BOUND

The morning is yours to enjoy in Las Vegas before we head for home.



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