

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

A Collette Tour Presented by Classic Travel & Cruises

Departing

October 4 or 5, 2019

Highlights

- 6 Days
- Round Trip Air from St. Louis
- Santa Fe Tour
- Santa Fe School of Cooking
- Turquoise Trail
- Balloon Fiesta
- Old Town Albuquerque
- National Museum of Nuclear Science & History
- Indian Pueblo Cultural Center



Rates per person including Air: Double \$2,699; Single \$3,399; Triple \$2,669

Included: Roundtrip Airfare from St Louis, Roundtrip Hometown Pickup from Lake St Louis, Air Taxes, Hotel Transfers and Tour Manager
6 Days • 7 Meals: 5 Breakfasts • 2 Dinners

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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 travelers.

Day 2: Santa Fe

A local guide joins us on a trolley 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. A special treat awaits at the Santa Fe School of Cooking. It's your favorite 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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Santa Fe - Albuquerque

Today we set out for Albuquerque. Traveling 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. Next, we'll stop in the quaint old coal mining town of Madrid. This is followed by what 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. See balloons launch in two remarkable waves during the Mass Ascension. It's one of the most spectacular displays of sound and color in all of aviation. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 4: Albuquerque

Experience the grandeur of the Balloon Fiesta at dawn as the balloons ascend in the early light. After your early morning, you have some time to relax. Later this afternoon, enjoy a tour of Old Town Albuquerque and the surrounding area. Savor the unique fusion of Mexican, Native American and Spanish heritages. Experience a "must-do" as you thrill to a ride along the eclectic Route 66. Take some time in Old Town to explore the wonderful shops and restaurants. Today breakfast will be included

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 Center. See the ever-changing galleries that highlight local and national Native American artists. With a focus on Pueblo artists, the center strives to preserve their culture. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 6: Albuquerque - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end with wonderful memories of the spectacular Balloon Fiesta. Today breakfast will be included.

Additional days pre tour in Santa Fe and additional days post tour in Albuquerque are available as an option.

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