

Plus – Santa Fe Day Trip

Few spectacles on earth rival the **Mass Ascension** lift off from Balloon Fiesta Park. Imagine 54 football fields, all put together, that's the size of Balloon Fiesta Park's 78 acre launch field. Delight in the amazing range of balloons in every color, size and shape imaginable. We will return to the park for the spectacular evening **Glowdeo** and **AfterGlow Fireworks** show. This evening we will enjoy the **exclusive Gondola Club**, with comfortable seating, luxurious bathrooms and buffet style dinner. We will also explore the area learning the history and culture of the Land of Enchantment...

Imagine the Possibilities!



Itinerary

Day One – Wednesday, October 10, 2012

Welcome to Albuquerque, you will be met at the airport and transferred to the **Albuquerque Marriott**, which has completed a multi-million dollar renovation. After getting settled, we will meet for our Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meal: Dinner.

Day Two – Thursday, October 11, 2012

We leave the hotel bright and early for the **Mass Ascension** at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, where we have admission to the Group Hospitality Tent. Enjoy delicious foods, and shop for souvenirs at a wide range of vendor booths. We will explore the extensive grounds of Fiesta Park, chatting with the pilots and crews as they prepare for flight.

Our next destination is **Acoma Pueblo**; know as *Sky City*, located in the spectacular West-Central Plateau of New Mexico. Situated 350 feet above an outstretched valley atop a massive sandstone mesa at 7,000 feet above sea level, is the oldest continuously inhabited settlement in the United States. A Pueblo member will take us on a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile leisurely guided tour of the village, explaining the culture and history of the tribe. **Lunch at the Sky City Casino.**

Our last stop is the **Turquoise Museum**, perhaps the largest private collection in the world. This small museum focuses on the beauty, mythology, and physical properties of turquoise. Bring a favorite piece of turquoise jewelry and Joe Dan will let you know what mine it came from – one piece per person.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day Three – Friday, October 12, 2012

Off to Santa Fe on the historic **Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway**. Upon arrival, we have a guided walking tour, visiting such points of interest as the historic Plaza, St. Francis Cathedral, the Loretto Chapel, with its famous "miraculous" staircase, and the San Miguel Mission. **Santa Fe** has the best of the region; its historic Plaza, winding streets, covered arcades, hidden gardens and courtyards. The Pueblo-style architecture reflects the blending of Indian, Hispanic, and Anglo cultures. You will have time to explore unique stores and galleries, visit the **Georgia O'Keeffe Museum** or the Palace of the Governors.

We Return to Balloon Fiesta Park this evening for spectacle of the evening **Glowdeo**. Balloons inflate at dusk, remain tethered, and light their burners in a synchronized fashion. We will enjoy the evening in a reserved area, the **Gondola Club**, with private seating indoors and out, delicious food and luxury bathrooms. After the Glowdeo enjoy the **AfterGlow Fireworks** show.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA

Day Four – Saturday, October, October 11, 2012

We head to the foothills of the **Sandia Mountains** for a ride on the **Sandia Peak Tram**, the world's longest free-span cable tramway. The 2.7 mile tramway ride takes us to an elevation of 10,375 feet above sea level. We will also take a driving tour of Route 66 landmarks.

Next, we take a brief walking tour of the historic Plaza area of **Old Town**, the original center of Albuquerque. We will have lunch at a restaurant located on the Old Town Plaza. We will have time to explore.

On to the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**, dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of Pueblo Indian culture, history, and art.

Tonight is our **Farewell Dinner**.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day Five – Sunday, October 14, 2012

Depart for home.

Meal: Breakfast

Price Per Person

\$1,725.00 per person based on double occupancy

\$1,998.00 single room

\$1,625.00 per person based on triple occupancy

Deposit: \$250.00 per person. **Final Due:** August 3, 2012

Price Includes:

- Four nights at the Marriott
- Round trip airport transportation
- Meals – four breakfast; two lunches; three dinners (including one at the Gondola Club)
- Admission to two Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta events; admission to the Group Hospitality tent for one event and the Gondola Club for the evening event.
- Walking tour of Albuquerque Old Town
- Tour and Presentation at the Turquoise Museum
- Round trip ticket on the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway
- Admission to Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
- Santa Fe walking tour of historic area
- Admission to Loretto Chapel and San Miguel Mission
- Admission to Acoma Pueblo
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Professional tour guide
- Travel by Tatten escort...the one with the chocolate!
- All applicable taxes.

Our groups are small and space is limited...call today!

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