



Good Times Travel New Mexico Enchantment

Featuring Albuquerque's Annual Balloon Fiesta, Santa Fe, Taos, Chimayó, Bandelier National Monument
October 2-7, 2024 – 6 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ◆ See the mass ascension of over 700 balloons and the evening balloon glow at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta
- ◆ In Albuquerque visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, the Turquoise Museum, the International Balloon Museum and the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History
- ◆ Enjoy a three-night stay in the heart of Santa Fe's Plaza Area with visits inside the Loretto Chapel, the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, San Miguel Chapel, and time at leisure to explore Santa Fe's many unique galleries, boutiques and museums
- ◆ Join a local guide and travel to Taos with visits to the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge and Taos Plaza, and a guided tour of Taos Pueblo
- ◆ Visit the fertile village of Chimayó with a guided tour of El Santuario de Chimayó and an included dinner at Rancho de Chimayó
- ◆ See the petroglyphs and ancient cliff dwellings at Bandelier National Monument



Taos Pueblo



Bandelier National Monument



Albuquerque's Balloon Fiesta



El Santuario de Chimayó

Tour Inclusions

- ◆ 5 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 9 Meals – 3 dinners, 1 lunch, 5 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional GTT tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- ◆ Admissions per the itinerary
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$2,499 per person
Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$950
Roundtrip airfare from \$595 per person
Deposit: \$1,000 per person

Itinerary

Embark on a spectacular journey that follows the colorful trails of the Southwest and features the best of New Mexico. You'll discover ancient cultures, world-famous Southwestern cuisine, diverse landscapes, renowned museums, and a hot air balloon festival like no other on Earth! From Albuquerque to Santa Fe and Taos, this journey allows you to experience first-hand why this is called the "Land of Enchantment."

Day 1 – Welcome to Santa Fe!

Optional transfers from our departure points will have us at LAX this morning for a scheduled non-stop flight arriving in **Albuquerque, New Mexico** this afternoon. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule to coordinate a flight arrival time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the hotel.* Upon arrival, we'll board a deluxe motorcoach and continue to historic **Old Town Albuquerque** to enjoy time at leisure for lunch and browsing on your own. Since it was founded in 1706 by Spanish Settlers, the Old Town area has remained the center for Southwest culture, architecture, shopping, art and cuisine. We'll continue north to **Santa Fe** – New Mexico's capital city nestled into the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. We'll enjoy a three-night stay at an upscale, AAA Four Diamond hotel located within walking distance of the Santa Fe Plaza, the historic heart of the city. Enjoy an included dinner at a locals' favorite. (Dinner)

Day 2 – Santa Fe

We'll be joined by a local guide this morning for a comprehensive guided tour of Santa Fe. Founded in 1610, Santa Fe is the oldest seat of government in the U.S. and this capital city reflects its Spanish, Pueblo, and Mexican history. On a walking tour of the **Santa Fe Plaza** we'll see the Palace of the Gov-

Reservations



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Accommodations

- ◆ Nights 1-3 **Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza**
Santa Fe, NM
- ◆ Nights 4-5 **Embassy Suites**
Albuquerque, NM

Optional Roundtrip Airfare

Airfare is available as an optional add-on as advertised on the front of this brochure. Because airfare generally increases closer to departure, it's best to purchase airfare as soon as possible to lock in the lowest price and best schedule.

Optional Airport Transfers

Roundtrip airport transfers are available from our departure points in these cities for \$99 p.p.

- ◆Fountain Valley ◆Laguna Hills
- ◆Long Beach ◆Seal Beach

Payment Information

- ◆ Deposit due at time of booking; balance payment due 90 days prior to departure
- ◆ Payment may be made by mailing a check to the above address or making a credit card payment at www.goodtimestravel.com

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Tour Pace & Activity Level



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

Itinerary

ernors and the tree-lined streets with buildings of distinctive design, adobe houses and eclectic shops. We'll go inside the **Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi** and visit the famed **Loretto Chapel** to see its miraculous spiral staircase – a true marvel of architectural ingenuity. We'll see the **New Mexico Capitol building** and go inside the **San Miguel Chapel** – the oldest church in the U.S. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure exploring this spectacular city and its vibrant Plaza area featuring a variety of shops and museums including the New Mexico Museum of Art, the New Mexico History Museum and the Georgia O'Keefe Museum, home to the largest collection of O'Keefe's work in the world! (Breakfast)

Day 3 – Taos, Chimayó

This morning a local guide will join us onboard as we travel the "Low Road" towards the mountain town of **Taos**, seated on a high desert mesa within the foothills of the Rocky Mountains (7,000 feet elevation). We'll stop at the **Rio Grande Gorge** to see the gorge and the **Rio Grande Gorge Bridge**. At 650 feet above the river, the bridge is the second highest bridge on the U.S. Highway System and the fifth highest bridge in the U.S.! We'll visit **Taos Pueblo**, a living Native American community that features multi-storied adobe buildings. Designated a National Historic Landmark and a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, this Pueblo dates back to the 14th century and is one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements in North America! On a docent-guided tour we'll learn about the traditional lifestyle and beliefs of the Pueblo Indians and see the striking **San Geronimo Chapel**. *Should Taos Pueblo be unexpectedly closed due to religious activities or a memorial service, we will instead visit the Millicent Rogers Museum, featuring more than a thousand years of Southwestern arts and cultures within 14 galleries.* Enjoy time at leisure for lunch and browsing in the charming **Taos Plaza** before we continue via the Camino Alto, or "High Road," following the same route taken by the Spanish colonists through the scenic grandeur of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and past villages that date from the Spanish Colonial era. We'll stop in the village of **Chimayó** and tour **El Santuario de Chimayó**, the church known as the "Lourdes of the Southwest" as it's believed to possess healing powers in its "holy dirt." This National Historical Landmark is considered to be the most important Catholic pilgrimage center in the U.S. We'll enjoy an included dinner at **Rancho de Chimayó**, the award-winning restaurant housed in a century-old adobe home and known for its traditional northern New Mexico cuisine. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4 – Bandelier National Monument, Albuquerque

This morning we'll join a local guide and travel the **Jemez Mountain Trail National Scenic Byway**, a mountain road that twists through time and terrain, contrasting vermilion desert cliffs and coniferous forests – the road connects 13th century cliff dwellings with the birth of the Atomic Age! Enjoy an included boxed lunch and a guided walk through **Bandelier National Monument** to see the petroglyphs and dwellings of the Ancestral Puebloans that lived here 11,000 years ago. We continue to Albuquerque where we'll enjoy a two night stay at an all-suites hotel. This evening we'll visit Balloon Fiesta Park, home to the **52nd annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta**. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the variety of vendors selling delicious food and souvenirs along with access to light refreshments and seating available in our hospitality tent. As the sun begins to set and the burners of tethered balloons are ignited, **Twilight Twinkle Glow** illuminates the evening sky with a kaleidoscope of brilliant colorful glow. The **Drone Light Show** and **AfterGlow Fireworks Show** provide an incredible conclusion! *Note that all Balloon Fiesta events are weather dependent.* (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 5 – Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

Early this morning we return to Balloon Fiesta Park to experience the marquee event, the **Mass Ascension**. Walk amongst the balloons and talk to the pilots as more than 500 balloons are laid out, the burners are ignited and the balloons gently lift off in two waves, creating a spectacular display of sound and color. We return to the hotel later this morning with time at leisure to relax. This afternoon we'll visit the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center** which tells the story of New Mexico's Pueblo Indian culture through authentic native arts, craft, and dance. We continue to the **International Balloon Museum**, dedicated to the art, culture, science history, sport and spectacle of ballooning. This world-class museum features one of the world's finest collections of ballooning equipment and memorabilia. Enjoy an included dinner this evening at a locals' favorite. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 6 – Albuquerque, Journey Home

This morning we'll visit the **National Museum of Nuclear Science & History** to learn the intriguing story of the Atomic Age. We continue to the **Turquoise Museum**, a fascinating museum featuring the largest collection of turquoise in the world including a vast collection of turquoise jewelry and antique furniture. This afternoon we arrive at Albuquerque International Sunport for our scheduled non-stop return flight to Los Angeles. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule to coordinate a flight departure time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the airport.* Back in Los Angeles, those guests with pre-arranged transfers will be returned to their respective destinations. (Breakfast)