

ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA * GET CARRIED AWAY!

OCTOBER 5 - 8, 2018

\$555 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY; \$719 SINGLE; \$545 TRIPLE (RATES ARE PER PERSON)

MORNING MASS ASCENSION, EVENING BALLOON GLOW & FIREWORKS, OLD TOWN ALBUQUERQUE AND SANTA FE

For the past 44 years, for nine days in October, the New Mexico skies are painted as hundreds of balloons lift off from Fiesta Park. Nothing rivals the power of Mass Ascensions of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta on crisp early mornings as these graceful giants leave the ground to take their place in the cerulean desert sky. For ballooning fans worldwide, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is a pilgrimage. There's something for everyone to enjoy...whimsical special shapes filled with equal parts of hot air and wonder, and balloon glows that create a magical night landscape for guests to wander. Balloon Fiesta will leave you awestruck and wanting more.

MEALS= LD FRIDAY - DAY 1 – OCTOBER 5, 2018 - COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

TODAY IS A TRAVEL DAY BUT WE WILL BREAK IT UP WITH STOPS EVERY HOUR AND A HALF OR SO. BOTH MEALS TODAY ARE INCLUDED; LUNCH WILL BE AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL AND DINNER WILL BE LASAGNA AT THE HOTEL.

MEALS= BD SATURDAY - DAY 2 – OCTOBER 6, 2018 - COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

DEPARTING OUR HOTEL BY 4:45AM WE ARRIVE AT FIESTA PARK FOR THE DAWN PATROL SHOW, THE MORNING GLOW AND MASS ASCENSION. YOU WILL BE TREATED TO HOT COFFEE/CHOCOLATE AND KRISPY KREME DONUTS FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST IN THE CHASERS CLUB. THE BALLOONS WILL BE SENT UP IN WAVES AND YOU WILL BE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL, RUNNING FROM BALLOON TO BALLOON WAVING GOODBYE AS THEY LAUNCH RIGHT OVER YOUR HEAD, IT IS THRILLING! PLENTY OF TIME IS ALLOWED TO SEE ALL THE VENDORS AT THE PARK BEFORE WE HEAD TO OLD TOWN ALBUQUERQUE. ARTISANS, DANCERS AND MUSICIANS WILL FILL THE SQUARE FOR YOUR PLEASURE. ON YOUR OWN FOR LUNCH AND EXPLORING, THIS AFTERNOON YOU CAN CHOOSE TO JOIN THE GROUP FOR A MOVIE AT THE IMAX THEATER OR STAY IN OLD TOWN. WE NEVER KNOW WHAT THE MOVIE WILL BE BUT WE DO KNOW THE SEATS ARE COMFORTABLE, IT IS DARK AND QUIET. CAN YOU SAY NAP TIME :) BACK TO FIESTA PARK AND BACK TO THE CHASERS CLUB FOR DINNER AND THE NIGHT GLOW FESTIVITIES. AGAIN, YOU CAN WATCH FROM YOUR SEAT IN THE CHASERS CLUB OR RUN FROM BALLOON TO BALLOON AS THEY LIGHT THEM UP. WE WILL HAVE A GREAT VIEW OF THE AFTERGLOW FIREWORKS AND LASER LIGHT SHOW FROM OUR SEATS IN THE CHASERS CLUB. WHAT A DAY THIS WILL BE! WE WILL LET YOU SLEEP IN JUST A LITTLE TOMORROW!

MEALS = BD SUNDAY – DAY 3 – OCTOBER 7, 2018 - COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

WE WILL MEET OUR STEP ON GUIDE FOR A TOUR OF SANTA FE BEFORE BEING TURNED LOOSE TO EXPLORE THE SANTA FE OLD TOWN SQUARE. CONSTRUCTED IN 1610, THE PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS (ADMISSION INCLUDED) WAS THE ORIGINAL CAPITOL OF NEW MEXICO. THE ADOBE STRUCTURE WAS THE SITE OF THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL NATIVE AMERICAN UPRISING, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN 1680, AND IT HAS BEEN IN PUBLIC USE LONGER THAN ANY OTHER STRUCTURE IN THE COUNTRY. THE NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK SHOWCASES 400 YEARS OF THE STATE'S HISTORY. YOU HAVE THE DAY TO EAT AND EXPLORE, DO NOT MISS THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE AT LORETTO CHAPEL OR THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI. BACK AT THE HOTEL WE WILL ENJOY A CHEFS CHOICE INCLUSIVE GROUP DINNER.

MEALS = BL MONDAY – DAY 4 – OCTOBER 8, 2018

HOMEWARD BOUND, WE WILL MAKE COMFORT STOPS AS WELL AS OUR LAST INCLUSIVE GROUP MEAL. YOU WILL BE HOME IN TIME FOR DINNER WITH GREAT MEMORIES AND STORIES TO TELL.

Rate Includes: Motor Coach, Tour Hostess, All Admissions, 8+ Meals, Hotels, and All Meal and Event Gratuities. Driver, Tour Guide and Step-on Gratuities have not been included in the rate on this trip.