Daily Itinerary

DAY 1: FLIGHT - ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
Today fly to Albuquerque, founded in 1706, where you will meet your Tour Director. Later check into your hotel for a two night stay in Albuquerque, locally known as “Duke City”. Tonight enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travelers. (B) Overnight: Albuquerque

DAY 2: DAWN PATROL - OLD TOWN - BALLOON GLOW
Today experience one of the most photographed events in the world, the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. Early this morning view over 100 colorful balloons from around the world at Dawn Patrol followed by the Mass Ascension. The balloons make the sky become a pallet of multicolored orbs dancing in the cool morning light. Later stop in Old Town to stroll the historic adobe buildings that house over 150 shops, galleries and restaurants. Also see the icons of Old Town, the San Felipe de Neri Church. This evening return to the Balloon Fiesta to witness the Balloon Glow, where just before dusk burners from hundreds of balloons light up the evening sky. (B) Overnight: Albuquerque

DAY 3: INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER - LOS ALAMOS - SANTA FE
This morning visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center depicting the history and culture of New Mexico’s 19 Native American pueblos. Then head north from Albuquerque to visit the Los Alamos Bradford Science Museum to learn about the Manhattan Project and the creation of the world’s first atomic bomb. Later arrive in Santa Fe for a three night stay. Santa Fe is renowned for its Pueblo-style architecture and as a creative arts hotbed. (B) Overnight: Santa Fe

DAY 4: TAOS
Depart this morning and travel north via the “High Road to Taos” passing through ancient villages founded in the 1700’s. Stop in the Spanish village of Chimayo to visit El Santuario, the historic home of the Pueblo Indians. Enjoy a brief Taos City Tour and learn about this fascinating city rich in culture and scenery. A top a plateau between the Rio Grande and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, Taos has lured artists and writers since the 19th century. Enjoy lunch on your own and shopping in the Taos Plaza. Later enjoy a tour of the Taos Pueblo, one of the oldest continuously inhabited communities in North America before returning to Santa Fe. (B) Overnight: Santa Fe

DAY 5: SANTA FE
Today discover Santa Fe, the upscale resort and artist community with Spanish-Pueblo roots. Enjoy a wonderful Santa Fe City Tour including details about the history, culture and unique architecture of this interesting city. See the Plaza, Loretto Chapel and the Palace of the Governor’s, a Santa Fe landmark built in 1910. Enjoy the rest of the day and evening at your own pace in this historic city to explore the many art galleries, museums, restaurants and shops. Tonight enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant in the Santa Fe area. (B,D) Overnight: Santa Fe

DAY 6: SANTA FE - ALBUQUERQUE - HOME
Transfer to Albuquerque and fly home with wonderful memories of your travel experience. (B)
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Travel with us to the Land of Enchantment to enjoy New Mexico’s beautiful landscapes, history and architecture. A highlight will be the world famous Albuquerque Balloon Festival, the world’s largest & most famous hot air ballooning event. Witness the Mass Ascension, which includes over 500 balloons taking to the sky. Also experience the balloons up close and illuminated on solid ground during the Balloon Glow.

Enjoy 3 nights in Santa Fe, founded in 1607 making it America’s oldest state capital city and 3rd oldest continuously inhabited U.S. city. Enjoy a Santa Fe City Tour with a local guide featuring the Santa Fe Plaza, the Palace of the Governor’s, built in 1610, and a visit to the Loretto Chapel to learn of its mysterious past. Santa Fe is part of the UNESCO Creative City Network as one of the most important art markets in the world, and is renowned for its beauty, Pueblo-style architecture & museums.

Learn more about New Mexico’s Native American history and culture with visits to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and the Taos Pueblo. The Taos Pueblo is a UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring ancient Pueblo homes which have been continuously inhabited for over 1,000 years. A few of the other attractions during this program include Old Town Albuquerque, the “High Road to Taos” & Los Alamos Bradbury Museum, which tells the story of this isolated town and its role in the Manhattan Project.

Please review the itinerary details and keep in mind that roundtrip airfare is included in the tour price. We hope that you can join us on this incredible trip!

Cheers,

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**Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta**

featuring Three Nights in Santa Fe

6 Days October 9 -14, 2020