

ALLIED Tour & Travel presents.....  
**Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta 2023**



**Tuesday, October 10 - Friday, October 13, 2023**  
**\$1325 Double Per Person ~ \$1729 Single ~ \$1209 Triple Per Person**

**THIS TOUR IS POPULAR AND SELLS OUT EARLY!**

Each fall, pilots, crews, and spectators from all over the world come to the Albuquerque Balloon Festival, known as the **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta**, the world's largest hot air ballooning event. For nine days, during the first full week of October, hundreds of colorful balloons float above the city each morning as dawn breaks over the Sandia Mountains. It's no wonder this visual feast is said to be the world's most photographed event. The Year 2023 marks the 51st year of this spectacular fiesta, a must-see event! **Come along for a memory of a lifetime!**

**Tour Includes:**

**Luxury Motorcoach Transportation ~ 3 Nights at the Hilton Garden Inn Albuquerque Uptown  
2023 Balloon Festival—2 Special Events: Morning Mass Ascension & Evening Special Shape Glowdeo  
Self-Guided Tour of the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum  
Visit to Historic Santa Fe ~ 3 Breakfasts ~ Dinner at High Noon Restaurant ~ Lunch at Seasons Grill  
A Professional Tour Guide ~ Driver & Guide Gratuities ~ Baggage Handling ~ Snacks & Water**

**A \$200 deposit is due upon reservation. Final payment is due by August 7, 2023**  
**For reservations, contact SCW Rec. Center, Box Office at 623-544-6030**

**Depart SCW, RH Johnson Rec. Center parking lot, Aisles 8 & 9 on Oct. 10th at 7:45 AM**  
**Estimated return to Sun City West is 5:30 PM**

**Cancellation Policy: If canceled on or before August 7, 2023 - full refund. If canceled after August 7, 2023 - no refund. Travel Insurance: We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your travel investment. Your trip investment is worth protecting, and travel insurance can help safeguard against unexpected events that can prevent you from traveling.  
See our brochure for details.**

**For all precautions for safe travel, see our Safe & Secure travel policies on the back**



**If you must cancel please call ALLIED Tour & Travel at 480-597-6913**

# 2023 Balloon Fiesta Itinerary

## The Weather in Albuquerque

The weather in Albuquerque during October can range from 75 degrees for the average high and 45 degrees for the average low. There will be chilly mornings and evenings, so please bring a sweater and jacket, along with comfortable walking shoes. Hats and gloves are recommended.

### Day 1: Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Depart SCW, RH Johnson Rec. Center parking lot, aisles 8 & 9 at 7:45 AM. There will be restroom breaks and meal stops (on own) along the way to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Arrive at the Hilton Garden Inn Albuquerque Uptown this evening and enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure.

**Hilton Garden Inn Albuquerque Uptown - 505-944-0300**

### Day 2: Wednesday, October 11, 2023

“Grab & Go Breakfast” (included this morning). The motorcoach will depart for the Balloon Fiesta around 5:15 AM (see schedule below). After the morning events, we’ll depart for Santa Fe, New Mexico, to experience the unique Southwestern Culture at its finest. While in Santa Fe, there will be free time to shop, visit the galleries, or have lunch (on own) at one of their fabulous restaurants, returning to Albuquerque and our hotel after our visit. This evening we will enjoy a special dinner at the High Noon Restaurant.

### October 11 - Balloon Fiesta Morning Session (Subject to change)

**6:00 AM - Dawn Patrol Show**

**6:30 AM - Morning Glow**

**7:00 AM - Flight of the Nations Mass Ascension**

**Breakfast, Dinner**

### Day 3: Thursday, October 12, 2023

Breakfast (included) this morning at the hotel. Depart the hotel for a self-guided tour of the Anderson - Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum. The museum showcases a vast collection of balloons, artwork, and aerial artifacts. Their exhibits show the history of ballooning and highlights the science that has thrilled human imagination for more than a century. Next we will depart for Old Town, where there will be time to explore the charm of this beautiful city that looks much like it did centuries ago before we enjoy a delicious lunch at the popular Seasons Rotisserie & Grill. Then, return to the hotel to freshen up before departing for the Balloon Fiesta and the evening’s “Glow” festivities. It will be a spectacular evening!

### October 12 - Balloon Fiesta Evening Session (Subject to change)

**5:00 PM - Special Shape Glowdeo**

**7:30 PM - Main Stage Musical Performance**

**8:00 PM - AfterGlow Fireworks Show**

**Breakfast, Lunch**

### Day 4: Friday, October 13, 2023

Breakfast (included) at the hotel prior to our departure. Departure from the hotel will be approximately at 9:00 AM local time. There will be rest stops along with a lunch stop (on own) on our way back home. Arrive back in the valley around 5:30 PM this evening.

**Breakfast**

*If you wish to bring a folding sports chair with for relaxed viewing at the Balloon Fiesta there will be plenty of room in our motorcoach.*



*Thank you for traveling with ALLIED Tour & Travel....we appreciate your business!*



## New “Safe and Secure” Healthy Travel Plan

To help provide a safe and secure travel experience, Allied Tour & Travel will apply the following:

1. Our motor coach company, Arrow Stage Lines, uses an EPA Registered CURIS Decontamination System that provides a No-Touch, Whole-Vehicle delivery system which kills 99.9999% of germs so you can be confident in your Allied tour.
2. Motor coaches are cleaned with soap, water, and disinfectants after each trip. Drivers clean surfaces with disinfectants at the end of the day on multi-day tours. Hand sanitizers are available on each bus.
3. All of our vendors (hotels, attractions, restaurants, etc) are taking extra steps to provide a cleaner, healthier travel experience.
4. All passengers are encouraged to purchase the cancellation protection offered for each tour in the event you need to cancel your tour before it departs. Should you desire travel protection for after your tour departs, ask about our Travelex insurance that provides trip interruption benefits. This will protect you in the event you need to interrupt your tour after it departs due to covered health reasons. Interruption insurance helps with medical expenses should you become ill or injured while on tour and you meet the insurance criteria.
5. **Please notify us of any special needs at the time of reservation.** We will make all reasonable efforts to assist with your travel arrangements. However, it is strongly recommended that a traveling companion come along to help with any special needs of anyone with a disability. Allied tour guides have responsibilities for the entire group and can't provide one-on-one care. This includes boarding motor-coaches, airplanes, cruise ships, etc., traversing hotels, restaurants, attractions, other personal needs, etc. Contact Allied if you have any questions

Tours are fun and we want to make the experience as enjoyable as possible. These steps will help make traveling a safer one, but note that no travel is ever totally risk free. We will be flexible regarding this plan, adding or deleting depending on current circumstances.

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