

# Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta & Enchanting Santa Fe

October 8th-13th, 2010

*For centuries, writers and artists have used their talents to portray New Mexico in ways that illustrate why this beautiful place is so special. Come with us for a taste of the Land of Enchantment... where you'll view the spectacular sight of over 900 ascending hot air balloons. Explore the rich history of Santa Fe and Taos. This exciting tour is loaded!*

## **Included:**

- ◆ Round trip motor-coach to/from Salem to Portland Airport
- ◆ Services of OregonWest Tour Director
- ◆ Round trip airfare to/from Portland to Albuquerque New Mexico
- ◆ Admission to 2 Balloon Fiesta Events & the CVB Hospitality Tent
- ◆ 2 nights Albuquerque - Rio Grande Inn, Old Town
- ◆ 3 nights Santa Fe - Hotel Santa Fe
- ◆ Services of a Professional Local Guide
- ◆ Deluxe motor-coach on the tour
- ◆ 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 fantastic dinners
- ◆ All guide and driver gratuities

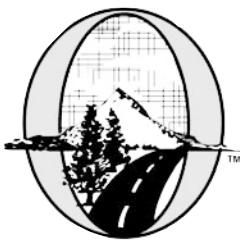


**Albuquerque:** Your adventure begins in Old Town Albuquerque at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn.... relax and enjoy the "happy hour" on arrival. Soon we're off to Balloon Fiesta's Wells Fargo Shape Glowdeo, where special shaped balloons inflate at dusk and light their burners in a synchronized fashion creating a "glow effect" followed by the AfterGlow Fireworks Show. In the morning return for the Mass Ascension, few spectacles on earth rival the Mass Ascension, as upwards of 900 hot air balloons lift off from Balloon Fiesta Park to drift in the crisp high-desert air... Visit the Turquoise Museum - learn all about turquoise - five generations of knowledge, this is fascinating and fun! Spend the afternoon at your leisure - our hotel is in Old Town, the heart of Albuquerque's heritage - filled with shops, galleries & more! Dinner tonight is at the fabulous El Pinto restaurant.

**Santa Fe:** We're off for exciting Sandia Peak Tramway, the worlds longest aerial tramway. View the Sandia Mountains of the Cibola National Forest from a vantage point once only known to rock climbers and hunters. Afterwards travel the Jemez Mountain Trail, a National Scenic, Historic Byway... picnic lunch at a beautiful park... Visit Bandelier National Monument, a prehistoric complex of cliff dwellings built by the Anasazi. Welcome to the deluxe Hotel Santa Fe, adorned with Native American Art and warmth - within walking distance to the Santa Fe Plaza, or use the hotel shuttle! This is the heart and soul of the Southwest "Santa Fe Style". You'll have time to visit the Plaza, St. Francis Cathedral, Loretto Chapel and the "miraculous" staircase, San Miguel Mission or whatever you choose on your free day...

Travel to Taos via the High Road and the fall colors of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The unsurpassed light of northern New Mexico has drawn artists here since the nineteenth century. Explore the beauty of this mountain "village"... See St. Francisco de Asís Mission, visit Taos Pueblo, designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, this Pueblo dates from the 14th century. Dine tonight at the century old adobe home, Rancho de Chimayo.

The next day is all yours! Later in the evening we'll meet for a truly Southwest experience, our farewell dinner at the Hotel Santa Fe.



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**The Fine Print:** A 24 person minimum is required for this tour to operate. Tour deposits and payments are subject to penalties unless the minimum is not met and the tour is canceled. Cancellation insurance is available by calling our office. OregonWest Excursions is not liable for damage, delay, or inconvenience which may occur through acts or defaults of any other company or person engaged in providing services, provisions, accommodations, transportation or facilities in connection with this tour, nor are we liable for any acts of war, whether declared or not, damage, loss, or acts of God connected with this tour.

**A \$100 deposit will hold space; balance is due by August 19th.**