



Balloon Fiesta Magic & the Heart of New Mexico (TGT1029)

October 5-9, 2026

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

*Albuquerque Sawmill Market * Turquoise Museum * Sandia Peak Tramway ride to the crest of the Sandia Mountains * Indian Pueblo Cultural Center * Balloon Fiesta with Chaser's Club premium access to witness hundreds of colorful hot air balloons at one of the world's most renowned ballooning events * Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum * Old Town Albuquerque Walking Tour * 505 Central Food Hall * Free time to explore Downtown Santa Fe * Main Street at Balloon Fiesta Park to walk among performers, vendors, glowing tethered balloons, and enjoy fireworks and entertainment*

INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip economy flights between Buffalo, Rochester, or Syracuse and Albuquerque, NM
- 4-nights accommodations as outlined in itinerary
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 3 dinners
- Deluxe transportation on tour
- All admission and entrances fees as outlined in the itinerary
- All restaurant gratuities for included meals
- All hotel charges and local taxes
- Baggage handling when available (1 piece per person)
- Services of a local Tour Guide and Driver
- Services of a AAA Group Travel Tour Host

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 4

CHALLENGING: Fast pace; frequent physically challenging activities; walking on varied terrain and/or up to two miles at a time; longer tour days. This Activity Level is not recommended for travelers with serious medical conditions or for travelers with mobility issues such as someone who uses a cane, walker, or wheelchair.



PRICING:

Double	\$3,399
Single	\$4,199
Triple	\$3,149
Optional Pre-Paid AAA Group Travel Tour Host Gratuity	\$20

Rates and inclusions are per person based on occupancy and include AAA Member Discount. \$750 per person deposit is due at the time of booking. Final payment is due July 15, 2026.

NOTE: This tour is booked as the above inclusions state. It is possible due to unforeseen circumstances that some inclusions may change in future months. Should that happen, AAA Group Travel will take all necessary steps to find a suitable replacement for the tour.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

AAA recommends the purchase of Allianz Global Assistance products to protect your trip investment.

Day of Deposit to 6-1-26 / \$150 Administrative Fee Per Person

6-2-26 to 7-15-26 / Loss of Deposit Per Person

7-16-26 to Travel to Day of Departure / 100% Non-Refundable Per Person



ITINERARY:

Day 1

Depart from Western and Central New York and arrive in Albuquerque, where you'll be welcomed by your AAA Group Travel Tour host and local guide for the start of your New Mexico adventure. Enjoy free time and lunch on your own at the lively Sawmill Market, home to 27 local merchants, eateries, and outdoor dining spaces. Next, dive into the fascinating world of turquoise at the Turquoise Museum, where you'll explore the gem's rich history, various mines, and vibrant cultural stories. Later, check in to the Courtyard Albuquerque Airport for your 4-night stay, before gathering with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. A great start to a colorful Southwestern journey!

Day 2

Start your day with an included breakfast at the hotel before heading out to experience the breathtaking Sandia Peak Tramway. Ascend to over 10,000 feet for panoramic views stretching across 11,000 square miles—one of the most stunning vistas in the Southwest. Enjoy an included lunch at the iconic County Line BBQ, known for its authentic Southwestern flavors and scenic location near the foothills. In the afternoon, immerse yourself in the rich heritage of New Mexico's Native communities at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Explore museum exhibits, Pueblo artist murals, and learn about the traditions of the 19 Pueblos. Return to the hotel to relax before a festive evening at El Pinto Restaurant, one of Albuquerque's most beloved spots for New Mexican cuisine. Then, head back to the hotel for a restful night.

Day 3

Rise early for a grab-and-go breakfast before departing to Balloon Fiesta Park for one of the most iconic events in the Southwest, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Watch over 500 balloons fill the sky at sunrise from your exclusive Chasers' Club seating, complete with private amenities, catered food, and spectacular views. After the morning launch, enjoy a self-guided visit to the nearby Anderson-Abruzzo Balloon Museum, where you'll explore the fascinating history and science of ballooning. Next, head to Old Town Albuquerque for free time and lunch on your own. This charming district is full of authentic New Mexican cuisine, art galleries, and historic adobe buildings. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided walking tour that brings the area's rich culture and stories to life. After returning to the hotel for a bit of relaxation, the evening wraps up with dinner on your own at 505 Central Food Hall, a vibrant venue featuring local eateries, drinks, and desserts.

Day 4

Enjoy an included breakfast at the hotel before setting off for a scenic drive to Santa Fe, one of America's most artistic and culturally rich cities. Spend the morning and early afternoon at your leisure—exploring renowned museums, eclectic shops, and savoring lunch on your own at one of Santa Fe's acclaimed eateries. In the late afternoon, return to Albuquerque and prepare for an unforgettable evening at Balloon Fiesta Park. Arriving in time for dinner, included at the park, you'll witness an exciting lineup of events including a skydiving exhibition by Team Fastrax™, the mesmerizing Night Magic Glow, where tethered balloons light up the night, a dazzling drone show, and finally, a breathtaking fireworks display that lights up the New Mexico sky. Stroll down Main Street during the festivities to enjoy food, live entertainment, and one-of-a-kind local merchandise.

Day 5

After an unforgettable journey through the vibrant culture of Albuquerque and the artistic charm of Santa Fe—highlighted by the breathtaking Balloon Fiesta—it's time to say farewell. Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home, bringing with you lasting memories of this colorful Southwestern adventure.