# NEW MEXICO BALLOON FIESTA



6 Days • 7 Meals • Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta • Santa Fe & Taos • Los Alamos

from \$2,699 pp dbl

# **2023 VACATION DATE**

#### October 13-18

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Round Trip Home Pick-up\*
- · Round Trip Airfare SAN
- 7 Meals: 5-Breakfasts, 2-Dinners
- · Albuquerque Balloon Festival: see the Mass Ascension or "Special Shapes" Ascension & the Evening Balloon Glow
- Santa Fe, Taos, & Albuquerque Touring
- Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
- Los Alamos Bradbury Science Museum
- "High Road to Taos" Scenic Drive
- Chimayo's El Santuario
- Taos Plaza Shopping & Taos Pueblo Tour
- Deluxe Motorcoach with Restroom
- **Professional Tour Manager**
- Hotel Transfers & Baggage at Hotels

# **FEATURED HOTELS**

Albuquerque (2) - Marriott, Doubletree, or Crowne Plaza Santa Fe (3) - Inn of the Governors, Doubletree, or Hilton

Alternate hotels may be used

# **DEPARTURE CITIES & PRICES**

Prices include Home Pick-up\*, Round Trip Airfare - SAN, & Taxes and Fees

DOUBLE

\$2,699 per person

SINGLE \$3,499

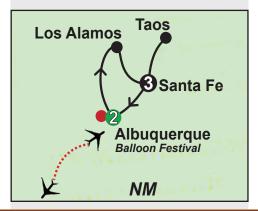
TRIPLE \$2,669 per person

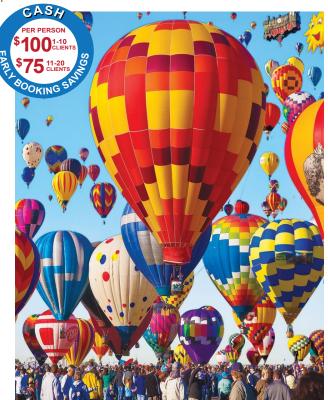
## Optional Travel Protection Plan ADD: \$299 pp

Deposit \$350 p.p. at time of booking Final Payment due July 28, 2023 AFC prefers payment by check MC, Visa, & Discover also accepted

#### **VACATION PACE**

Easy Pace Active







Arrive in Albuquerque (altitude 5,000'), founded in 1706, where you will meet your Tour Manager. Later check into your hotel for a two night stay. Tonight enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travelers.

# Day 2 Dawn Patrol / Mass Ascension Old Town / Balloon Glow

Today experience one of the most photographed events in the world, the Albuquerque International 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 palette of multicolored orbs dancing in the cool morning light. Later stop in historic Old Town to stroll the historic adobe buildings that house over 150 shops, galleries and restaurants. Also see the icon of Old Town, the San Felipe de Neri Church. This evening return to the Balloon Fiesta to witness the Balloon Glow, when just before dusk burners from hundreds of balloons light up the evening sky.

## Day 3 Cultural Center / Los Alamos (B)

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 Bradbury 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 (altitude 7,000').

# Day 4 Taos

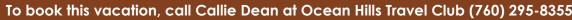
This morning travel north via the "High Road to Taos" passing through ancient villages founded in the 1700's. Stop in the Spanish village of Chimayo to visit El Santuario, revered by pilgrims for the healing power of dirt found inside the chapel. Arrive in Taos, the historic home of the Pueblo Indians (altitude 7,000'). Enjoy a brief Taos City Tour and learn about this fascinating city rich in culture and scenery. Atop a plateau between the Rio Grande and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, Taos has lured artist and writers since the 19th century. Enjoy lunch on your own and shopping in the Taos Plaza. Later enjoy a Taos Pueblo Tour, one of the oldest continuously inhabited communities in North America before returning to Santa Fe.

#### Day 5 Santa Fe (BD)

Today discover Santa Fe, the upscale resort and artists 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 1610. 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.

# Day 6 Albuquerque / Fly Home Fly home today with wonderful memories.

Note: This tour involves high altitude. Please check with your doctor, if you have any health conditions affected by high altitude.



# **TERMS & CONDITIONS • Please read carefully**

**DEPOSITS/ PAYMENTS:** A \$350 per person deposit is due at the time of booking (may vary for partner operated and/or holiday tours) Your payment schedule will be mailed to you with your invoice.

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE:** 75 Days prior to departure. If booked after final payment, the airfare portion of the tour may increase. AFC Vacations (AFC) accepts Check, MasterCard, VISA, and Discover Card

**Note:** To qualify for AFC's CASH early booking discount (when applicable), your 2nd deposit and final payment must be paid by cash or check. Credit cards are still accepted for initial deposits. If you choose to use your credit card for all payments, the cash early booking discount will not apply.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** The following refund schedule applies to all AFC operated tours (penalties vary for partner operated tours and/or holiday tours).

**Note:** Our Travel Protection or Travel Insurance will cover this cost if you cancel for a covered reason.

Up to 180 days: \$100 per person penalty
179-76 days: \$250 per person penalty
75-60 days: 75% Refunded of Full Price,
less any non-refundable air, train, or theater tickets
59-30 days: 50% Refunded of Full Price
29-15 days: 25% Refunded of Full Price
14 days or less: No Refund

AFC must be notified of all cancellations IN WRIT-ING. Date of cancellation is considered to be the first business day that AFC receives this written notice. Name changes, transferring to a different tour or departure date are considered cancellations and are subject to AFC cancellation policies. AFC strongly recommends you purchase cancellation, medical, & baggage protection or insurance for your vacation. Call AFC for details.

\*HOME PICK-UP AIRPORT SERVICE is included with AFC tours, getaways, European River Cruises and air/sea cruises over \$2099 per person within 40 miles of your airport of choice. It is based on transferring you to and from your airport of choice listed in AFC Air Inclusive rates as an included feature if your airport of choice is within 40 miles. If your airport of choice is over 40 miles you have the choice of taking a Home Pick-Up Credit of \$50 per person (credit applied on final payment invoice) or paying a \$75 per person double supplement (\$150 supplement for single traveler) if your airport is within 41-60 miles. Supplements over 60 miles would need to be quoted separately. Any Air Inclusive AFC traveler choosing not to take advantage of the included Home Pick-Up Airport Service can take the \$50 per person credit as noted above. Passengers travelling land only and or doing their own air do not have the Home Pick-Up Service included.

#### **CHANGES, DEVIATIONS & EXTENSIONS:**

AFC is happy to assist you with any changes to our Land/Air packages. However, a \$75 p.p. non-refundable change fee will be assessed for the initial change, deviation or extension, in addition to any other supplier charges. \$25 p.p. will be charged for any further changes. Home Pick-up does not apply when deviating from the published itinerary.

PASSPORTS: All U.S. citizens are REQUIRED to have a valid U.S. passport for ALL Cruises & International Tours. It is recommended your passport be valid for 6 months beyond your scheduled return date.

AIR & FUEL TAXES: All clients understand that the airline tickets or air tours they are purchasing are subject to supplemental price increases after the

date of purchase due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government. They acknowledge that they may be charged additional sums by AFC to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets, or any combination thereof. They hereby consent to any post-purchase price increases and authorize AFC to charge their credit card for such additional amounts.

BAGGAGE: Airline Baggage Fees are not included for our travel programs, any Airline Baggage Fees are at your own expense. Maximum dimensions for airline checked luggage is 34"x18"x10" for a combination of no more than 62 linear inches, and weight not to exceed 50 lbs. Overweight charges are not included either and may be up to \$75. Airlines allow one carry-on luggage + one personal item per person (both you must carry). Hotel porterage for one suitcase per person is included. A charge of \$6 per hotel will be collected by the tour manager if a 2nd piece is checked. Due to lack of skycaps, luggage service at airports cannot always be provided in which case you would have to transport your own bag. NOTE: If airlines begin charging a "seat fee" for reserving a seat in advance, AFC will have to collect this fee from the client up front, as it is not included in our tour price.

**SMOKING:** Smoking is NOT allowed on any transportation provided by AFC Vacations.

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:** Airline baggage fees; items of a personal nature such as laundry; telephone, mini bar, alcohol, beverages & meals not included in the itinerary; gifts; optional excursions; travel protection or insurance; airline excess bag fee; passport, visa, & vaccination charges; tips to your tour manager, driver, local city guides, and cruise ship staff.

**LAND ONLY:** If an AFC Vacation is purchased "Land Only" where the customer provides their own airfare, the tour or cruise begins and ends at the first & last hotel or at the pier. Any penalties arising from a schedule change or cancellation made by AFC or any suppliers will be at the client's responsibility & expense. Note: Home pick-up is not included on Land Only packages.

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NOTE: AFC includes all airline taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges in our vacation pricing that include AFC arranged airfare. Only cruise line port taxes and fees are extra and in addition to the prices quoted. However, please understand that when you book and deposit a tour with AFC, we are reserving (not purchasing) the airfare for you at that time. The actual purchase of this airfare will occur sometime after final payment. AFC reserves the right at time of final payment, to pass along any increases in air, city, or hotel taxes and/or added fuel surcharges that occurred after February 15, 2022 when this pricing was finalized. Gateway arrival & departure cities, airline, routing, and business class air are subject to availability and change and/or deletion without notice. Regional airports used interchangeably. Returned checks and late payments are charged \$35. Efforts have been made to produce this information accurately. We reserve the right to correct errors. Prices, exchange rates and conditions in this brochure are effective as of February 15, 2022 and supersede those in any previous publications. Passengers originating from different cities and/or traveling with other passengers are not guaranteed to be on the same flights. Order of events & routing may change. It is not possible to

provide individual assistance to a tour member for walking or personal needs. Frequent Flyer Miles are not available on all AFC group fares & we can't assist in obtaining this.

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