

Davis Travelaires Presents
Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta
October 7-17, 2018



Tour Highlights:

All West Transportation

Three Night Accommodations at the Crowne Plaza in Albuquerque

Lake Powell Antelope Canyon Boat Tour

Tour of Historic Santa Fe

Bryce Canyon National Park

White Sands National Monument

Balloon Fiesta Chaser's Club Upgrade

Morning Mass Ascension

Two Evening Special Shape Glowdeo Viewings

After Glow Fireworks Show

Dinner at El Charro Restaurant in Tucson

Driver & All Gratuities Included



Day 1 - Sunday, October 7

Depart from the Target parking lot in Davis at 7:30 am and begin your adventure to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, the largest balloon festival in the world! Arrive in Ely, Nevada late afternoon and check into the Prospector Hotel. Recently renovated, this hotel combines modern amenities featuring a western flair. Have dinner on your own this evening in their new Margarita's Mexican Restaurant and Steakhouse.

Day 2 - Monday, October 8

After breakfast this morning, depart the hotel and travel to beautiful Bryce Canyon. Stop at Bryce Point and see the scenic vista of the full amphitheater with all its amazing wonders. View Sunset Point, with the most famous and spectacular views of Bryce Canyon's Hoodoos. Look directly below the point and to the south and see this Silent City rising from the canyon floor, a maze of hoodoos and fins packed in tight formation. Check into the Best Western Plus Ruby's Inn late afternoon. Enjoy the Cowboy Buffet dinner tonight at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 3 - Tuesday, October 9

Depart Bryce this morning to explore the Lake Powell side of the world-famous Antelope Canyon. This boat tour takes you from Antelope Point Marina down the Colorado River's original channel to the canyon opening along breathtaking sheer red rock cliffs. See towering walls of ancient Navajo sandstone which is awe-inspiring and unique. Afterward, check into the Holiday Inn Express in Page, Arizona for your overnight accommodations. Evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4 - Wednesday, October 10

Travel to Santa Fe today, checking into the Double Tree by Hilton for your overnight stay. Evening at leisure. On-site dining is available.

Day 5 - Thursday, October 11

A guide from Cultural Treasures will step on the coach this morning for a magical, exuberant and colorful tour of Santa Fe. Drive up the Old Santa Fe Trail and see the oldest Mission in the United States and the State Capital where you'll see some amazing outdoor sculptures from the coach. The tour will end near Santa Fe's historic Plaza where you can enjoy the Native American vendors under the portal at the Palace of Governors - the oldest inhabited building in the United States. Travel to Albuquerque mid-afternoon and check into the Crowne Plaza for a three night stay. Depart for Fiesta Park this evening to witness perhaps the most spectacular single moment in all of Balloon Fiesta - Evening Special Shape Glowdeo. Balloon glows were invented in Albuquerque in 1979, when local pilots inflated balloons on Christmas Eve as a thank you to local residents. The sight of balloons lit from within in the night sky look like giant holiday ornaments, and is absolutely breathtaking. Chaser's Club dinner tonight is Taco Bar which includes: Beef and Chicken, Spanish Rice, Beans, Guacamole and Salsa. Vegetable Option: Chili Rellenos. (B, D)

Day 6 - Friday, October 12

Visit the Albuquerque International Balloon Museum this morning. This museum is dedicated to the worldwide history, science and art of all types of ballooning. Afterward, enjoy free time in Old Town Albuquerque for strolling, shopping and lunch on your own. Return to Fiesta Park for the Special Shape Glowdeo, Laser Light Show and Afterglow Fireworks. Dinner in the Chaser's Club tonight is Country Fried Steak Fingers: Choice of Chicken or Beef, served with mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet corn and dinner roll. Vegetarian option: Green Chile Cheese Enchiladas. (B, D)

Day 7 - Saturday, October 13

Rise and Shine! Spend the early morning in the Chaser's Club with a Breakfast Bar and Oatmeal Station, Krispy Kreme Donuts and New Mexico Pinon Coffee. Watch the Mass Ascention, a launch of 500+ balloons. It is the most spectacular display of sound and color in all of aviation. During Mass Ascention, balloons launch in two waves. Launch directors other wise know as "zebras" because of their black and white striped outfits, serve as traffic cops coordinating the launch so balloons leave the field in a safe and coordinated manner. Relax at the hotel in the afternoon before departing for Fiesta Park for the fantastic Night Magic Glow Show. (B)

Day 8 - Sunday, October 14

Depart Albuquerque today and see one of the world's natural wonders - White Sands National Monument. Arrive in Las Cruces, New Mexico late afternoon and check into the Hampton Inn and Suites for the evening. (B)

Day 9 - Monday, October 15

Visit Mission San Xavier del Bac, lovingly referred to as the "White Dove of the Desert" due to its baroque splendor in the midst of the stark Arizona desert. Sample some absolutely delicious Indian Fry Bread from the local vendors. Check into the newly renovated Hilton Tucson East for your overnight accommodations. Dinner tonight is at El Charro, the Nation's oldest Mexican restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10 - Tuesday, October 16

Depart Tucson after breakfast and travel to Palm Springs. Palm Mountain Resort will be your accommodations this evening. (B)

Day 11 - Wednesday, October 17

Enjoy a light breakfast at Ruby's Diner this morning before departing for home. (B)

Price: \$2,775.00 per person dbl occ
Single: \$3,570.00

Travel Insurance is available - please ask for a brochure.

Contact Davis Travelaires: (530) 753-4159 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 am- 2:00 pm)
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Entree choice(s) Please Circle

El Charro Dinner: Chicken Tacos Brisket Enchiladas Carnitas Tamales