



# Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

October 6-9, 2017

Dating back more than four decades, the first week in October has brought the smell of roasting chiles and the beautiful, magical moving picture show of hot air balloons sailing silently through the crisp air. Guests from all over the world come to Albuquerque to celebrate ballooning. From its modest beginning in 1972 with 13 balloons launching from a shopping mall parking lot, Balloon Fiesta has grown to multiple events launching at the custom-designed, 365-acre Balloon Fiesta Park. Balloon Fiesta, with 500+ balloons, is the largest ballooning event on earth, the most photographed event on earth, and the largest annual international event held in the United States.

Join the Michigan State Alumni Association for an inclusive tour to historic Old Town Albuquerque and the world-renowned premier ballooning event. Enjoy hotel accommodations and free time in Old Town, exploring museums, shops and galleries. Sit front and center at the Chasers' Club hospitality patio for two morning and evening sessions featuring Dawn Patrol and Evening Glow. This specialty tour offers special access to experience the world-renowned attraction, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta!

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Three (3) nights deluxe hotel **ACCOMMODATIONS** at the Hotel Chaco
- Friday evening **WELCOME GATHERING**
- **ADMISSION** to Balloon Fiesta Park for Saturday and Sunday's Dawn Patrol, Mass Ascension and evening Balloon Glow (four sessions)
- Chasers' Club **HOSPITALITY** including seating for breakfast and dinner, cash bar and premiere viewing location next to launch field
- Balloon Fiesta **SOUVENIRS** and more!

## ITINERARY:

**Friday, October 6** – Check into the Hotel Chaco and meet Sports & Entertainment Travel staff to pick up souvenirs and on-site travel documents. Evening welcome reception in Old Town to meet fellow travelers. Drinks and light hors d'oeuvres included.

**Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8** – Early morning departure for Balloon Fiesta Park for Dawn Patrol and Mass Ascension. Mid-morning return to Old Town. Afternoon at Leisure. Late-afternoon return to Balloon Fiesta Park for the evening Balloon Glow. Access to Chasers' Club hospitality (food and drink) available for both sessions. Musical performances, attractions, concessions and shops are located around the park.

**Monday, October 9** – Vouchers are provided for breakfast at Hotel Chaco. Check out of the hotel and have a safe trip home!

Prices starting at

**\$1,399\***

per person, based on double occupancy

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\*All inclusions and pricing are subject to change. Travelers should be comfortable walking upwards of one mile, up and down a flight of stairs and participating in up to eight hours of activity/day.

