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Presents...

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
September 30 - October 13,
2021

14 Days/13 Nights

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - Come join us as we travel to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. Our first stop will be at Pea Soup Andersen's for a hosted breakfast. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **Aqua Caliente Resort and Casino** in Rancho Mirage. The evening is free to try your hand at Lady Luck.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 - Today we travel into Arizona where we will have a hosted lunch at Crackerbarrel. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **Holiday Inn Express** in Tucson. Tonight we will have a hosted dinner followed by a surprise stop.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 - After a hosted breakfast at our hotel we will travel to **TOMBSTONE**. The spirits of Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, and the Clanton Brothers live on in the authentic old west town of Tombstone, home of Boothill Graveyard, the Birdcage Theatre, and the O.K. Corral. We have a guided tour. Afterwards you will have time to explore this town and have lunch on your own. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **Drury Inn** in Las Cruces, New Mexico. This evening enjoy Kickback that includes hot food and beverages.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 - We will have a hosted breakfast at our hotel this morning before we depart for **WHITE SANDS NATIONAL PARK**. Like No Place Else on Earth Rising from the heart of the Tularosa Basin is one of the world's great natural wonders - the glistening white sands of New Mexico. Great wave-like dunes of gypsum sand have engulfed 275 square miles of desert, creating the world's largest gypsum dunefield. Afterwards we will depart for Carlsbad where our accommodations for the night will be at the **Hampton Inn & Suites**.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 - Enjoy a hosted breakfast at our hotel before we go to the **CARLSBAD CAVERNS**. Carlsbad Cavern includes a large limestone chamber, named simply the Big Room, which is almost 4,000 feet long, 625 feet wide, and 255 feet high at its highest point. The Big Room is the fifth largest chamber in North America and the twenty-eighth largest in the world. Carlsbad Caverns is an UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will have a hosted lunch and travel to Roswell where our accommodations for the night will be at the **Holiday Inn Express**.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 - Enjoy a hosted breakfast at our hotel this morning before we go to the **NATIONAL UFO MUSEUM AND RESEARCH CENTER**. Afterwards you will have time to explore the downtown area and have lunch on your own. Our accommodations for the next 3 nights will be at the **Hilton Garden Inn** in Albuquerque.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 - Today is the day we've been waiting for! The annual **ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA**. We will see the skies light up this morning with the **DAWN PATROL**. Be sure to bring your camera to capture the kaleidoscope on film, as hot air balloons of different shapes launch right before your eyes. The "Fiesta" features daily shows, lots of booths featuring crafts, souvenirs, and lots of other items. We will have a hosted breakfast at the Chaser Club. The morning will be spent at the Balloon Fiesta. Afterwards we will go to the **ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON MUSEUM**. This museum embraces the spirit of adventure through interactive exhibits about balloon flight, which dates to the early 1700s. Exhibits also reveal the many uses of balloons in the scientific realm, from weather forecasting to the development of Project Strato-Lab, a U.S. Navy program designed to gather data about human physiology in the stratosphere and a precursor to space exploration. Afterwards we will visit **OLD TOWN** named in honor of the Duke of Albuquerque in 1706. Many artists reside here and the shops and galleries surrounding Old Town Plaza offer a variety of arts, crafts and delicacies. This afternoon we will go to the **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE & HISTORY**. The nation's only congressionally chartered museum in its field. An intriguing place to learn the story of the Atomic Age. Exhibits spanning the early research of nuclear development through today's peaceful uses of nuclear technology. The evening is free to relax.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 - Enjoy a hosted breakfast at our hotel this morning before we depart for the **VERY LARGE ARRAY RADIO TELESCOPE (VLA)** facility for a tour. The tour will start at their Visitor Center and take you to their Radio Sundial, past their Whisper Dish Gallery, on to their Radio Astronomy Gallery, and finally to the base of one of the 230-ton working antenna on the array! From there you will head toward the control building's outside staircase to the observation deck for a view of the array itself and details about the supercomputer processing taking place inside the control building. Tonight we go back to the Balloon Fiesta to see the **EVENING BALLOON GLOWDEO & FIREWORKS**. We will have a hosted dinner at the Chaser Club.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 - Enjoy a hosted breakfast at our hotel before we depart Albuquerque. We will stop in Gallop for a hosted lunch at the Crackerbarrel. Our accommodations for the next two nights will be at **Little America** in Flagstaff.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 - Today we will travel beautiful Oak Creek Canyon to the lovely town of **SEDONA**. We will board our **RED ROCK JEEPS** for a guided tour of the area. Enjoy the spectacular scenery and make sure you have your camera with you. Afterwards there will be time in town to explore the shops, have lunch on your own and enjoy the colorful red rock formations. Tonight we will have a hosted dinner at **Black Barts**.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 - Today we will travel to **Laughlin** stopping for a hosted lunch at the Crackerbarrel in Kingman. Our accommodations for the next two nights will be at the **Aquarius Hotel and Casino** on the banks of the Colorado River.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 - Today we venture to **GRAND CANYON WEST**. Grand Canyon West is owned and operated by the Hualapai Tribe at the Grand Canyon's Western Rim. The **SKYWALK** is the first-ever cantilever shaped glass walkway to suspend more than 4,000 feet above the canyon floor and extend 70 feet from the canyon's rim. There is ample time to explore the Indian Village and Hualapai market, Walk the Skywalk, and take in a Native American Cultural Performance. Also included in our adventure is a hosted lunch.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 - Today we will travel back to California. Our first stop will be at the **Barstow Station** for a no host lunch. Our accommodations for the night will be at the **Double Tree Hotel** in Bakersfield. Enjoy a hosted dinner this evening with entertainment.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13 - Our final day! We will stop at **HILMAR CHEESE FACTORY** for a tour and hosted lunch. Approximate arrival time back to the Bay Area will be 5:00 p.m.

TOUR INCLUDES: 13 Nights Deluxe Lodging, 19 Meals, Guided tour of Tombstone, Entrance to White Sands National Park, Carlsbad Caverns, UFO Museum, Balloon Fiesta, Entrance to Albuquerque International Balloon Museum, Evening Balloon Glow, Entrance to the Museum of Nuclear Science & History, Tour of VLA, Red Rock Jeep Tour, Grand Canyon West & Skywalk, Entertainment at last dinner, Luggage Handling, Motorcoach Transportation, Taxes and Gratuity on all hosted meals.

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Deposit: \$500.00 Per Person Balance Due No Later Than July 23

You may cancel up to July 23 with a \$50.00 penalty. After July 23 there is no refund. Penalty will be waived if deposit is transferred to another trip. Please remember there are no refunds after July 23 or on any unused items included in the tour such as meals, attractions and transportation once the tour has commenced. Reserved seating is assigned at time of deposit. There is no smoking on the bus, however, frequent rest stops will be made enroute. There will be a \$50.00 surcharge for sign-ups after July 23. Travel Insurance: For your convenience, we offer travel protection through Travelex Insurance Services (CA Agency License #0D10209). For more information and to enroll call **800-228-9792**, mention AST & code **05-1782**. Plans underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276. 55Y

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