

2025 NEBAT TOUR



BALLOON FIESTA

OCTOBER 3 - 9, 2025
ALBUQUERQUE AND SANTA FE, NM



DAY 1: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 (D)

ALBUQUERQUE

As our flight arrives in Albuquerque, we will be met by our deluxe motorcoach and travel to our hotel for a three-night stay. After check-in, we will gather for a delicious welcome dinner to get acquainted with our fellow travelers.

DAY 2: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 (B, L)

ALBUQUERQUE

Following breakfast, we will arrive at Sandia Peak and ride the tram 10,680 feet into the air for an unsurpassed view from the summit. On a clear day, it is possible to see 11,000 square miles of wonderful New Mexico landscape! Have some time to enjoy your vantage point from the observation deck and take in the panoramic view of the Rio Grande Valley. Once we head back down the mountain, you have some time to peruse through the gift shop. After lunch, we will make our way to the International Balloon Museum to learn a little about the history, science, and art of ballooning before we attend the Balloon Fiesta. The museum features exhibits on the development of hot air and gas balloons, notable flights, and the role of ballooning in exploration and communication. Spend the remainder of the day exploring Albuquerque at your leisure. We will stop at Nob Hill, a vibrant district with eclectic shops and swanky dining to see the Route 66 architecture, neon signs and have dinner on your own.

DAY 3: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 (B, L, D)

ALBUQUERQUE

Early this morning, we will make our way to the International Balloon Fiesta, an exciting annual event that transforms the sky with a stunning array of colorful hot air balloons. The day begins with Mass Ascension to witness hundreds of prismatic balloons lift off and fill the horizon. Have time at your leisure to leave your worries on the ground or choose an extra excursion (additional cost) and soar through the majestic skies in a hot air balloon over the beautiful Rio Grande Valley. After lunch, we will uncover the mystery of turquoise at the Turquoise Museum. Delve into its rich history and learn about the different mines and specimens. This afternoon we will make our way back to the Balloon Fiesta to enjoy the evening activities that include skydiving, a drone light show, and AfterGlow Fireworks Show.

Your ticket to the International Balloon Fiesta includes a gourmet hot buffet, hosted bar and dedicated bathrooms.

DAY 4: MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 (B, D)

SANTA FE

The Turquoise Trail, named for the exquisite mineral that was once mined here, leads us to our first stop of the day – the real-life ghost town of Madrid. Madrid looks exactly like a ghost town should, with its rows of empty, ramshackle houses that were once the homes of three thousand miners and their families. Madrid is now a creative community with over forty shops and galleries, several restaurants, a spa, and a museum. After our time exploring, we will continue to Santa Fe, the first state capital in the United States. Founded in 1609, the city offers many historic and scenic delights. Our tour will include the Old Santa Fe Trail and the Loretto Chapel, and a miniature model of the Sainte-Chapelle in Paris. Next, we will stroll through The Plaza, where native arts and crafts are available directly from the Native Americans who created them. After checking into our hotel for a three-night stay, dinner will be served at a local restaurant.





DAY 5: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 (B, L)

SANTA FE

We will begin our day by visiting the peaceful Bandelier National Monument. Here we will see the ruins of a large Native American pueblo, nestled under cottonwood trees. The soft canyon walls are studded with pre-historic cliff dwellings, and the tranquility in the canyon offers a taste of the desert's silence before the ruins were re-discovered by non-natives. Afterward, we will drive to Los Alamos, known as "Atomic City," and visit the Bradbury Science Museum. Here we will learn about the history of Los Alamos National Laboratory, its national security mission, and the broad range of science, engineering, and technology research programs undertaken to improve our nation's future. Upon our return to Santa Fe, the rest of the day is free to enjoy the many activities available in this beautiful city. With an abundance of art galleries, shopping, restaurants, and cultural activities, there is something for everyone!

SANTA FE

DAY 6: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 (B, D)

Today's adventure takes us on the High Road to Taos. Along the way, we will visit the village of Chimayo, where the descendants of Spanish weavers and woodcarvers still ply their crafts. After a stop to observe the artisans, we will continue along the picturesque High Road to Taos to the world-class resort town of Taos. Founded in 1617 by the Spanish, Taos has a magical blend of Indian and Spanish cultures and is the former home of frontiersman Kit Carson and novelist D.H. Lawrence. We will visit Taos Pueblo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that has been a continually inhabited Native American community for more than 1,000 years. The adobe structures in the village have changed very little since the first Spanish explorers saw them in the 1540s. We will also tour Taos Plaza and enjoy free time to wander the streets, enjoy the atmosphere, and browse the offerings of the many artists who have come here to capture the allure of this delightful place. As we make our way back to Santa Fe, we will stop for a scenic view of the legendary Rio Grande. After freshening up at the hotel, our group will enjoy a special farewell dinner.

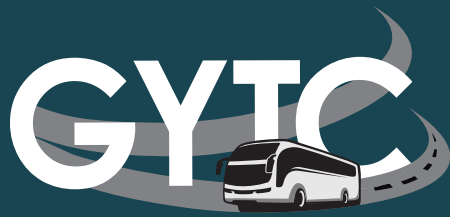
DAY 7: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will transfer to the airport for our flight home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR

- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
- Old Santa Fe Trail and Loretto Chapel
- UNESCO World Heritage Site Taos Pueblo
- Roundtrip airfare
- 6 nights hotel accommodations
- 13 meals: 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners

Always included in all GYC Tours: Deluxe roundtrip motorcoach, escort, and gratuities for group activities.



BALLOON FIESTA

Trip Details

	<i>Cost Per Person</i>	<i>Travel Protection Up to Age 59</i>	<i>Travel Protection Ages 60-74</i>	<i>Travel Protection Ages 75+</i>
Member (Dbl)	\$4,400	\$361	\$463	\$523
Member (Sgl)	\$5,250	\$446	\$572	\$646

Down Payment

\$500 + Travel Protection

Due within 10 days of placing reservation.

Final Payment

Due June 5, 2025

A \$10 fee will apply if the full payment is not received by the final due date.

Driver's License Required



Cancellation Policy

All cancellations received after your down payment is paid will be subject to a \$250 per person cancellation fee. The remainder of the deposit and any other payments made are fully refundable for cancellations received by **June 5, 2025**. It is highly suggested that all travelers help protect their vacation investment by purchasing an optional travel protection plan. If the reason for cancellation is due to medical or other reason that is covered by Travel Protection, you may be eligible for reimbursement for such fees from your Travel Protection Plan provider. There are no refunds available after **June 5, 2025** if no travel protection is purchased.

Tour arranged by Star Destinations. Please note there is always a possibility of getting "stranded" overnight (fog, rain, snow, etc.). Should a trip be delayed due to circumstances beyond NEBAT's control, the traveler will assume all individual costs related to the delay. We ask, therefore, that any traveler on medication be prepared with extra medication.