
Albuquerque Balloon Festival & U.S. National Parks

THE
TRAVEL CLUB



12

DAYS

Special Event

Discover America's high-flying traditions and natural wonders.

You can't help but gaze in awe as you watch hundreds of balloons fill with hot air and float gracefully upward, filling the sky with color. You'll have the same reaction again and again on this inspiring tour, as you gaze into the depths of the Grand Canyon, see the famed Old Faithful, or stand in the shadow of the Grand Tetons. Each day displays a new destination—and with it new landscapes and adventures.

Go Ahead

Start planning today **1.617.338.1111**

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Overview

ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FESTIVAL &
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Let us handle the details



Expert
Tour Director



Local
cuisine



Handpicked
hotels



Sightseeing with
local guides



Private
transportation



Personalized
flight options

Your tour includes

- 11 nights in handpicked hotels
- Breakfast daily, 4 three-course dinners with beer or wine
- Expert Tour Director
- Private deluxe motor coach
- Guided sightseeing and select entrance fees

Your tour highlights

- Hundreds of hot air balloons illuminating the sky
- Spectacular scenery at every turn
- Mother Nature's architecture in Monument Valley
- The Grand Tetons and Grand Canyon
- Jackson's odd elk-horn archways
- Zion's dramatic, red-rock "skyscrapers"

Where you'll go

OVERNIGHT STAYS

2 nights • Albuquerque, New Mexico
1 night • Mesa Verde National Park
1 night • Kayenta, Arizona
2 nights • The Grand Canyon
1 night • Zion National Park
1 night • Salt Lake City, Utah
3 nights • Jackson, Wyoming



MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE FOR THIS TOUR

18 – 35

With our Right Size Advantage, your group will never get in the way of your experience.

ABOUT YOUR HOTELS

Our 3- and 4-diamond accommodations are handpicked to ensure quality and comfort.

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Albuquerque, New Mexico | 2 nights

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Included meals: Dinner

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Day 2: Albuquerque Balloon festival

Included meals: Breakfast

Wake up early to start your day at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, the largest hot air balloon festival in the world.

- Watch hundreds of balloons take to the sky en masse during the "mass ascension"
- Enjoy access to a hospitality tent stocked with hot drinks and light snacks
- In the evening, see the sky light up during the festival's AfterGlow Fireworks Show

Mesa Verde National Park | 1 night

Day 3: Transfer to Mesa Verde National Park

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Cross the Colorado border, stopping in the Old West mining town of Durango, Colorado en route to Mesa Verde.

- Pass by Chimney Rock and Abiqui Reservoir
- Experience Durango's frozen-in-time charm

Kayenta, Arizona | 1 night

Day 4: Mesa Verde National Park & transfer to Kayenta

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Take a guided tour of Mesa Verde National Park before transferring to Kayenta, Arizona through Monument Valley.

- Enter Mesa Verde National Park on a sightseeing tour, and view fascinating 800-year-old cliff dwellings that honeycomb the walls of the canyon
- Enjoy free time to visit either the gift shop or Spruce Tree House and Museum
- Pass by Monument Valley's "Mexican Hat," a sombrero-shaped rock formation

The Grand Canyon | 2 nights

Day 5: Grand Canyon via Tuba City & Cameron Trading Post

Included meals: Breakfast

Learn about the culture and history of the Navajo tribe during a stop at the Navajo Interactive Museum. Then, pay a visit to the Cameron Trading Post before arriving at the Grand Canyon. Upon arrival, take a scenic walk along the South Rim with your Tour Director.

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Day 6: Free day at the Grand Canyon

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+ Grand Canyon Helicopter Ride

Zion National Park | 1 night

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- Discover why 19th-century Mormon settlers named the park after their heavenly city
- View the yellow-and orange-hued dramatically eroded sedimentary rocks
- Take in magnificent vistas on an open-air tram ride with guided commentary

Salt Lake City, Utah | 1 night

Day 8: Transfer to Salt Lake City via Bryce Canyon National Park

Included meals: Breakfast

En route to Utah's capital city, stop for a visit to Bryce Canyon National Park.

- Tour the park by bus and on foot
- Take in up-close views of its distinctive pink limestone and sandstone formations, including awe-inspiring pinnacles and cones often referred to as hoodoos

Jackson, Wyoming | 3 nights

Day 9: Transfer to Jackson

Included meals: Breakfast

Cross into Wyoming on a scenic drive to the resort town of Jackson. Then, set out to explore Grand Teton National Park, home to the youngest mountain range in the Rockies.

- Drive through stunning Logan Canyon and past turquoise Bear Lake
- Tour Grand Teton National Park by bus and on foot
- Try and spot elk, coyotes, black bears, wolves, and the elusive mountain lion

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Included meals: Breakfast

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Day 12: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Create a more personal journey by adding optional excursions that speak to your interests. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose—you're free to do as much or as little as you'd like. Save \$10* when you book your excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs. Please note: Excursions that require advance reservation will only have this discounted price listed. Call or go online to start customizing your tour: **1.617.338.1111**

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\$199/\$209*

Enjoy a bird's-eye view of the Grand Canyon aboard a thrilling half-hour helicopter ride. Soar over the massive canyon, taking in a unique perspective on the striated terrain far below. From high above the Canyon rim, you can begin to fully appreciate the immense scale of this natural wonder. Please note: This excursion is weather dependent.

Day 9: Western Music Show & Dinner | \$55* (4

hours, evening with dinner)

The Old West comes to life on this lighthearted excursion to the Chuckwagon Western Village in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Admire stunning mountain views as you stroll through the village, where you can step into gift shops, take a scenic train ride, and sample authentic western refreshments. After exploring, enjoy a savory dinner of classic barbecue comfort food. As you dine, you'll listen to live western music and comedy during a performance by the Bar J Wranglers. Don't miss this evening of food and fun! Please note: Alcohol will not be available. This excursion is seasonal and runs from Memorial Day in May through the end of September only. It requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure. *This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked by 20 days prior to departure.*

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to 3 days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within 3 days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour.

THE TRAVEL CLUB

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12 DAYS: Friday, October 12 – Tuesday, October 23, 2018

AT ALBUQUERQUE'S BALLOON FIESTA—the most photographed event on the planet—500 hot air balloons take flight into the blue New Mexico sky in a mass ascension creating a stunning panorama of color. This incredible experience starts our journey through America's most breathtaking national parks. View the fascinating 800-year-old cliff dwellings lining the canyon walls of Colorado's Mesa Verde National Park. We'll devote two days to the Grand Canyon, including a South Rim scenic walk. Zion National Park is a maze of soaring sandstone cliffs decorated in hues of creams, pinks and reds and the dramatic arches and spires of distinctive pink sandstone are the signature of Utah's amazing Bryce Canyon National Park. Called the "Mountains of the Imagination," the Grand Tetons of Wyoming form a stunning landscape where jagged peaks tower more than a mile above the valley floor. Lastly, we come to the world's first national park—Yellowstone—designated in 1872, crowned with abundant wildlife and awe-inspiring views. And, if these iconic landmarks aren't enough, we've included a three-night stay in the colorful resort town of Jackson, Wyoming. **Tour group size:** 18 - 35 travelers **Tour Pace:** You will walk for about 2 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved trails and dirt paths, with some hills and high altitudes.

Your tour includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Albuquerque and Jackson to Boston
- Eleven nights' three-star accommodations
- Fourteen meals: ten breakfasts, four dinners with wine or beer
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers
- Services of professional Tour Director

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from \$3,169

per person double occupancy

INCLUDES round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees.

From \$4,019 for single reservations. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change.

Per person deposit is \$600.

FEATURES

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta: morning mass ascension and evening Night Magic Glow. Visit Durango. Mesa Verde National Park tour including cliff dwellings, Monument Valley. Cameron Trading Post. Grand Canyon: South Rim scenic walk. Vermilion Cliffs National Monument. Zion National Park, open-air tram

ride. Bryce Canyon National Park tour. Jackson: Grand Teton National Park including Logan Canyon and Bear Lake, Yellowstone National Park. **OPTIONALS:** *Grand Canyon*—Helicopter Ride.



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SAMPLE HOTELS

ALBUQUERQUE

Hampton Inn Albuquerque 3-star

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MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

Far View Lodge 3-star

The Far View Lodge is a peaceful retreat sitting on a high shoulder of the mesa. With minimal distractions, and great views this is the perfect place to sit outdoors on peaceful evenings are watch the sunset, or hawks circling a darkening sky. Here you will enjoy beautiful vistas reaching into three states, convenient access to guided tours and wonderful range of casual to fine dining choices.

KAYENTA

Hampton Inn Kayenta 3-star

The Hampton Inn Kayenta hotel in Arizona is located in the heart of the Navajo Nation. Surrounded by national parks, monuments and some of the most scenic vistas in America, this unique 3 story adobe style hotel with interior hallways, elevator and 73 king or two double bedded rooms is enhanced with Native American colors and decor. The lobby is spacious and tastefully decorated with an Arizona style, southwestern touch and a warm, inviting fireplace.

THE GRAND CANYON

Best Western Premier Grand Canyon Squire Inn 3-star

Enjoy spacious accommodations at this Grand Canyon hotel, perfectly situated just minutes from the park entrance. Each spacious, well-appointed room is fully equipped with complimentary high-speed Internet access, cable satellite television, coffee/tea maker and iron/ironing board. After a busy day visiting the Grand Canyon, visitors can enjoy a dip in the pool, a visit to the steam room or a workout at the on-site fitness center. The hotel offers many extras, including two restaurants, a sports bar, lounge, beauty shop, bowling center and laundry.

ZION NATIONAL PARK

Best Western Zion Park Inn 3-star

Best Western Zion Park Inn is tucked in among the towering red rock cliffs of Zion National Park. Comfortable guest rooms are designed to echo the natural elegance of the Park, with natural furnishings, which complement the creature comforts and amenities you would expect in the heart of Zion National Park. Tastefully appointed rooms are individually climate controlled and feature free high-speed wireless

Internet, remote-controlled satellite televisions, pay-per-view movies and music. Convenient onsite amenities include a charming gift shop, a restaurant with patio deli, liquor store and laundry facilities.

SALT LAKE CITY

Salt Lake Plaza Hotel 3-star

The Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel is a beautiful high-rise located in the very heart of the city. Its 150 luxurious large, comfortable rooms are furnished in cherry provincial style furniture. The hotel wonderful amenities and services include satellite television, an outdoor heated swimming pool, Jacuzzi and gift shop, while the hotel's fabulous full service restaurant offers one of downtown's most popular dining experiences.

JACKSON

Elk Country Inn 3star

Nestled at the base of the majestic Grand Teton Mountains, within five blocks of the boutiques, restaurants and theaters of Jackson Town Square, the Elk Country Inn welcomes guests to Jackson, Wyoming. The 76 contemporary guestrooms in the main building of the Elk Country Inn with traditional décor, include cable television with premium channels, microwave ovens and refrigerators.