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ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA & MORE

Also Includes: Cumbres & Toltec Railroad, Santa Fe, & The Sandia Peak Tram

OCTOBER 2 - 9, 2021

SIGN-UP SHEET ... One Sign-Up Sheet Per Passenger

Room Occupancy	Trip Cost	Travel Cancellation Insurance
1 To A Room	\$2,500 Per Person	\$250 Additional Per Person
2 To A Room	\$2,000 Per Person	\$200 Additional Per Person
3 To A Room	\$1,700 Per Person	\$170 Additional Per Person
4 To A Room	\$1,500 Per Person	\$150 Additional Per Person

FEE INCLUDES	
7 Nights Lodging, 7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, & 3 Dinners, All Necessary Tickets To All Group Activities, Luggage Handling (One Suitcase Per Person), & Transportation On A Motor-Coach From Chuck's Travell! Also Includes A GROUP TOUR GUIDE From American Tours throughout the entire tour.	
DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$100 Per Person	FINAL PAYMENT DUE: August 1, 2021

Please Fill-Out Legibly:

NAME OF TRIP & DATE: Railroads & Balloons: October 2 - 9, 2021	
PREFERRED NAME ON BADGE:	
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP:	
PHONE:	CELL:
EMAIL:	ROOMING WITH:
SPECIAL REQUEST:	NUMBER OF BEDS REQUESTED:

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE: (Can Only Be Purchased @ Time Of Sign-Up) INSURANCE ACCEPTED: _____ INSURANCE DECLINED: _____	PAYMENT TYPE: CASH Or CHECK: _____ CREDIT: _____ (With Credit Option, Please Fill Out Card Information Below)
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Credit Card Information: (Only If Paying By Credit Card)

CREDIT CARD TYPE: _____ AMERICAN EXPRESS _____ DISCOVER _____ MASTERCARD _____ VISA

CREDIT CARD #: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

SIC CODE: _____ (3 or 4 Digit Code Found On Back Of Card) CARD HOLDER SIGNATURE: _____

Amount To Be Charged @ Sign-Up: _____ Amount To Be Charged On August 1, 2021: _____

***** A signed copy of our [TERMS, POLICIES, & GENERAL INFORMATION](#) must be included with your signup form & payment.**

*** If selecting Trip Cancellation Insurance & paying by check, please include insurance payment in one check with your deposit.

*** If selecting Trip Cancellation Insurance & paying by credit card, your insurance cost will be billed with your deposit.

*** **Please do not combine payments from different tours in one payment.** *** **Please Do Not Cut Or Tear Form.** ***

Passenger Signature: _____ Date: _____



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It's the time of year we have all been waiting for ... Up! Up! And Away! October is the most beautiful time of year in New Mexico! The Mass Ascension at the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque when more than 500 vibrantly colored balloons fill the skies! Along with this spectacular event, we will enjoy the SANDIA PEAK TRAM, the CUMBRES & TOLTEC RAILROAD, and plenty of FREE TIME in and around the SANTA FE HISTORIC PLAZA. Along with HOT AIR BALLOONS and TRAINS, this tour is filled with all types of NEW MEXICO CULTURE.

Day #1 ... October 2, 2021:

This morning, we set off across the northern plains of Texas to **WICHITA FALLS** for a brief stop for lunch. Along with our stretch break, we should arrive in **AMARILLO** around 5:00 PM in time to freshen up a bit before dinner. Dinner tonight will be *On Your Own* at one of several restaurants near our hotel.

MEALS INCLUDED ... Lunch

Day #2 ... October 3, 2021:

We will travel more of our great Texas Panhandle, into New Mexico and Colorado, with a stop in Trinidad, CO. for lunch. Our journey will continue to **THE GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK**. These dunes are over 12,000 years old and were formed by the Rio Grande River! You will be amazed at the color and shapes of the dunes.

MEALS INCLUDED ... Breakfast & Lunch

Day #3 ... October 4, 2021:

This morning, we will board the **CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILWAY**. The scenic journey unfolds as soon as the train, pulled by its powerful locomotive, leaves the **CHAMA, NM** station. In just moments, the steep 4% climb into the mountains begins. First, is a remnant of the historic Lobato sheep ranch, an area of rolling meadows with a high trestle that spans the rushing Wolf Creek below. Thin, white aspen trees with shimmering leaves line the grassy hills and deer, elk, and bears are plentiful. As the train climbs ever higher, the view backward reveals the entire **CHAMA VALLEY**. Soon, the climb gets steeper—the locomotive is working its hardest to pull the train to **CUMBRES PASS**. The train hugs a sheer rock face as it reaches the summit, where there are alpine meadows sprinkled with wildflowers. The aspens have given way to tall, dark green conifers that frame the spectacular vistas. Here it is noticeably cooler and there can be snow flurries even in summer. One of the things that makes the **CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD** unique is that many of its original buildings remain along the route. At the top of **CUMBRES PASS** is the **HISTORIC CUMBRES SECTION HOUSE**. Soon after **CUMBRES** comes **TANGLEFOOT CURVE**, a loop so tight that it almost seems the locomotive will meet the caboose. Trees are sparse and there are vast mountain views crisscrossed by streams teeming with fish. After crossing **CASCADE CREEK TRESTLE**, the highest on the line, the train pulls into **OSIER, COLORADO**, a rustic townsite that is the midway point and lunch stop. This magnificent experience will end in time for us to make our way into SANTA FE. Our lodging in SANTA FE has been chosen for **THREE REASONS ... LOCATION, LOCATION, and LOCATION!!** Step into the past and experience the splendor of the American

Southwest at **LA FONDA ON THE PLAZA**, the only hotel situated on the **HISTORIC SANTA FE PLAZA**. Start your vacation in Santa Fe and experience the allure of old-world charm at one of the best Santa Fe hotels, where tasteful, modern conveniences blend with the warmth of authentic New Mexican style. You will have ample time this evening and the following morning to explore the plaza. You will want to visit <https://www.santafe.org/visiting-santa-fe/neighborhoods/plaza-and-downtown/> to learn about the plaza in general, places to eat, places to shop, as well as the local Santa Fe Free Shuttle Service.

MEALS INCLUDED ... Breakfast & Lunch

Day #4 ... October 5, 2021:

This morning is more **FREE TIME** for you to enjoy the **HISTORIC SANTA FE PLAZA**. We will depart SANTA FE shortly after lunch making our way to **ALBUQUERQUE**. We arrive at our hotel in Albuquerque by early evening to settle in for a three-night stay. You might want to make it “early to bed” tonight because it will be “early to rise” tomorrow morning!

MEALS INCLUDED ... Breakfast & Lunch

Day #5 ... October 6, 2021:

Clear skies, calm winds, and mild temps are hoped for as we arrive at the early morning **MASS ASCENSION** at the **49th ANNUAL ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA!** You’ll be awe-struck as a myriad of colorful balloons soar up into the clear blue morning sky. In October, Albuquerque is the place to be! People from all over the world come to celebrate ballooning. It all started in 1972 when 13 balloons were launched from a shopping mall parking lot. Today, over 500 balloons are launched from the 305-acre park. Join in on the festive mood as you wander among the hot air balloons as they lift off and rise gently above us “creating a colorfully painted sky”. We got up EARLY this morning. So, by mid-morning, we are heading back to our hotel from some needed rest time. We head back out in time for lunch before we enjoy the **SANDIA PEAK TRAM**. Rising from the hustle and bustle of Albuquerque, you ascend one of America’s most stunning urban peaks. Reaching the 10,375 ft. crest of the Sandia Mountains, an 11,000 square mile panoramic view awaits you. It’s an elevation of the body, mind, and soul in a mere 15 minutes.

MEALS ... Breakfast & Dinner

Day #6 ... October 7, 2021:

You were up super early yesterday morning ... so today is a lazy morning. Nothing planned too early this morning. Mid-morning, we arrive at the **HISTORIC OLD TOWN**. (<https://www.albuquerqueoldtown.com/>) Stroll the Plaza, enjoy lunch at one of the many restaurants, visit the museums, or shop at over 150 stores and galleries for unique gifts from the Southwest and around the world. Quiet hidden patios, winding brick paths, gardens and balconies are waiting to be discovered. And do not worry as there are park benches everywhere for you to catch your breath. After lunch, we’ll rest our legs on the bus during a **CITY BUS TOUR**. Learn about the vibrant city of **ALBUQUERQUE** with a local step-on guide. Centuries of history have shaped this unique city into diverse cultures, authentic art, and dynamic traditions. People have lived here as far back as 2000 BC. Today, it is a leading high-tech research center. You’ll have time to check out **SAN FELIPE de NERI CHURCH**, the oldest building in the city or by visiting the former settler’s homes that have been converted into shops and galleries. It looks very much as it did when it was built in 1706, 70 years before the American Revolution. Returning to our hotel, there will be time to freshen up and rest a bit before returning to the **BALLOON FIESTA** where our evening meal is included. The evening **BALLOON GLOW** event is a spectacular site when the balloons fire up the burners creating a magnificent twinkling glow all around the FIESTA PARK. The breathtaking **FIREWORKS GRAND FINALE** to a fantastic day.

MEALS ... Breakfast & Dinner

Day #7 ... October 8, 2021:

We bid farewell to **ALBUQUERQUE** this morning as we take in our last glimpses of **HOT AIR BALLOONS** of this the distance as we head east. We'll enjoy sights along the way during this travel day with time to relax. This evening, we arrive in Amarillo in time to freshen up a bit before joining the famous **BIG TEXAN STEAKHOUSE** for a big Texas meal!

MEALS INCLUDED ... Breakfast & Dinner

Day #8 ... October 9, 2021:

Well, it's time to head home. However, as we make our way back to East Texas, you will certainly enjoy visiting with all of our new friends as we end **HOT AIR BALLOON & RAILROADS!**

MEALS INCLUDED ... Breakfast & Lunch

SPECIAL NOTE ... This trip requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds. For the trip to make, we will be looking for a total of 24 passengers to sign up. If trip is cancelled by American Tours due to low number of passengers, all moneys are fully refunded.



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Terms, Policies, & General Information

American Tours Trip Registration Policy: Each trip will list a deposit amount and a final payment due date. To diminish the cost of your trip, American Tours will NOT send statements or reminders for final payments nor confirmation of your registration. To register for one or more trips, send the completed SIGN-UP SHEET and deposit amount to the address shown on the Sign-Up Sheet. We will be happy to give oral confirmation concerning any registration. Deposits on any trip are due as soon as you know you want to go. We will not list anyone as confirmed for a trip without a deposit. The sooner you register, the sooner you will know a trip is going to make. We accept Master Card, Visa, American Express, and Discover. Please make all checks payable to American Tours. We do accept last minute registrations provided space is available. Do not hesitate to inquire about a trip, even though final payment deadlines have passed.

Final Payment Dates: Final Payment Dates are shown for each trip, and the remaining balance is due IN FULL by such date. We use the Final Payment Date as our decision date to determine if a trip will make or not. We do accept last minute registrations provided space is available. Do not hesitate to inquire about a trip, even though final payment deadlines have passed.

Final Tour Itineraries: Approximately two weeks prior to a trip's departure date, we will send a complete itinerary, outlining daily activities, lodging facilities, and travel hints. Included with this package will be a map, showing how to get to American Tours along with information on a few hotels that are in our area in case you have the need to lodge the night before or after a trip.

Tours Cancelled By American Tours: We reserve the right to cancel any trip due to lack of participation. Should a trip lack necessary response, we will notify those registered at least seven days prior to departure. If a particular tour is cancelled by American Tours, all of your payments on the canceled trip will be fully refunded at time of cancellation.

Cancellation Policy For MOTOR-COACH TOURS:

TRAVEL INSURANCE: American Tours **STRONGLY RECOMMENDS** the purchase of Travel Insurance. You may purchase Travel Insurance through another agency or purchase the Travel Insurance offered by American Tours.

With TRAVEL CANCELLATION INSURANCE Offered By American Tours: The Travel Insurance offered by American Tours is **Trip Cancellation Insurance ONLY**. If a customer has the need to cancel 30 days or more prior to the trip date for ANY REASON, the customer will receive a REFUND for all expense including the cost of the Travel Insurance. If a customer has the need to cancel less than 30 days prior to the trip date for ANY REASON, the customer will receive a FULL REFUND of funds paid less the cost of Tour Transportation and less the cost of the Travel Insurance. Customer will receive a refund on all fees used towards hotels, meals, shows, entertainment, and other group activities. TRAVEL INSURANCE offered by American Tours is Trip Cancellation Insurance **ONLY** and does not cover any other loss to or loss incurred by the customer including but not limited to Trip Interruption, Medical Expense, Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay, Baggage & Personal Effects Loss, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Travel Medical Assistance, or Worldwide Travel Assistance.

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Without TRAVEL INSURANCE Offered By American Tours: Without Travel Insurance offered by American Tours, if a customer has the need to cancel for ANY REASON 30 days or more prior to the trip date, the customer will receive a FULL REFUND of all funds paid by customer up to cancellation date. If a customer has the need to cancel less than 30 days from the trip date for ANY REASON, the customer will receive NO refund.

Cancellation Policy For DESTINATION TOURS (Non Motor-Coach Tours): American Tours plans all of our DESTINATION TOURS through Premier World Discovery (PWD). PWD will offer their' own TRAVEL PROTECTION and American Tours **STRONGLY RECOMMENDS** the purchase of such Travel Protection. At time of registration for a Destination Tour, the customer will be provided TRAVEL PROTECTION insurance information by PWD and given the opportunity to accept or decline such coverage. By registering for a Destination Tour, the customer acknowledges that American Tours holds no liability or responsibility for any loss or expense incurred by the customer in connection with such Destination Tour.

All Tours Include: All tours include lodging and overnight accommodations with 3Star or better hotels and/or resorts. Admissions and sightseeing costs are featured in the itinerary. All taxes and gratuities are included with an exception on gratuities for your American Tours "Escort & Driver".

Gratuities For American Tours Escort & Driver: How much you tip is a purely personal matter. However, we suggest the amount of \$2 per person per day for Tour Drivers and Tour Escorts, if the services you receive were satisfactory. Gratuities are customarily given at the conclusion of the trip.

Required Identification: On any tour leaving the United States, it is the responsibility of each passenger to have in his/her possession the required documentation. American Tours recommends that you acquire a Passport. Regulations regarding border crossings and identification are changing and confusing, but a Passport is always valid identification. We do not recommend any other document or any other form of identification.

Additionally, for airlines, cruise ships, and Amtrak, it is necessary to reserve every ticket with each passenger's exact legal name (no nicknames). On all flights, even domestic, every passenger must show a government issued Photo ID with spelling exactly as it is on the ticket.

American Tours is not responsible and cannot delay a tour if any passenger is denied border crossing or boarding onto a cruise ship, airplane, or train.

Child Policies: American Tours specializes in "Senior Adult Motor-Coach Travel". We will not refuse transportation on tours to children who have proper supervision. However, because of the market we are attempting to reach, we strongly suggest that children under the age of 18 be taken only on "One Day" Tours or on "Grandparents / Grandchildren Tours". The information provided in the trip description on each individual tour will indicate if the above descriptions apply to the individual tour in question. When taking children out of the country, it is very important that you have documents, especially a Birth Certificate. If traveling with a grandchild, you need notarized parental permission slips (from both parents) as well as permission to make medical decisions.

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Motor-Coach Road Rules: Because we operate tours for groups of people, we must be concerned with the happiness of many people. In our efforts to be fair minded to everyone, we have standard policies by which all passenger must comply.

1. Until concerns about Covid-19 have been addressed and the public feels safer, we WILL NOT be rotating seats on the bus each day as we have done in the past. We do hope this will change in the near future.
2. There is no smoking onboard a tour bus.
3. All passengers must be capable of basic self-care and routine hygienic maintenance. Widely accepted standards of the day suggest that you should bathe daily.
4. All passengers must be responsible for their own mobility. All tours require average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds. Due to limited storage space, Motorized Scooters and Wheelchairs are not permitted on any tour. If needed, Foldup Walkers are permitted, but if you need assistance, you must bring that assistance with you on the tour.
5. We will not tolerate public intoxication or otherwise rude and obnoxious behavior at anytime during a trip.

Baggage Disclaimer: Although every effort is made to have your luggage handled carefully, American Tours offers no guarantee, assumes no responsibility for, and cannot accept any claims for loss or damage to luggage and or personal possessions. Whether this is due to theft, wear and tear, accident or other causes, by our agents or our employees, American Tours will not be held liable.

Responsibility: American Tours reserves the right to change or cancel tour itineraries, and any tour components or services, whenever American Tours (in its sole discretion) deems such changes to be necessary. All air fares, cruise fares, and rates for other transportation and tour services are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to carrier tariff changes, and supplier surcharges.

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COVID-19 POLICY

COVID-19: The Corona Virus continues to be of concern in the United States, and we continue to evaluate what we are doing to ensure the safety of our customers and employees. Currently, we are not voluntarily cancelling trips or avoiding any areas. We will continue to monitor, and act based on what the Centers for Disease Control has to say on the matter. In the meantime, we are taking the following steps to help combat the spread of the virus:

BUS CLEANING:

- Motor coaches are cleaned and disinfected thoroughly after each trip. In addition, our cleaning staff will spend additional time in high traffic areas, such as:
 - Handrails in the entryway
 - Bathroom handles
 - Seat handles
 - Inside luggage compartment handles
 - Steering wheel and dash area
 - Any other frequent touch points inside the coach
- We are disinfecting each bus with Boulder Clean Disinfectant. It includes the following benefits:
 - Bleach Free
 - Free from dyes
 - Kills 99.9% of bacteria & viruses
 - Effective against the following: Covid-19, Influenza A3 Virus, H1N1 Influenza A Virus, Herpes, Human Rotavirus, MRSA, VRE, and a list of others.
 - Disinfects any Hard, Non-Porous Surface

DURING TOUR:

- The main preventative measure advised by the CDC is hand washing. They advise to wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Hand sanitizer is available on the motor coaches for our passengers, and we will offer hand sanitizer to passengers as they board the coach.
- Passenger Temperatures will be taken each morning throughout each tour. Unfortunately, those with elevated temperatures will not be allowed to continue on the tour.
- At this time, we encourage our passengers to wear Face-Mask at all times while off the bus. We will not be requiring them to be worn at all times while on the bus. All of our passengers are grown adults and are normally in the Senior Adult range in age. We all have the same health concerns. At this time, we are relying on everyone to follow CDC guidelines. However, at no time will we nor a passenger behave as the Face-Mask Police. Simply be aware there might be passengers on our tours with differing options than yours.

At American Tours, the safety of our customer and employees are our top priority. The above policy and procedures are subject to change according to any new updated information from the CDC. For more information regarding the virus, please visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>.

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Date