

SCHEDULE of EVENTS OCTOBER 5-13, 2019

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:00 am Albuquerque Aloft (at local elementary schools)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

6:00 am Dawn Patrol Show, presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel and RV Resort
6:30 am Krispy Kreme Morning Glow
6:45 am Opening Ceremonies
7:00 am Mass Ascension, presented by Canon
2:00 pm America's Challenge Gas balloon Inflation
6:00 pm America's Challenge Gas Race Launch
6:00 pm Twilight Twinkle Glow™, presented by Albuquerque Journal
8:00 pm AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show, presented by Sandia Resort and Casino

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

6:00 am Dawn Patrol Show, presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel and RV Resort
6:30 am Krispy Kreme Morning Glow
7:00 am Mass Ascension
9:00 am Fiesta of Wheels Car Show (located on north end of Launch Field)
11:00 am Balloon Fiesta Pin Trading (Group Tour Tent north end of Main Street)
6:00 pm Balloon Glow
8:00 pm AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show, presented by Sandia Resort and Casino

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:00 am Dawn Patrol
7:00 am Balloon Launch from Park
8:00 am Fly In Competition

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 COCA-COLA DAY

6:00 am Dawn Patrol
7:00 am Balloon Launch from Park
8:00 am Fly In Competition

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:00 am Dawn Patrol presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel and RV Resort
6:30 am Krispy Kreme Morning Glow
7:00 am Flight of the Nations Mass Ascension
8:00 am Fly In Competition

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 KIDS' DAY presented by KOB-TV

4:30 am Kids' Day Goodie Bag Distribution begins (South of Main Street Stage)
6:00 am Dawn Patrol
7:00 am Special Shape Rodeo™
8:00 am Fly In Competition
6:00 pm Special Shape Glowdeo™
8:00 pm* AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show, presented by Sandia Resort and Casino

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:00 am Dawn Patrol
7:00 am Special Shape Rodeo™
8:00 am Fly In Competition
6:00 pm Special Shape Glowdeo™
8:00 pm* AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show, presented by Sandia Resort and Casino

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:00 am Dawn Patrol Show, presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel and RV Resort
6:30 am Krispy Kreme Morning Glow
7:00 am Mass Ascension
11:00 am Balloon Fiesta Pin Trading (Group Tour Tent north end of Main Street)
1:00 - 5:00 pm Music Fiesta
6:00 pm Night Magic™ Glow, presented by Canon
8:00 pm* AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show, presented by Sandia Resort and Casino

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:00 am Dawn Patrol Show, presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel and RV Resort
6:30 am Krispy Kreme Morning Glow
7:00 am Farewell Mass Ascension

* AfterGlow™ fireworks shows will begin as soon as the launch field is clear of balloons, thus the starting times are approximate and subject to change without notice. Additionally, local police will modify traffic flows to utilize all traffic lanes for outbound traffic only at the conclusion of each Glow event. So if you want to watch the AfterGlow™ fireworks shows from the Park, plan to arrive at the Park in time for that evening's glow event.

INFORMATION

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Admission for balloon sessions is \$10 per session for guests 13 and older. Children 12 years and under are FREE. No refunds are available but tickets for cancelled sessions may be used for future sessions.

For Music Fiesta admission prices, please visit:
www.balloonfiesta.com/event-info/music-fiesta.

PARKING

There is a \$15 fee for parking for each session. All session parking passes may be purchased in advance at the Balloon Fiesta office.

FIESTA EXPRESS PARK & RIDE

The fastest way into the park! Leave from one of several convenient locations around the city and arrive inside Balloon Fiesta Park. Pricing, locations, schedules, and discounted tickets are available online at www.balloonfiesta.com/guest-guide/park-ride.

BALLOON RIDES

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TRAVEL & HOTEL RESERVATIONS

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VISITOR INFORMATION

Visit Albuquerque
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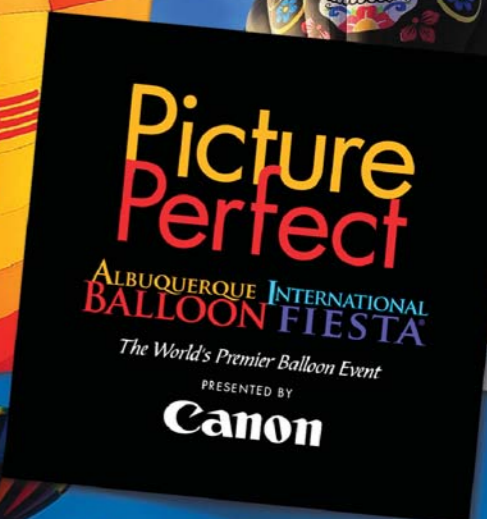
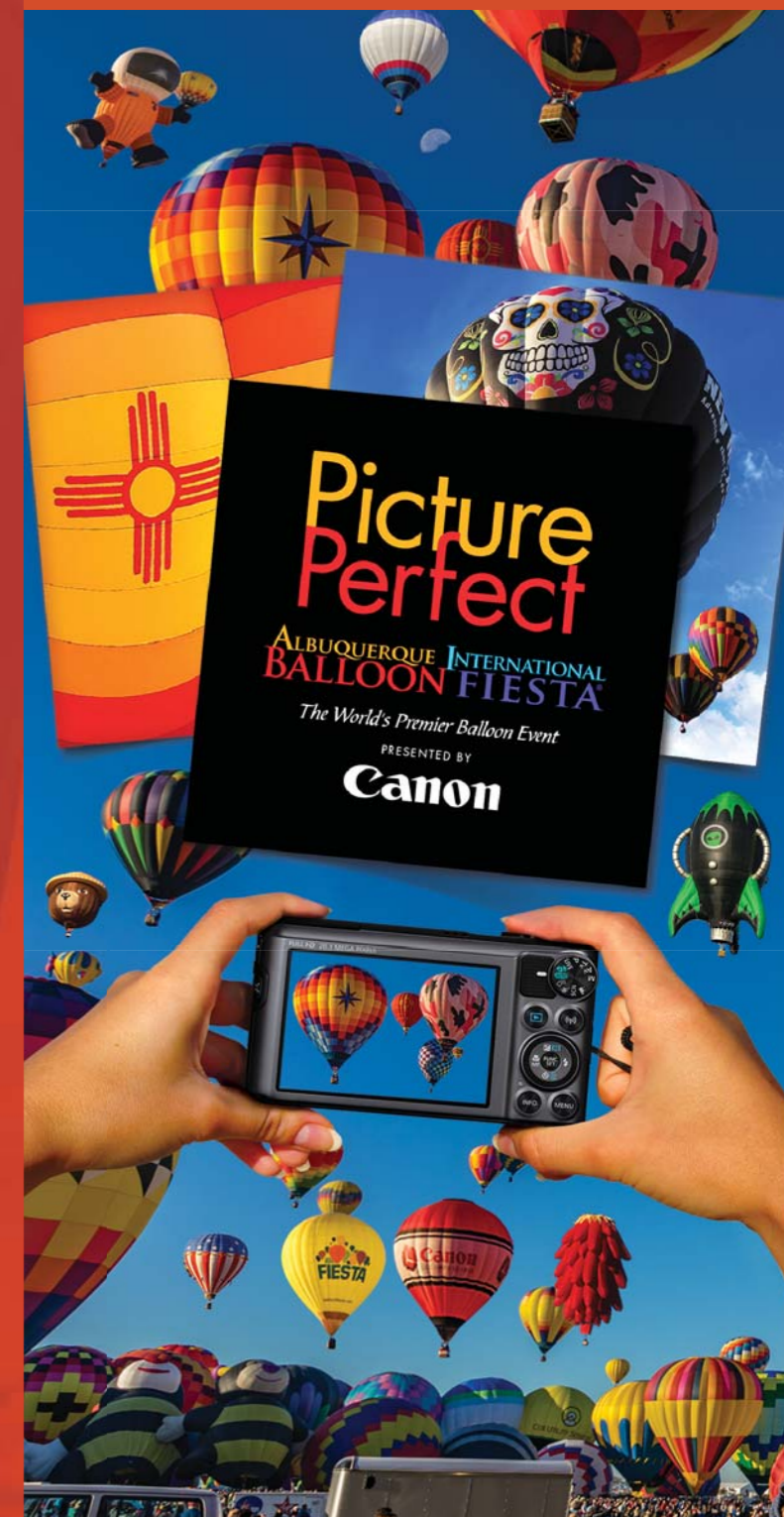


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INSIDE THE PARK

Dawn Patrol/Dawn Patrol Show

Watch balloons take flight in a celestial predawn dance during this choreographed display. The Dawn Patrol is more than an airy promenade; it is also a chance for pilots to determine the day's winds aloft conditions and for early bird guests to send our balloonists off with a cheer. The Dawn Patrol Show occurs on Mass Ascension Days.

Mass Ascensions

Witness hundreds of prismatic balloons lift off and fill the horizon in this unforgettable, two-wave mass ascension. An excellent photo op, be sure to experience the drama and serenity of ballooning in this popular Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday morning event lasting up to two hours.

Special Shape Rodeo™ and Glowdeo™

We wouldn't be a Balloon Fiesta without a little rodeo thrown in, or should we say Glowdeo™! These unique events showcase some of the most uniquely shaped balloons at our event, such as a family of bees, stagecoach, cow, and whales, in an AM flight and a PM glow.

Twilight Twinkle Glow, Balloon Glow™, and Night Magic™ Glow

Celebrated for their ethereal whimsy, these events are among the most widely anticipated of the Balloon Fiesta. At twilight the burners of tethered balloons are ignited, illuminating the night with colorfully glowing envelopes that guests can wander amongst before enjoying the AfterGlow™ Fireworks show.

AfterGlow™ Fireworks

Following each glow event, the night blooms with the most spectacular fireworks show in the state. Bring your blankets and chairs for this popular extravaganza. Shows begin as soon as the Launch Field is clear of balloons. Once the balloons are glowing, only outbound traffic is allowed, so attendees who wish to watch the show must arrive at the park for the beginning of the evening's glow event. Starting times are approximate and subject to change without notice.

Flight of the Nations – MidWeek Mass Ascension

During this mid-week flight, preceding the Mass Ascension, select pilots of participating countries will carry their country's flag during this multinational flight. This exciting event recognizes the international ballooning community that participates in Balloon Fiesta to help make it the largest of its kind in the world.

The Gondola Club

Make Balloon Fiesta the most comfortable experience possible by purchasing a morning or evening session at the Gondola Club where you can watch the festivities from the most scenic location at the park. The club is a V.I.P. area that offers convenient parking, private seating, gourmet food service and open bar, luxury bathrooms, shuttle service, and live entertainment during evening sessions. For more information, call 505-821-1000 or 888-422-7277, or visit Balloonfiesta.com.

Main Street

During ballooning events, be sure to visit this one-third mile stretch at Balloon Fiesta Park where you will find a plethora of great food vendors, unique merchandise, and hands-on exhibits, including the 7-Eleven Balloon Discovery Center where kids can learn ballooning basics.

Chasers' Club

With the purchase of a Chasers' Club AM or PM session, you get the chance to upgrade your Balloon Fiesta experience to a more upscale setting. This club is in a reserved area at the north end of the field. It includes an outdoor patio with an exceptional view of the field from which you can enjoy a cocktail and light buffet and pastries while watching the day's balloons take to the sky or glow.

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COMPETITIONS

Double Launch Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday offer the best shows at Balloon Fiesta. They combine the launch of hundreds of balloons from the Launch Field with the allure of hundreds more maneuvering to the Launch Field for their chance at prizes and fame, creating a theatrical ebb and flow of color in the sky. Through our various competitions during Balloon Fiesta, pilots can demonstrate their flying finesse, control, and accuracy while competing with international peers for points and prizes.

Judge Declared Goals

In this competition, pilots demonstrate their knowledge of surface and upper level winds to navigate their balloons to a target destination at least one mile away. Pilots compete to drop a marker closest to the goal destination selected by the BalloonMeister.

Fly-in Task

During this exciting competition, pilots launch their balloons from a minimum distance from a selected target on the Launch Field. Pilots compete to drop a marker from a range of heights above the target, including task variations such as Balloon Fiesta Golf and Minimum Double drop.

Ring Toss

The competition is among the most popular and requires pilots to launch from one mile away from the Launch Field before navigating to one of the five tall poles and placing a ring over one. Pilots receive prizes for each ring that is successfully tossed.



WELCOME TO BALLOON FIESTA

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is the world's largest celebration of man's first flight technology – the hot air balloon. During this nine-day fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico, balloon enthusiasts from around the world come together to enjoy an art form that has delighted spectators and participants for two centuries. Whether on the ground or in the sky, the allure of the hot air balloons is undeniable. The whimsy and showmanship that surround this colorful event inspires spectators of all ages, inflating the imaginations of children and inner children alike.

During October in New Mexico, the soft autumnal light, changing leaves and crisp blue sky make a breathtaking backdrop for hundreds of vibrant balloons that ascend daily from Balloon Fiesta Park. Whether you are watching the Dawn Patrol lift off as the sun breaks over the Sandia Mountains, or the evening Glowdeo begin against a neon sunset, there is a special charm at Balloon Fiesta that draws you in and leaves you forever changed by its magic.

Our Geography Makes it Ballooning Central

Autumn is one of the most enjoyable times of year in New Mexico. This peaceful prelude to winter means that brisk mornings give way to warm afternoons with mild temperatures throughout the day and typically still winds. The ideal weather, combined with its diverse altitudes and geography, makes Albuquerque an best possible location for ballooning at this time of year. The lower altitude of the river valley to the west and higher altitude of the mountain range to the east contribute to the legendary "Albuquerque Box," in which gentle winds blow in a box pattern, sometimes leading balloons right back to where they started. This natural phenomenon makes Albuquerque home to some of the best ballooning in the world.