

# GUEST GUIDE

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ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL  
**BALLOON FIESTA**



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## WHAT IS ALLOWED IN THE PARK

### ALLOWED

- Backpacks/bags (1 per person) are allowed but will be inspected. (Clear bags will expedite the process)
- Blankets or bulky clothing should be carried over the shoulder to be screened more quickly.
- Folding chairs are allowed but will have to be removed from the carrying case for inspection.
- Food of any kind for guest consumption. Resale is prohibited.

### PROHIBITED

Weapons (including knives over 4" blade length), any item that may be used as a projectile or one that is deemed dangerous by Public Safety personnel.

- Any animal with the exception of a service animal.
- Glass bottles and hard-sided coolers.
- Alcohol of any kind.
- Religious or Political paraphernalia.

### METAL DETECTOR SCREENING

- Prior to entering gates, all patrons may be subject to security screening, including metal detector screening and inspection of bags or other items carried in. By tendering a ticket and entering the field you consent to such searches and waive any related claims that you might have against AIBF. If you elect not to consent to the searches, you will be denied entry into the park.
- The level of security screening may be modified on an event-by-event basis at the discretion of AIBF Public Safety supervision.
- Remove any jackets or other large, bulky items from your bag and carry these in hand. When the contents of your bag are clearly visible, staff can screen bags without requiring any contents to be removed. If blankets or other items conceal the contents of a bag, staff must request that they be removed in order for screening to take place, delaying the process.
- For walk through metal detector screening, remove any keys, coins or other metal objects from your pockets and hold these in hand above your head.
- Guests with implants or defibrillators should notify officers prior to going through the metal detector. Place your hand over your implant and the rest of your person will be wanded.



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**This is the  
largest balloon  
festival in the  
world!**





## WELCOME TO BALLOON FIESTA®

**F**or nine days in October, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta creates an enchanted world of special shape balloon rodeos, twilight balloon glows, and vibrant balloon-filled skies. Brisk autumnal mornings in the Rio Grande Valley create an otherworldly backdrop for the breathtaking majesty of our most popular event, Mass Ascension. The experience of watching hundreds of gentle airy giants take flight at once humbling and inspiring. It's the allure of these magical moments and more that have continued to bring ballooning fans worldwide together for more than 51 years.

### 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 gentle winds. This ideal weather combined with its diverse altitudes and geography, makes Albuquerque an ideal location for ballooning at this time of year. The lower altitude of the river valley to the west, higher altitude of the mountain range to the east and the prevailing winds aloft create 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.

**There are 4 events  
dedicated to special  
shaped balloons!**



## WHAT IS THE ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA®?



Any local will tell you October is the most beautiful time of year in New Mexico, made so in large part by the much anticipated sight of colorful balloons punctuating the skyline. During this season, the sky is bluer, the days are gentler, and the mornings crisper -- almost as though the landscape has taken a deep sigh -- and on the desert's warm breath sails the annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. For more than half a century, this age-old form of flight, which has captured the human imagination for hundreds of years, is celebrated in a 9-day event that draws the devout, the curious and the novice balloonists to the world-famous Balloon Fiesta Park.

Balloon Fiesta Park's launch field alone is comparable to the size of 54 football fields. This 60+ acre area is necessary to accommodate the 500+ balloons that launch during the event. The total expanse of the Park is a whopping 365 acres, custom designed to facilitate the largest ballooning event on earth. Since its humble inception at a shopping mall parking lot in 1972, with a total of 13 balloons, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta has grown into the most photographed event in the world.



*Sid and Jewel Cutter at Balloon Fiesta Park*

Sid Cutter, who passed away in 2011, is recognized and honored as the father of hot air ballooning in Albuquerque. Sid was responsible for organizing the first three balloon "fiestas" in Albuquerque and continued to make major contributions to the event.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

5:45 am ..... Drone Light Show, sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino  
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 ..... Opening Ceremonies (Chile Flight -Formation Flight Team Fly-Over)  
7:00 am ..... Mass Ascension  
8:00-noon..... Chainsaw Carving Exhibition  
10:00 am ..... Chainsaw Carving Auction  
3:00-6:00 pm... Chainsaw Carving Exhibition  
5:00 pm ..... Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.  
6:30 pm ..... Twilight Twinkle Glow™  
7:30 pm ..... Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.  
7:45 pm ..... Drone Light Show, sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino  
8:00 pm\* ..... AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

5:45 am ..... Drone Light Show, sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino  
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  
7:30-11:00 am. Fiesta de Los Globitos (Remote Control Balloons Exhibition) sponsored by City of Las Vegas, New Mexico  
8:00-noon..... Chainsaw Carving Exhibition  
9:00 am ..... Fiesta de Wheels Car Show (located on north end of launch field)  
10:00 am ..... Chainsaw Carving Auction  
11:00 am ..... Balloon Fiesta Pin Trading (Group Tour Tent, north end of Main Street)  
3:00-6:00 pm... Chainsaw Carving Exhibition  
5:00 pm ..... Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.  
6:30 pm ..... Balloon Glow, powered by ExxonMobil  
7:30 pm ..... Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.  
7:45 pm ..... Drone Light Show, sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino  
8:00 pm\* ..... AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 – NEW MEXICO DAY

5:45 am ..... Drone Show  
6:00 am ..... Dawn Patrol  
7:00 am ..... Balloon Launch  
8:00 am ..... Fly In Competition Launch  
8:00-noon..... Chainsaw Carving Exhibition

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 – COCA-COLA DAY

5:45 am ..... Drone Show  
6:00 am ..... Dawn Patrol  
7:00 am ..... Balloon Launch  
8:00 am ..... Fly In Competition Launch  
8:00-noon..... Chainsaw Carving Exhibition

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

5:45 am ..... Drone Show  
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 ..... Flight of the Nations Mass Ascension. presented by New Mexico True  
7:30-11:00 am. Fiesta de Los Globitos (Remote Control Balloons Exhibition) sponsored by City of Las Vegas, New Mexico  
8:00-noon..... Chainsaw Carving Exhibition

\*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.



Miss one of  
our sessions?  
Want to re-watch  
another one?

Watch all the activity at  
<http://balloonfiesta.com/>  
live-stream



#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 5:45 am ..... Drone Show
- 6:00 am ..... Dawn Patrol
- 7:00 am ..... Special Shape Rodeo™
- 7:00 am ..... Balloon Launch
- 8:00 am ..... Fly In Competition Launch
- 8:00-noon..... Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
- 10:00 am ..... Chainsaw Carving Auction
- 3:00-6:00 pm... Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
- 5:00pm ..... Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.
- 6:30 pm ..... Special Shape Glowdeo™
- 7:30 pm ..... Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.
- 7:45 pm ..... Drone Light Show, sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino
- 8:00 pm\* ..... AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 – KIDS’ DAY – SPONSORED BY CHICK-FIL-A

- 4:30 am ..... Kids’ Day Goodie Bag Distribution begins (South of Main Street Stage)
- 5:45 am ..... Drone Show
- 6:00 am ..... Dawn Patrol
- 7:00 am ..... Special Shape Rodeo™
- 7:00 am ..... Balloon Launch
- 7:30-11:00 am . Fiesta de Los Globitos (Remote Control Balloons Exhibition) sponsored by City of Las Vegas, New Mexico
- 8:00 am ..... Fly In Competition Launch
- 8:00-noon..... Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
- 10:00 am ..... Chainsaw Carving Auction
- 3:00-6:00 pm... Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
- 5:00 pm ..... Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.
- 6:30 pm ..... Special Shape Glowdeo™
- 7:30 pm ..... Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.
- 7:45 pm ..... Drone Light Show, sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino
- 8:00 pm\* ..... AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show\*

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 – EXXONMOBIL DAY

- 5:45 am ..... Drone Light Show, sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino
- 6:00 am ..... Dawn Patrol Show, presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel and RV Resor
- 6:30 am ..... Krispy Kreme Morning Glow
- 7:00 am ..... Mass Ascension, powered by ExxonMobil
- 8:00-noon..... Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
- 10:00 am ..... Chainsaw Carving Auction
- 11:00 am ..... Balloon Fiesta Pin Trading (Group Tour Tent north end of Main Street)
- 1:00-5:00 pm... Music Fiesta™
- 3:00-6:00 pm... Chainsaw Carving Exhibition
- 5:00 pm ..... Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.
- 6:30 pm ..... Night Magic™ Glow, powered by ExxonMobil
- 6:30 am ..... Fiesta de Los Globitos (Remote Control Balloons Exhibition) sponsored by City of Las Vegas, New Mexico
- 7:30 pm ..... Team Fastrax™ Skydiving, sponsored by Accident Insurance Company, Inc.
- 7:45 pm ..... Drone Light Show, sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino
- 8:00 pm\* ..... AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show\*

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 5:45 am..... Drone Light Show, sponsored by Sandia Resort & Casino
- 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, presented by News Radio 770 KKO
- 8:00-noon... Chainsaw Carving Exhibition



# MAP OF BALLOON FIESTA PARK



## GATES



## TICKET BOOTHS



## ENTERTAINMENT

- 1) MAIN STREET STAGE
- 2) CHAINSAW CARVERS
- 3) ARTISANS TENT
- 4) MUSIC FIESTA™
- 5) KIDS ZONE



## OFFICIAL PARK LOCATIONS

- A) GONDOLA CLUB
- B) SPONSOR HOSPITALITY
- C) CORPORATE VILLAGE
- D) SID CUTTER PILOTS' PAVILION
- E) CHASERS' CLUB
- F) GROUP TOURS HOSPITALITY
- G) BALLOON DISCOVERY CENTER
- H) FIESTA SKY BOX



## M) OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE TENTS



## SPECIAL AREAS

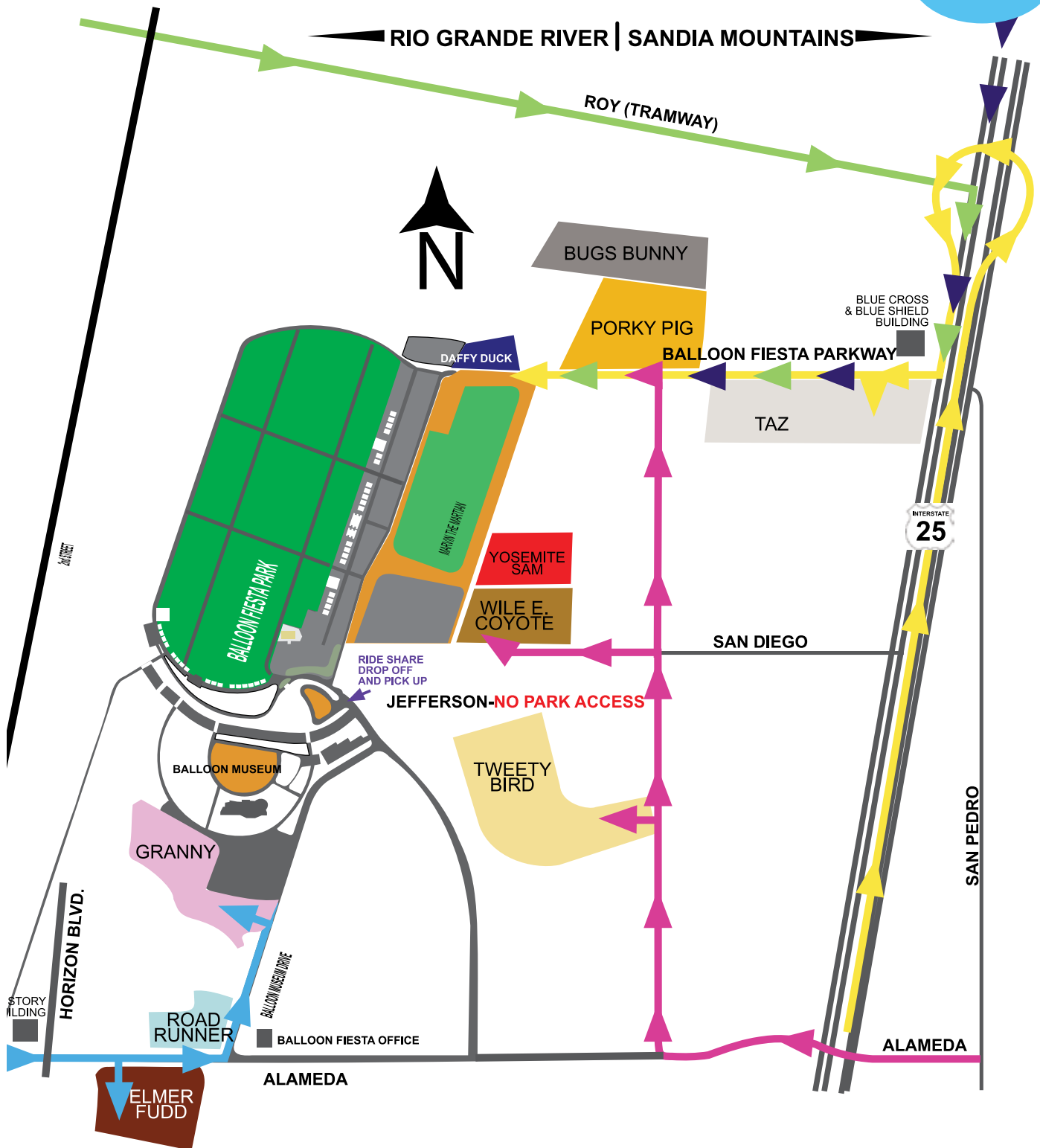
- A) VISIT ALBUQUERQUE MEDIA TENT
- B) BALLOON MANUFACTURERS
- C) VISIT ALBUQUERQUE & NEW MEXICO TRUE VISITOR INFORMATION
- D) BALLOON RIDES TENT
- E) S.A.V.E sponsored by Poulin Design Center  
Provides a quick sensory refuge for guests with sensory needs.



## INFORMATION



# GETTING TO THE PARK



Transportation services to the park include convenient Park & Ride Service and Bike Valet. Balloon Fiesta public parking sites are also available, parking is \$20 per vehicle, purchased at the lots. Guests are encouraged to purchase advance admission tickets to avoid lines at the ticket gates.

Please note: Routes and assignments are subject to change. Please refer to our website at [www.balloonfiesta.com/Maps-Directions](http://www.balloonfiesta.com/Maps-Directions)

# AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO BALLOON FIESTA TRAFFIC

Beating the Balloon Fiesta traffic can seem daunting at first, but with some careful advanced planning, you'll find getting to and from Balloon Fiesta Park can be an easy and painless experience. We are here to help!

## USE BALLOON FIESTA PARK & RIDE SERVICES

As attendance has grown, creating an influx in traffic congestion and parking issues, Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta has teamed with several locations citywide to facilitate park and ride services. Balloon Fiesta offers guests special pricing to park their vehicles at one of several Albuquerque locations and take the Balloon Fiesta Park & Ride to Balloon Fiesta Park.

Please check [www.balloonfiesta.com/Park-Ride](http://www.balloonfiesta.com/Park-Ride) for schedule or location changes and tickets.

Be aware there is no Park & Ride service Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

**WHERE:** (subject to change)

- East-side locations: Coronado Mall (Southwest corner) — 6600 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110
- Hoffmantown Church — 8888 Harper NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111
- West-side location: Cottonwood Mall — 10000 Coors Bypass NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114
- Intel Parking Lot — 1600 Rio Rancho Blvd SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124 (weekends only)

## PARK & RIDE TICKETS

Note: A Convenience fee is added to all online ticket purchases.

Tickets can be purchased online at: [www.balloonfiesta.com/Park-Ride](http://www.balloonfiesta.com/Park-Ride) or by calling 1-855-725-1824.

Tickets will go on sale April 5, 2024.

## TICKETS CANNOT BE PURCHASED AT THE REMOTE LOTS

All riders must have a ticket before boarding the bus for arrival and departure.

For more information call 505-821-1000 x138.

(Prices valid online before 12 Midnight for morning sessions or before 12 Noon for afternoon/evening sessions)

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**Balloon Fiesta Park admission is included.**

ADVANCE:	DAY OF PRICES:
Adults (13-61) ..... \$25	Adults (13-61) ..... \$28
Seniors (62 & older) ..... \$23	Seniors (62 & older) ..... \$26
Children (6-12) ..... \$12	Children (6-12) ..... \$12
Children (5 and under).... Free	Children (5 and under).... Free
Bus Only ..... \$13	Bus Only ..... \$13

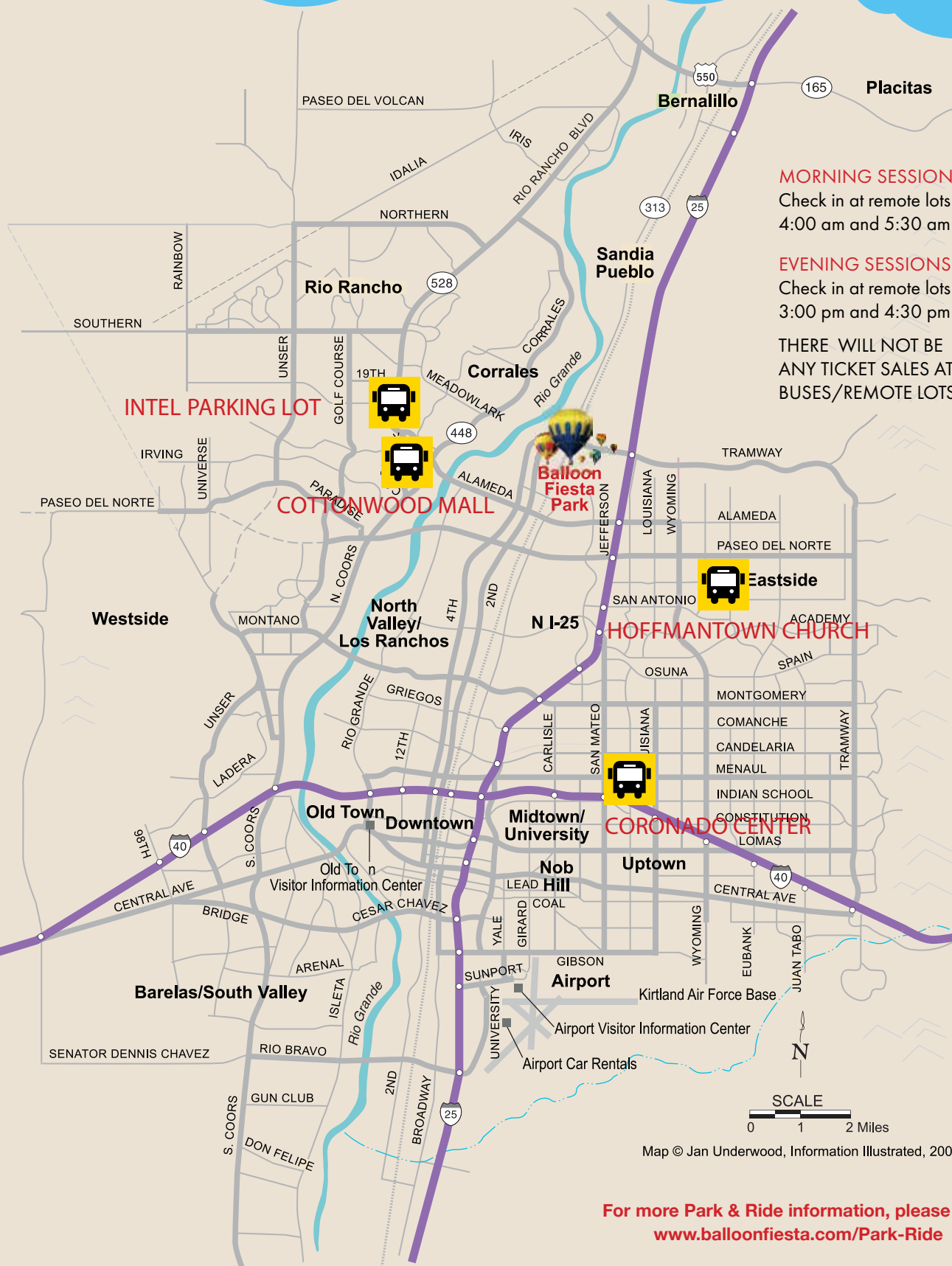
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## RIDE SHARING OPTIONS

You can utilize your Ride Share App for access to and from the park. The designated drop off and pick up area is south of the transit area off Jefferson.



# 2024 PARK & RIDE LOCATIONS MAP



## MORNING SESSIONS:

Check in at remote lots at 4:00 am and 5:30 am

## EVENING SESSIONS:

Check in at remote lots at 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY TICKET SALES AT THE BUSES/REMOTE LOTS



Map © Jan Underwood, Information Illustrated, 2006

For more Park & Ride information, please visit:  
[www.balloonfiesta.com/Park-Ride](http://www.balloonfiesta.com/Park-Ride)

## GONDOLA CLUB

The Gondola Club provides a true VIP experience you can't find anywhere else at Balloon Fiesta. This exclusive offering ensures the most comfortable, convenient, and private location for enjoying the event. For those who want to escape the crowds and take in the experience in comfort, a session at the Gondola Club includes first-class amenities.

### A GONDOLA CLUB TICKET INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Prime view of the Launch Field
- Private parking near the Gondola Club
- Admission to the park
- A gourmet buffet (breakfast or dinner, depending on the session) and a hosted bar (after 7am)
- Shuttles to Main Street
- Collectible pin
- Private restrooms
- A Gondola Club souvenir gift



### INDIVIDUALS:

Adult..... \$130 per person, per session

*Children ages 6 and under are free*

### GROUPS 14+ PEOPLE: Must arrive in one vehicle.

Adult..... \$110 per person, per session

*Children ages 6 and under are free*

## CHASERS' CLUB

The Chasers' Club is a special package option designed to help guests make the most of their Balloon Fiesta experience. This upgraded ticket grants you access to seating in a comfortable outdoor patio next to the Launch Field where you can indulge in hot food items, dessert, and refreshments. With a valid ID you can also enjoy a Bloody Mary or Margarita after 7am, while you sit back, relax, and watch the day's beauty unfold. Located at the northeast corner of the Launch Field, a session in this private patio provides a prime vista of the launch site for a relaxing day of fun and balloon viewing.

### CHASERS' CLUB INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Admission to the event if purchased in advance
- Guaranteed seating in our private patio at the north end of Balloon Fiesta Park for excellent viewing
- Private restrooms
- A hot food item, dessert and beverages
- The option to purchase and leisurely enjoy a cocktail while you watch the balloon action unfold

**COST: \$65 per session**

*Note: A Convenience Fee is added to all online Gondola and Chasers' Club ticket purchases.*





## GLAMPING

Experience the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in a whole new way - Glamping! Glamping tents are available in an exclusive location in Balloon Fiesta Park. Enjoy spectacular views of the balloons flying high against a stunning background of the Sandia Mountains from the tent village. No need to battle the traffic, you'll be walking distance to the launch field. In this exclusive location you will have access to restroom and shower trailers, as well as a hospitality area with grills, games and lounge chairs.

### YOUR GLAMPING EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- 3 night stay in a 168 sq ft safari tent
- Admission to the event for all sessions during your stay
- Premium Parking
- Welcome gift
- Choice of queen bed or 2 single beds
- Linens, comforter and pillows
- Electric Blanket
- Heater and refrigerator
- Lamp and lantern

**COST: Starting at \$1,600 (3 nights for 1-2 people)**

*Note: A Convenience Fee is added to Glamping and Camp 505 online ticket purchases.*



## CAMP 505

Camp 505 offers a more affordable option for guests interested in camping during Balloon Fiesta. The branded tent accommodations will be set up prior to the guests' arrival and will be available for guests to keep when they leave. If the guest chooses not to take the equipment, it will be donated to a local homeless shelter.

### YOUR CAMP 505 EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- 3 night stay
  - Camping equipment
  - Admission to the event
  - Premium Parking
  - Access to portable toilets
  - 24 Hour security
  - Two (2) refillable water bottles
  - Access to filtered water
  - Onsite commissary
  - Access to phone charging station
  - Hospitality Area with Fire Pit and Games
- Accommodations:
- Two (2) person tent
  - Two (2) sleeping bags
  - Large saddle blanket
  - Two (2) Camp lights



**COST: \$800 (3 nights for 1-2 people/maximum 4 guests per tent)**

## FIESTA SKY BOX

Fiesta Sky Box offers groups an all-inclusive package with specially outfitted shipping containers located at a prime location on the launch field. Upper deck seating will put you above the crowd with an unprecedented view of balloons, fireworks and the drone show. The grassy patio area will have a relaxed vibe where you can enjoy food, drinks and the largest hot air balloon display in the world.

### WITH THIS SERVICE YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- Access to the Fiesta Sky Box Patio
- Twenty (20) admission tickets
- Seven (7) premium parking passes
- Specialty individual Grazing Boxes
- Host Bar three (3) drink maximum and non-alcoholic drinks
- Dedicated restrooms
- A host will be assigned to each Sky Box to assist guests as needed

Location: North end of Main Street on the launch field. Best access is from Balloon Fiesta Parkway

### HOURS:

Morning Sessions: 5am-10am (Bar hours 7am-9:30am)

Evening Sessions: 4:30pm-9pm (Bar hours 4:30pm-8:30pm)

**COST for this service — \$5,000 per session, per box for 1-20 guests**

For more information about Gondola Club, Chasers' Club, Glamping and the Concierge Program please contact:

Shamaine Giannini - [sgiannini@balloonfiesta.com](mailto:sgiannini@balloonfiesta.com)

1-888-422-7277





## CONCIERGE

For the ultimate VIP experience you can arrange for your own concierge as your tour guide while at the Balloon Fiesta. You can experience the event from all angles of the Launch Field. You can shop at our many concession booths, check out the chainsaw carvers or find your favorite viewing point. You will have an insider's view of this spectacular event.

This service is perfect for Balloon Fiesta first-timers, photographers, guests with mobility issues or guests who want to see all they can in one session.

### WITH THIS SERVICE YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- A personal concierge for the duration of your session
- Golf cart transportation with driver
- (1) Premium Parking Pass
- General Admission Tickets
- Balloon Fiesta gift

**COST for this service** — maximum 4 people per cart — \$350 per session (1-2 people), \$50 per additional person

For more information about Gondola Club, Chasers' Club, Glamping and the Concierge Program please contact:  
Shamaine Giannini - [sgiannini@balloonfiesta.com](mailto:sgiannini@balloonfiesta.com)  
1-888-422-7277

Enjoy the best  
seat in the house  
with personal  
concierge service.



## ENTERTAINMENT AT BALLOON FIESTA AND MORE

Naturally the balloons are always the stars of the show at Balloon Fiesta. However, we also bring in amazing headlining music artists to entertain our guests during those times when balloons are off the field. In the past, we've had the honor of hosting musical guests Brett Young, Old Dominion, Darius Rucker, The Band Perry, Cole Swindell and more.

Our signature music feature, Music Fiesta™, takes stage at the north end of the field on the 2nd Saturday of the event, between the morning and evening sessions. (The Night Magic Glow™ is included in your Music Fiesta™ ticket.)

SEVERAL TYPES OF MUSIC FIESTA™ TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE:

Albuquerque (Dance) Box:.....	\$75
Reserved Seating:.....	\$55 - \$65
Premier Lawn Area:.....	\$30
General Admission:.....	\$15
Ultimate Music Fiesta™ Package:....	\$499

For more details, visit: [balloonfiesta.com/FAQs-Music-Fiesta](http://balloonfiesta.com/FAQs-Music-Fiesta)



Note: A Convenience Fee is added to all online ticket purchases.

### EVENT ENTERTAINMENT

Balloon Fiesta features great local and national performers on the Main Street Stage, located in the center of Main Street. You can hear a variety of genres ranging from military brass bands, salsa, funk, soul, rock, jazz, and more during morning sessions on the weekend and evening sessions.

And be sure to watch for exciting strolling performers along Main Street. Capture a glimpse and capture a photo of New Mexico culture with Native American dancers, Flamenco ensembles, Mariachi troupes, and so much more.

Entertainment on the Main Street Stage and along Main Street is FREE and included with admission into Balloon Fiesta.

Restless Road Band



Brandon Saiz



To see the full lineup of performances, visit:

[balloonfiesta.com/Entertainment-Schedule](http://balloonfiesta.com/Entertainment-Schedule)





**Balloon Fiesta<sup>®</sup>**  
is always in  
**October, always**  
**in Albuquerque**



# BALLOON FIESTA FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHAT IS THE COST AND WHERE DO I BUY TICKETS?

- General admission ..... \$15  
(for persons 13 and older)
- Children ..... Free  
(12 years old and under)
- General Parking ..... \$20 cash per vehicle

Tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE, however, your ticket may be exchanged for another 2024 session if an individual session must be canceled due to weather or other safety considerations.

## TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Purchase them online at [balloonfiesta.com](http://balloonfiesta.com), or call 1-855-725-1824, For additional purchase locations, call the corporate office at 505-821-1000. Tickets will go on sale April 5, 2024.

For additional information:  
[balloonfiesta.com/Purchase-Tickets](http://balloonfiesta.com/Purchase-Tickets)

## DO TOUR GROUPS GET SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS?

Our Group Tour Hospitality Package makes the Balloon Fiesta experience easy for your planner and extra special for your customers. The package includes admission tickets, access to the Group Tour Hospitality Area and parking in a lot near the tent. For additional information: [www.balloonfiesta.com/Group-Tours](http://www.balloonfiesta.com/Group-Tours) for rates.

## WHERE IS THE LAUNCH FIELD LOCATED?

The launch field is located in north Albuquerque, west of I-25, approximately 10 miles north of the Albuquerque Sunport (Airport), 8 miles north of downtown Albuquerque.

## WHAT ARE THE GPS COORDINATES OF BALLOON FIESTA PARK?

Latitude: 35° 11.8N Longitude: 106° 35.8W

## WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE?

For some of our most popular events, such as Mass Ascension, arriving early is advisable. For weekend events, plan to arrive at the park by 4:30am. During evening events, plan to be at the park by 4:00pm. Gates open at 4:30am and 3:00pm.

## IS THE PARK ADA ACCESSIBLE?

Yes. We have hard surface ADA parking close to the entrance gates with the general parking fee of \$20. Please be aware Balloon Fiesta Park consists of more than 360 acres and the launch field itself is more than 60 acres. If you have a ADA placard you can email ([balloons@balloonfiesta.com](mailto:balloons@balloonfiesta.com)) or send a copy of your placard with your name and address to AIBF; 4401 Alameda Blvd. NE; Albuquerque, NM 87113 and we will send you one of our placards in August for the ADA Accessible areas. We also have a limited number of scooters and wheelchairs available to rent and can be reserved through [vistamobility.net](http://vistamobility.net), if needed, as well as courtesy shuttles and Fiesta Transports operating around the Park.

## HOW DO WE CONTACT THE BALLOON FIESTA DIRECTLY?

E-mail us at [balloons@balloonfiesta.com](mailto:balloons@balloonfiesta.com) for the quickest response.

4401 Alameda Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113  
Toll-Free 1-888-422-7277  
Phone 505-821-1000  
Fax: 505-828-2887



## WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES HAPPENING AT THE PARK?

- Main Street is where you will find 100 hand-selected merchandise and food concessions ranging from one-of-a-kind souvenirs to sweet-tooth satisfiers. You will also find performers wandering along Main Street, such as flamenco dancers, Native American dancers, mariachis and other entertainers to make for non-stop fun.
- The Main Street Stage is located at the center of Main Street and features a variety of bands and performances throughout Balloon Fiesta.
- The Fiesta of Wheels car show takes place on the north end of the Launch Field, after the Balloon Launch on Sunday, October 6th.
- The Chainsaw Carving Exhibition, at the north end of the Launch Field brings a unique element to Balloon Fiesta with multiple sessions keeping things lively.

## WHAT IS A SESSION?

There are two sessions daily, except Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and the last Sunday, which are divided into morning and evening activities. For example, the Dawn Patrol and Mass Ascension are a part of the morning session, while the Balloon Glow is a part of the evening session.

Although there are no ballooning activities between the morning and evening sessions, we welcome guests to stay at the Park between sessions, but most concessions will close midday. Please keep in mind we are at 5,000' above sea level and if you are not accustomed to this altitude, you should be sure to get plenty of fluids and rest during your stay in Albuquerque.

## WHAT ARE THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AROUND THE BALLOONS?

Because of our 50+ year safety record, we are one of the only balloon (aviation) events where you are actually able to walk among the balloons as they are inflating and talk to the pilots. Please be respectful of the hot air balloons. Do not touch them or step on or over any of them. Please follow the directions of the pilots, crews and Launch Directors (Zebras).

## ARE LARGE PACKAGES AND BACKPACKS ALLOWED AT THE PARK?

Yes, but they are subject to inspection upon entering the Park. Please see the complete list of acceptable items at the beginning of this Guide.

## ARE PETS ALLOWED AT BALLOON FIESTA PARK?

The ONLY animals allowed at Balloon Fiesta Park are ADA service animals. Note: Emotional support animals are not classified as service animals. NMSA 1978, Section 28-11-6

## IS SMOKING ALLOWED AT BALLOON FIESTA PARK?

City ordinance prohibits smoking in all city parks and Balloon Fiesta Park is a city park. There is no smoking allowed on the Launch Field.

## ARE THERE PLACES TO EAT ON THE FIELD?

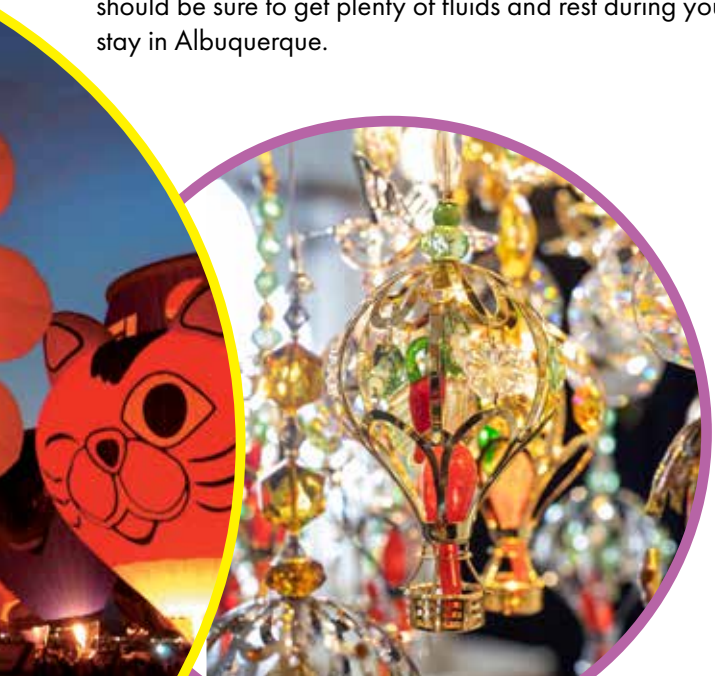
There is a multitude of food concessions serving a variety of food on Main Street.

## CAN YOU BRING IN OUTSIDE FOOD & DRINKS TO THE PARK?

Yes, but glass containers and alcohol are not allowed. You cannot use hard-sided coolers. Bags and soft sided coolers are subject to search.

## CAN WE SEE LIVE VIDEOS FROM THE BALLOON FIESTA?

Yes. It's called **Balloon Fiesta Live!** Every session of Balloon Fiesta is available online, live and for repeat viewing. Multiple camera angles from balloons during flight will dazzle you, while the commentary and insight into the world of ballooning will provide you a total picture of Balloon Fiesta you can't get anywhere else. Go to <https://balloonfiesta.com/Live-Stream>



# BALLOON FIESTA FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ARE LAWN CHAIRS ALLOWED AND IS THERE SEATING AVAILABLE?

Yes. Lawn chairs and blankets are permitted in the Park. Chairs and blankets must be removed from cases or bags at the metal scanners when entering the park. There is a limited number of picnic tables and benches located on the east side of the Launch Field along Main Street.

## ARE THERE ATMS IN THE PARK?

Yes. ATMs are located at the north and south ends, and near the middle of Main Street. See the Survival Guide map on page 6.

## WHERE DO I PARK?

General parking is \$20 per car, every time you park. There are no “in and out” privileges. General parking lots are located on the east and south ends of the Park. Each parking lot is color-coded, named and the gates are numbered, so please remember the color, the name and number of the gate through which you entered the field. We suggest taking a photo with your phone to refer to when you leave the park. You can download the Balloon Fiesta App before you leave home and when you arrive, use our App to mark the location of your car. QR codes are available to scan for getting back to your car.

## IS TRANSPORTATION TO BALLOON FIESTA AVAILABLE? (SEE PAGE 8)

Yes, we offer a session-specific Park & Ride service from multiple locations throughout Albuquerque.

## BIKE VALET

Conveniently located bike trails end just north of the Balloon Museum, this is where you will find the Bike Valet area. We have created this free service as another way to help guests beat the traffic and make the most of their time with us. Bike Valet hours of operation are as follows:

Oct. 5,6,10,11,12: 5:00am–9:30pm

Oct. 7,8,9,13: 5:00am - 11:00am

For more information and route, go to: [balloonfiesta.com/Bike-Valet](http://balloonfiesta.com/Bike-Valet)

## HOTEL SHUTTLE SERVICE

We do not partner with hotels to provide shuttle service. However, the hotel where you are staying may provide this service and it is worth checking with them to find out. Otherwise, please view our Park & Ride information on page 8.

## ARE THERE RENTAL CAR COMPANIES IN ALBUQUERQUE?

Don't let the special shape cactus and stagecoach balloons fool you, New Mexico isn't really the old west. Most major car rental companies have an office in Albuquerque. For your convenience in locating hotel accommodations, we recommend visiting <https://www.visitalbuquerque.org/places-to-stay/>

## WHO ORGANIZES THE BALLOON FIESTA?

Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Inc. organizes the Balloon Fiesta each year. It is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation with 18 full-time staff members, many volunteers and about 120 officials who all work together to make every year an amazing experience for all.

## WHO ARE THE ZEBRAS AT BALLOON FIESTA PARK?

Zebbras are Balloon Fiesta's launch directors, identified by the black and white striped shirts they wear. They help launch the balloons every morning, and make up half of the 120 officials on the field.

## HOW BIG IS BALLOON FIESTA PARK?

Balloon Fiesta Park is 365 acres. The Launch Field itself is just over 60 acres.





### WHAT DO CHASE CREWS DO?

A chase crew helps the pilot inflate and deflate his/her balloon for each flight. If you are interested in being on a chase crew, you can register online at [balloonfiesta.com/Crew-Registration](http://balloonfiesta.com/Crew-Registration) (starting July 15). On-site crew registration is 5:30 - 7:30am and 4:30 - 6:30pm daily at the Crew Corral located just north of the Sid Cutter Pilots' Pavillion.

### WHAT IS DAWN PATROL?

Dawn Patrol occurs every morning weather permitting. The sponsored Dawn Patrol Show occurs on Mass Ascension days. The Dawn Patrol consists of a group of selected balloons that launch prior to sunrise every morning.

### WHAT IS MASS ASCENSION?

Our most popular event, the Mass Ascension is when all 500+ balloons launch from Balloon Fiesta Park during the same time frame. It usually takes less than two hours for all 500+ balloons to launch. Mass Ascension is scheduled on weekend mornings and Wednesday morning. On other days during Balloon Fiesta all balloons are allowed to fly, the difference is half of the balloons will launch at the park and fly away and the others will launch away from the park and fly into the park, most of these balloons will be in various competitions.

### WHAT IS ALBUQUERQUE ALOFT™?

On the Friday before Balloon Fiesta starts, registered pilots of Balloon Fiesta launch from designated elementary schools throughout Albuquerque and Rio Rancho as community flights.

### I SEE DIFFERENT TYPES OF BALLOON GLOWS, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Each Glow is a static display of the balloons after sunset in which their burners illuminate them. The Balloon Glow is the original and largest of this type of event and occurs on the first Sunday night. The Twilight Twinkle Glow™ occurs on the first Saturday night, the Night Magic Glow™ occurs on the second Saturday night while the AfterGlow™ after each glow involves a fireworks show. For evening events, bring a flashlight. Also, take note of where you have parked your car — it may be more difficult to find in the dark. Download the Balloon Fiesta App to use the Find My Car feature to pin your car's location.

### WHAT IS THE SPECIAL SHAPE RODEO™/GLOWDEO™?

Due to their whimsical quality, some of the favorite events at Balloon Fiesta are the Special Shape balloon events, which are showcased on Thursday and Friday mornings and evenings. The Special Shape Rodeo™ is the morning flying event, followed by the Special Shape Glowdeo™ in the evening.

A Glowdeo is a static display of the special shape balloons in which their burners illuminate them. The special shape balloons have included a stagecoach, larger than life animals and space creatures.

### WHAT IS FLIGHT OF THE NATIONS?

This event honors all of the countries represented at Balloon Fiesta with up to two balloons per country displaying their nation's flag. The Flight of the Nations occurs on Wednesday prior to Mass Ascension after the "Sponsor of the Day" balloon launches.

### WHAT COMPETITIONS HAPPEN AT BALLOON FIESTA?

Competitions for pilots include the Ring Toss, Balloon Fiesta Golf, Multiple Judge-declared Goal, Fly-in Task and Minimum Double Drop. All competitions are based on flying accuracy rather than speed.

### WHERE CAN I PURCHASE OFFICIAL BALLOON FIESTA SOUVENIRS?

Souvenirs may be purchased at the Park in the official Balloon Fiesta Souvenir tents, online at [balloonfiestastuff.com](http://balloonfiestastuff.com) or at Balloon Fiesta's gift shop at 4401 Alameda Blvd. NE year-round.



# BALLOON FIESTA FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## WHAT IS BALLOON FIESTA LIVE!?

For those who cannot make it to the Balloon Park you can still be a part of all the spectacle of everything that is the Balloon Fiesta by watching our live stream of each session's activities. Just go to [balloonfiesta.com/Live-Stream](http://balloonfiesta.com/Live-Stream) and start watching from the comfort of your hotel or home. You can also watch shows from past years to relive or prepare for your visit.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TAKING PHOTOS?

Photography is welcome and encouraged at Balloon Fiesta. We take great pride in being the most photographed event in the world.

Tips: To achieve bold, intimate photos without the clutter of crowds and movements, move in closer, or have your subject move closer to the camera with a balloon filling the frame as the background. Close-ups of detail capture unique, unexpected moments, while an overall view can show the magnitude of the experience.

The best times of day to capture incredible photos are during the "magic hours" of dusk and dawn, when the warm glow of the balloons blends with the richness of the sky. This technique has been coined the "jewel box effect," and is best shot with a tri-pod and high-speed film or ISO because of the low light.

## WHAT ARE THE GONDOLA & CHASERS' CLUBS? (SEE PAGE 10)

The Gondola and Chasers' Clubs are two different options to upgrade your Balloon Fiesta experience during a morning or evening session. Depending on the venue you select, you will enjoy a variety of VIP treatments and a special viewing area of the day's events. See the complete details on page 10.

To buy Gondola Club tickets, visit the Gondola Club page on our website [balloonfiesta.com/Gondola-Club](http://balloonfiesta.com/Gondola-Club)

To purchase Chasers' Club tickets, visit the Chasers' Club page on our website [balloonfiesta.com/Chasers-Club](http://balloonfiesta.com/Chasers-Club)

## WHAT DO I WEAR AND WHAT IS THE WEATHER?

Generally, temperatures in the morning are around 40°F, warming up to about 70°F by noon. Bring a jacket and dress in layers. Also remember to wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring sunscreen to put on after the sun is up. You will be at a high altitude and are at risk for sunburn. Bring appropriate eye protection. Sun and wind could be your enemies on a bright, sunny or windy day. For further weather information, visit [balloonfiesta.com](http://balloonfiesta.com).

## WHERE SHOULD I STAY?

We offer the assistance of Balloon Fiesta Travel, located through our Travel Link at [www.balloonfiestahotels.com](http://www.balloonfiestahotels.com), or call 505.346.0522.

## CAN YOU PARK AN RV AT THE FIELD?

RVs can be parked in our general parking for an individual session but not overnight. The cost will be determined by the number of spaces used. You can also check our website at [balloonfiesta.com/RV-Information](http://balloonfiesta.com/RV-Information) to view and make an RV reservation at one of our RV parking areas. There is a three night reservation minimum.

## WHAT ARE THE DATES OF FUTURE BALLOON FIESTAS?

2025 October 4-October 12

2026 October 3-October 11

## WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT ALBUQUERQUE?

Visit the website of Visit Albuquerque at [visitalbuquerque.org](http://visitalbuquerque.org) to browse an online version of the Official Albuquerque Guest Guide, or request a printed copy by calling Visit Albuquerque's office at 1-800-284-2282. Visitor's Guides are also distributed at their exhibit booth located near the south end of Main Street and the Information Booths on our Park during the Balloon Fiesta.





Albuquerque is the largest city in New Mexico, the state known as the Land of Enchantment. It is situated at 5,000 feet (1,539 meters) above sea level and is a prime location for hot-air ballooning because of the "Albuquerque Box." The Albuquerque area is home to more than 900,000 residents, and its vibrant cultural diversity can be seen in the many aspects of daily life here. People are drawn to the area for its unique and varying landscape, including the majestic Rocky Mountains, red rock mesas, high desert vegetation and the picturesque Rio Grande river valley.

The area is known for its high quality of life and fair weather. It is also one of the nation's most dynamic art communities. Albuquerque is centrally located making it an easy drive from Denver, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Phoenix, Tucson, El Paso, Oklahoma City, Colorado Springs and Las Cruces, which cities boast a combined metro population of more than 12 million.





## ALBUQUERQUE FACTS

Albuquerque's major streets run on a grid system. Most of the main streets will run either north-south or east-west. The address numbers start at Central Avenue at the railroad tracks in downtown Albuquerque and emanate outward. Sandia Mountains are to the east. Apps such as Google Maps provide accurate and reliable navigation, helping guide you around town. Please review our traffic maps because during Balloon Fiesta sessions roads may be temporarily closed, so be sure to follow our signs.

The Balloon Fiesta Office and Gift Shop are located on Alameda Blvd. one mile west of I-25. During the event, the access routes into Balloon Fiesta Park will change based on the day of the week (weekday or weekend), as well as the direction from which you are coming (east or west). Please view our Getting to the Park section starting on page 7 for maps and directions.

### LOCAL EDITORIALS AND CURRENT EVENTS

The Albuquerque Journal

[www.abqjournal.com](http://www.abqjournal.com)

The Paper

[www.abq.news](http://www.abq.news)

### INTERESTING NEW MEXICO STATE FACTS

<b>FLOWER:</b>	<b>YUCCA</b>
<b>TREE:</b>	<b>PINON PINE</b>
<b>BIRD:</b>	<b>ROADRUNNER</b>
<b>NICKNAME:</b>	<b>LAND OF ENCHANTMENT</b>
<b>OFFICIAL QUESTION:</b>	<b>RED OR GREEN (CHILE)?</b>
<b>TIE:</b>	<b>BOLO</b>
<b>STATEHOOD:</b>	<b>JANUARY 6, 1912 (47th state in the Nation)</b>
<b>STATE CAPITAL:</b>	<b>SANTA FE</b> (At nearly 7,000 ft. above sea level, it is the highest and oldest U.S. capital)
<b>HIGHEST POINT:</b>	<b>WHEELER PEAK, 13,161 FT.</b>
<b>AIRCRAFT:</b>	<b>HOT AIR BALLOON</b>



# HOW DO I NAVIGATE AROUND ALBUQUERQUE?

Albuquerque is in the north-central part of New Mexico and is bisected by east-west Interstate 40 and north-south Interstate 25.

[balloonfiesta.com/uploads/pdfs/Albuquerque\\_City\\_Map\\_Detail.pdf](http://balloonfiesta.com/uploads/pdfs/Albuquerque_City_Map_Detail.pdf)

## MILEAGE FROM SELECTED CITIES:

Dallas/Fort Worth.....	644	Los Angeles.....	811
Denver .....	437	Phoenix.....	458
Las Vegas.....	586	Salt Lake City...	604



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# HOW DO I NAVIGATE AROUND ALBUQUERQUE?

## TRAIN

NM Rail Runner Express (Rio Metro)  
[riometro.org](http://riometro.org)

The Railrunner is a commuter rail running through the heart of Albuquerque. Spanning 100 miles from Santa Fe to Belen through the beautiful Rio Grande Valley. The train corridor has 13 stations, operating seven days a week. For more information on this excellent transportation option, please follow the link to Rail Runner Express or call (866) 795-RAIL.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

For ABQ Ride bus schedules and routes, call (505) 243-RIDE (7433).

For Sun Tran bus schedules and routes, call (505) 843-9200.  
[cabq.gov/transit/tran.html](http://cabq.gov/transit/tran.html)

## TAXI SERVICES

Albuquerque and Santa Fe are serviced by multiple cab companies:

ABQ Metro Taxi Service (505) 450-8580  
ABQ Taxi Service (505) 307-9209  
Enchanted Cab & Services (505) 525-7500  
NM Black Car Service (505) 316-1100  
Rio Rancho Cab (505) 506-1111  
zTrip (505) 247-8888

## RIDE SHARE SERVICES

Please use your Ride Share Apps for scheduling rides with Ride Share services, Uber, Lyft.

## SHUTTLE SERVICES

Groome Transportation (505) 474-5696 or online at  
[groometransportation.com/santa-fe](http://groometransportation.com/santa-fe)

Provides safe, comfortable travel between Albuquerque and Santa Fe.





## THINGS TO DO

### AFRICAN AMERICAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Programs and services about African Americans. Exhibit hall  
(505) 222-0785 | 310 San Pedro NE, Abq, 87108

### ANDERSON ABRUZZO BALLOON MUSEUM

At Balloon Fiesta Park  
View the development of ballooning through historic, scientific & artistic exhibits.  
(505) 768-6020 | 9201 Balloon Museum Dr NE, Abq 87113

### ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM

A collection of contemporary and historical art  
(505) 243-7255 | 2000 Mountain Road NW, Abq 87104

### EXPLORA MUSEUM

A children's science museum  
(505) 224-8300 | 1701 Mountain Road NW, Abq 87104

### INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER

Dedicated to the preservation of Pueblo Indian culture, history and art  
(505) 843-7270 | 2401 12th Street NW, Abq 87104

### LOS LUNAS MUSEUM OF HERITAGE & ARTS

Preserves the history and showcases the cultural arts of Valencia County  
(505) 352-7720 | 251 Main Street NE; Los Lunas 87031

### MAXWELL MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Offers exhibits and programs relating to cultures around the world  
(505) 277-4405 | University of New Mexico, University Blvd., Abq 87131

### NATIONAL HISPANIC CULTURAL CENTER

Dedicated to the study, advancement, and presentation of Hispanic culture  
(505) 246-2261 | 1701 4th Street SW, Abq 87102

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE & HISTORY

Learn the story of the Atomic Age, from early research to peaceful uses  
(505) 245-2137 | 601 Eubank Blvd SE, Abq 87123

### NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND SCIENCE

Foster an understanding of the diverse natural history of New Mexico  
(505) 841-2800 | 1801 Mountain Road NW, Abq 87104

### TINKERTOWN MUSEUM

Man-made eccentric memorabilia museum  
(505) 281-5233 | 121 Sandia Crest Road, Sandia Park, NM, Abq 87047

### UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO ART MUSEUM

Our efforts allow people throughout the world to enjoy our acquisitions  
(505) 277-4001 | University of New Mexico, Center for the Arts, Abq 87131

### TURQUIOSE MUSEUM

Showcases the world's most colorful gemstone  
(505) 433-3684 | 400 2nd Street SW, Abq 87102

### AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL RATTLESNAKE MUSEUM

(505) 242-6569 | 202 San Felipe St NW, Abq 87104

### POPEJOY HALL -UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

New Mexico's grandest multi-use theater  
(505) 277-8010 | 203 Cornell Drive NE, Abq 87131

### HINKLE FAMILY FUN CENTER

Rides, games, lazer tag, bumper cars, and mini golf  
(505) 299-3100 | 12931 Indian School Road NE, Abq 87112

### PETROGLYPH NATIONAL MONUMENT

Largest petroglyph site in North America  
(505) 899-0205 | Western Trail, Albuquerque, NM, Abq 87120

### RIO GRANDE NATURE CENTER STATE PARK

270 acres flourishing with native grasses, wildflowers, and cottonwoods  
(505) 344-7240 | 2901 Candelaria Road NW, Abq 87107

### THROUGH THE FLOWER ART SPACE MUSEUM

Permanent exhibition dedicated to the history of renowned feminist artist Judy Chicago and her photographer husband, Donald Woodman  
(505) 503-1955 | 107 Becker Avenue, Belen NM 87002

## FAMILY FUN

### ABQ BIOPARK-ZOO

(505) 768-2000 | 903 10th Street SW, Abq 87102

### ABQ BIOPARK-BOTANICAL GARDENS

(505) 768-2000 | 2601 Central Ave NW, Abq 87104

### TINGLEY BEACH-AQUARIUM

(505) 768-2000 | 2601 Central Ave NW, Abq 87104

### TINGLEY BEACH

(505) 768-2000 | 1800 Tingley Beach Dr SW, Abq 87102

### OLD TOWN PLAZA

Shopping and arts in the original City Plaza  
(505) 221-6490 | 205 Romero St NW, Abq 87104

### SANDIA PEAK TRAMWAY

The world's longest aerial tramway  
(505) 856-1532 | 30 Tramway Rd, Abq 87122

### TOP GOLF

Outdoor recreational golfpark  
(505) 437-4399 | 1600 Desert Surf Circle NE, Abq 87107

### MAIN EVENT

Family entertainment, lazer tag, billiards, games, bowling  
(505) 884-4928 | 4040 Pan American Frwy NE, Abq 87107

### MEOW WOLF

Unique & immersive art installations with multimedia elements  
1-866-636-9969 | 1352 Rufina Circle, Santa Fe, NM 87507

### URBAN AIR ADVENTURE PARK

Trampoline and Adventure Park  
(505) 910-4389 | 3930 Pan American Freeway NE, Abq 87107

### DAVE & BUSTERS

Arcade, Sports bar, Restaurant  
(505) 348-5157 | 2100 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Abq 87110

### CORONADO MALL

(505) 855-7780 | 6600 Menaul Blvd NE, Abq 87110

### COTTONWOOD MALL

(505) 897-6571 | 1000 Coor Bypass NW, Abq 87114



# WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THE BALLOONS?

## BREWERIES

When you want to sip on something locally made, you'll find plenty of options in and around Albuquerque. The craft beer scene has exploded here, earning such accolades as a Top 10 beer destination from Travelocity and one of America's best beercafe spots from Beer & Brewing Magazine. A number of local brewers have been awarded medals at prestigious events like the Great American Beer Festival.

There are dozens of breweries scattered around the city. If you want to hit multiple breweries in a single stop, drop by the bustling Brewery District, which can be found on Candelaria between Edith and I-25.

Here are a few of the city's award-winning breweries.

### Alien Brewpub

6601 Uptown Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

### Bosque North

834 US-550  
Bernalillo, NM 87004

### Bow & Arrow

**Brewing Company**  
608 McKnight Avenue NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87104

### Boxing Bear

**Brewing Company**  
10200 Corrales Road  
Corrales, NM 87048

### Canteen Brewhouse

2381 Aztec Road NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87107

### Casa Vieja Brewing

4541 Corrales Road  
Corrales, NM 87048

### Cottonwood Public House

10250 Cottonwood Place NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87114

### Drafty Kilt

4814 Hardware Drive NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109

### Ex Novo

#### **Brewing Company**

4895 Corrales Road  
Corrales, NM 87048

### Heights Public House

5210 Eubank Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87111

### High and Dry

**Brewing Company**  
529 Adams Street NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

### La Cumbre

**Brewing Company**  
3313 Girard NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87107

### La Cumbre Brewing Co.

**Westside**  
5600 Corrs Blvd. NW C1  
Albuquerque, NM 87120

### Lava Rock

**Brewing Company**  
2220 Unser Blvd.  
Albuquerque, NM 87107

### Marble Brewery

**Downtown**  
111 Marble Avenue NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

### Marble Brewery

#### **NE Heights**

9904 Montgomery Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87111

### Marble Brewery

#### **Westside**

5740 Night Whisper Road NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87114

### Nexus Brewery

4730 Pan American Freeway NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109

### Nob Hill Public House

106 Girard Blvd SE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

### Ponderosa

**Brewing Company**  
1761 Bellamah Avenue  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

### Quarter Celtic Brewpub

1100 San Mateo Blvd NE Suite 50  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

### Red Door

**Brewing Company**  
509 Central Ave SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

### Rio Bravo

#### **Brewing Company**

19122 2nd Street NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

### Santa Fe

#### **Brewing Company**

3600 Cutler NE #1  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

### Santa Fe Brewing Co.

#### **Tin Can Alley**

6110 Alameda Blvd NE #1  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

### Starr Brothers Brewing

5700 B-1 San Antonio Drive NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109

### Steel Bender Brewery

8355 2nd Street NW  
Los Ranchos, NM 87114

**ABQ Beer Tours**

**505-259-2738**



## TOURS

Discover many ways to explore Albuquerque.

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### ALBUQUERQUE TOURISM & SIGHTSEEING FACTORY TOUR ABQ

505.200.2642

Trolley tours, ghost walk, party bike and more.

### ROUTES & RENTALS BIKE TOURS

505.933.5667

Themed tours offered in Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

Themes range from history, culinary and Breaking Bad tours.

### NM FILM TOURS

505.205.7292

Albuquerque city tours, Breaking Bad and Albuquerque film location tours.

### NM JEEP TOURS

505.633.0383

Mountain and Mesa guided jeep tours.

### NM FOOD TOURS

505.465.9474

Guided culinary tour of Old Town Albuquerque.


### HISTORY AND GHOST TOURS OF OLD TOWN (#ABQTOURS)

505.246.8687

Guided walking tours in Old Town Albuquerque.

### BIKING BAD TOUR

505.933.5667



Albuquerque  
boasts over 300  
days of sunshine  
each year!



## WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THE BALLOONS?

### CASINOS

The Albuquerque area boasts many casinos and casino-resorts.

#### SANDIA RESORT & CASINO

30 Rainbow Road NE  
Albuquerque 3.8 miles  
Off I-25, exit 235 at Tramway  
(505) 796-7500 / 1-800-526-9366

#### ISLETA RESORT & CASINO

Pueblo of Isleta 20.3 miles  
11000 Broadway Blvd. SE  
(505) 724-3800

#### ROUTE 66 CASINO HOTEL & RV RESORT

14500 Central Ave. NW  
Albuquerque 16.7 miles  
W. on I-40, exit 140  
(505) 352-7866

#### BLACK MESA CASINO

25 Hagen Rd 22 miles  
Algodones, NM 87001  
(505) 867-6700 / 1-877-529-2946

#### SANTA ANA STAR CASINO

54 Jemez Canyon Dam Road  
Santa Ana Pueblo, Bernalillo 13.4 miles  
N. on I-25, exit 242  
One mile W. on Hwy. 550  
(505) 867-0000

#### DANCING EAGLE CASINO

Interstate 40 Exit 108  
167 Casa Blanca, NM 87007 59.9 miles  
1-877-440-9969 (505) 455-7777

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2200 Sunport Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 8710

## AIRLINES THAT FLY INTO ALBUQUERQUE

Advanced Air  
www.advancedairlines.com  
(800) 393-7035

JetBlue  
www.jetblue.com  
(800) JETBLUE (538-2583)

Alaska Airlines  
www.alaskaair.com  
(800) ALASKA AIR (252-7522)

Southwest Airlines  
www.southwest.com  
(800) 435-9792

American Airlines  
www.aa.com  
(800) 433-7300

Spirit Airlines  
www.spirit.com/  
1-855-SAVE-555 (855-728-3555)  
or text us at 48763

Delta Airlines  
www.delta.com  
(800) 221-1212

United Airlines  
www.united.com  
(800) 241-6522

## TRAIN:

Amtrak provides service to Albuquerque. Online information at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) or call 1-800-USA-RAIL (or TDD/TTY 1-800-523-6590). The station is located at 214 First Street SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

## WHERE DO I STAY IN ALBUQUERQUE?

For your convenience in locating hotel accommodations, we recommend visiting <https://www.visitalbuquerque.org/places-to-stay/>

## CAR RENTALS:

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www.budget.com  
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1-800-654-2280

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1-800-GO-ALAMO  
1-844-366-0504

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1-844-366-0506

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1-800-331-2323

Dollar Rent a Car  
1-800-800-4000  
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