

GONDOLA CLUB GROUP INFORMATION

Weather: October average daytime high: 75°F degrees; average nighttime low: 45°F degrees. Dress accordingly, layering is recommended as Albuquerque mornings at the Balloon Fiesta Park are cool! Hats and gloves are recommended.

Gondola Club Hours:

- Morning sessions: 5:30 am – 10 am (Gondola Club parking lot opens at 4:30am)
- Evening Glows: 5 pm – 9 pm (Gondola Club parking lot opens at 3:30pm)
- Bar and buffet close 30 minutes prior to session end.

* Due to NM state alcohol laws, there will be no alcohol service on Sunday mornings before noon.

Seating:

- Seating capacity at the Gondola Club is (600).
- In order to offer a prime viewing area 95% of the seating is outdoors.
- The service tent will have food and drinks but offers limited table space.
- We do not reserve seating for groups.

Parking Passes:

- Groups arriving by bus will be issued (1) G-Parking Pass.
- A parking attendant will collect your parking pass once you have parked in the G lot.
- The G-Parking Pass will allow you to park in the G Lot only so it is important you follow the directions provided in your packet.

Estimated Travel Times:

- **Weekend Mass Ascensions:** Allow 30-40 minutes in transit from your Albuquerque hotel to the site due to heavy traffic, making sure to follow the route we designate on your parking pass. Suggested arrival time for these sessions is 5:00 am.
- **Weekday Mornings:** There is less traffic and more flexibility during weekday sessions. Transit time from hotel to site is 20-30 minutes depending on your hotel location. Suggested arrival time for these sessions is 5:30 am.
- **Balloon Glow & Special Shapes Glowdeo:** Transit time from hotel to site is 30-45 minutes depending on your hotel location. Suggested arrival time for these sessions is 5:00 pm.

Cancelled Sessions: We do not offer refunds for cancelled sessions but we do issue rain checks in the form of General Admission Tickets that are good for use at any session in the current year. It is a good idea to have a flexible itinerary for the morning after your scheduled Balloon Fiesta session, should inclement weather cause an official cancellation you will have the opportunity to use your rain check. Rain checks will be issued at the Gondola Club Welcome Desk once the session is officially cancelled. An “official cancellation” is not based on whether balloons fly. If balloons are able to inflate for a static display but are not cleared to fly that is not considered a cancelled event.