

Southern LOOP ITINERARY

Incorporate a Southern Loop in your Balloon Fiesta tour! This four-day itinerary allows you to experience the diversity of Southern New Mexico with historic sites, unique entertainment, museums, landmarks, and more!

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DAY 1 *ABQ View*

Be part of the biggest, most photographed **hot air ballooning event** in the world! Start your tour here with mass ascension events. Watch from below or take a ride and experience it from above.

Spend the rest of your morning visiting **Old Town**. Have lunch in one of the unique cafés or authentic restaurants lining the plaza and visit one of Old Town's many museums.

Return to **Balloon Fiesta Park** for evening activities, entertainment and the Glow.



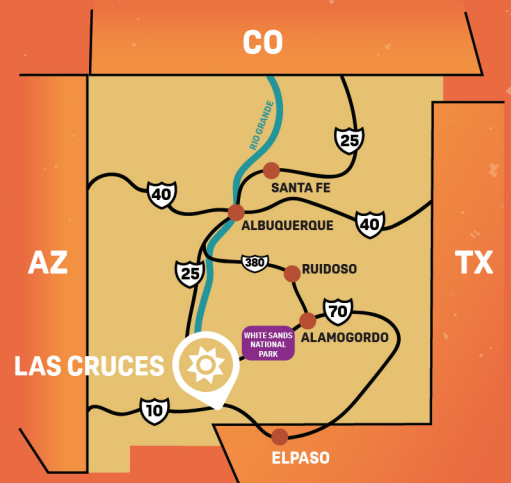
DAY 2 *Down to 'doso*

Enjoy another exciting sunrise ascension before departing for **Ruidoso**.

Stroll through **Midtown** Ruidoso and enjoy a great selection of restaurants, boutiques, wineries, breweries and cafes.

Enjoy dinner and entertainment at **Flying J Chuckwagon**.

Overnight at **The Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino**. Located on the Mescalero Apache reservation in beautiful Mescalero, the resort blends the charm and comforts of an upscale golf and spa resort with the thrill of the top casinos in New Mexico.



DAY 3 *Visit Las Cruces*

Transfer to **Las Cruces**. Along the way, visit:

- **Heart of the Desert Pistachio Farm and Winery** has daily farm, factory and plant tours, with free tastings of course!
- **New Mexico Space History Museum in Alamogordo** offers visitors the opportunity to learn about the history, science, and technology of space.
- **White Sands National Park** encompasses 230 square miles of gypsum white dune. This iconic park offers ranger-guided tours every day.

Arrive in sunny Las Cruces, located in the Mesilla Valley at the base of the majestic Organ Mountains.

Head to **Historic Mesilla**. See the plaza anchored by the historic Basilica of San Albino. Take a walking tour to learn the history of the area and explore the many unique shops and galleries that line the plaza. **Two motorcoach-friendly restaurants**, La Posta and Double Eagle, offer award-winning food and drinks in unique, historical buildings. recommendations:

Stop by **Downtown Las Cruces** and enjoy drinks and live music at one of the breweries, catch a show at the historic **Rio Grande Theatre**, the world's only two-story adobe theatre, or attend one of the City's many annual festivals.



DAY 4 *T or C Take-Off*

Depart for Truth or Consequences for your tour of **Spaceport America**, the first spaceport facility designed and built specifically for space travel and commerce. Access to this unique site is exclusive; be sure to make advance arrangements for your tour.

Return to **Albuquerque**. The rest is up to you: see more spectacular Balloon Fiesta events, shop around eclectic Nob Hill, explore areas in and around the city or add even more days and follow the Turquoise Trail to Santa Fe.



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