

5:45 am

8:00 am

6:30 am

7:00 am

11:00 am

Dawn Patrol

Special Shape Rodeo™

Special Shape Glowdeo™

Dawn Patrol Show, presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel

Balloon Fiesta Pin Trading (Group Tour Tent\*\*)

5:45 am Dawn Patrol Show, presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel

8:00 pm\* AfterGlow<sup>TM</sup> Fireworks Show, presented by Albuquerque Journal

Flying Competition

8:00 pm\* AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show

Morning Glow

Mass Ascension

presented by Airgas USA, LLC

Morning Glow Farewell Mass Ascension

Night Magic™ Glow

**SUNDAY. OCTOBER 13: PROPANE DAY** 

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

America's Challenge Gas Balloon Race Launch

AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show, presented by Albuquerque Journal

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

5:45 am Dawn Patrol Show, presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel

Morning Glow 7:00 am Mass Ascension

Fiesta of Wheels Car Show

Balloon Fiesta Pin Trading (Group Tour Tent\*\*)

Balloon Glow 5:45 pm

AfterGlow™ Fireworks Show, presented by Albuquerque Journal

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**

5:45 am Dawn Patrol Flying Competition 7:00 am

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8: PEPSI DAY**

5:45 am Dawn Patrol 7:00 am Flying Competition

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**

Dawn Patrol Show, presented by Route 66 Casino Hotel 5:45 am

Morning Glow 6:30 am

Flight of the Nations Mass Ascension

\*AfterGlow™ times may change due to field/weather conditions \*\* North end of Launch Field



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#### **VISITOR INFORMATION**

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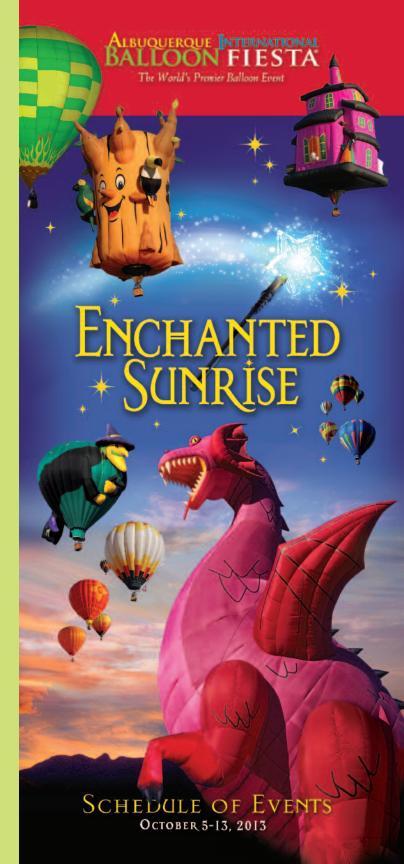
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#### **DAWN PATROL SHOW**

The beautiful Dawn Patrol Show is a choreographed display of color in motion. Dawn Patrol balloons participate in a pre-dawn show that also helps the pilots determine winds aloft conditions. Come a little early and help send the Dawn Patrol pilots off with a cheer.

#### **MASS ASCENSIONS**

The premier morning events. Hundreds of balloons will launch from Balloon Fiesta Park in two waves that can last up to two hours. The dazzling barrage of colors filling the sky is overwhelming. Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday mornings.

#### AMERICA'S CHALLENGE™

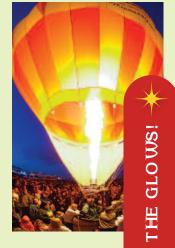
America's Challenge<sup>TM</sup> Gas Balloon Race was first held in Albuquerque in 1995. Gas balloonists from around the world compete in a race with the challenge to "Go the Distance!" The America's Challenge race continues to break distance records.

#### SPECIAL SHAPE RODEO™ [GLOWDEO™]

Halloween comes early in Albuquerque! The Balloon Fiesta showcases such intriguing shapes as a pair of bees, a stagecoach, a daisy, a snowman, a pink dragon, even a cow and Noah's Ark.

### TWILIGHT TWINKLE GLOW™, BALLOON GLOW AND NIGHT MAGIC GLOW™

Some of the most widely anticipated events. Just before dusk, balloons are inflated and tethered. The balloonmeister then orders ignition and the burners fill the balloons and the sky with a kaleidoscope of brilliant colors as guests wander around the field. All this is topped off by our fabulous AfterGlow<sup>TM</sup> fireworks show.



#### AFTERGLOW™ FIREWORKS

After enjoying any of our glows, sit back and experience the greatest fireworks show in New Mexico. 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 enable only outbound traffic at the conclusion of each balloon event. If you want to watch the AfterGlow<sup>TM</sup> fireworks shows from the Park, you should plan to arrive at the Park in time for that evening's balloon event.

# FLIGHT OF THE NATIONS MID-WEEK MASS ASCENSION

This premier event, "Flight of the Nations," showcases participating countries in a midweek flight. Each country will be represented by selected pilots carrying their country's flag in the memorable flight, which precedes the Mid-week Mass Ascension. This is the only mass ascension between the two weekends!





#### THE GONDOLA CLUB

Enjoy Balloon Fiesta from one of the most picturesque locations at Balloon Fiesta Park. The Gondola Club is a reserved area with special parking, private seating, delicious food and luxury bathrooms just for our members. Membership lets you get away from the crowds and enjoy a great buffet. For more information, please call the Balloon Fiesta office at 505-821-1000 or 888-422-7277 or, during the Balloon Fiesta, stop by the Gondola Club located at the SW corner of the launch field.



#### **MAIN STREET**

A delicious one-third mile of food, merchandise, exhibits, and the Balloon Discovery Center — where kids learn the basics of ballooning in a fun environment. No Balloon Fiesta experience is complete without a walk down Main Street.

#### CHASERS' CLUB

As a member of the Chasers' Club, enjoy delicious hot food, pastries and refreshments. Cocktails are also available for purchase daily except Sunday mornings...be sure to have your ID with you! At the north end of the field, the Chasers' Club is an outdoor patio where you can watch hundreds of balloons take flight and not miss a thing. Purchase your tickets at the Balloon Fiesta office, online at balloonfiesta.com, or visit the Chasers' Club at the field.

# **COMPETITIONS**



Competitions are about flying finesse, control and accuracy. This is the chance for pilots to test their skills against the best in the world while winning points and prizes.

#### **JUDGE DECLARED GOALS**

A competition where balloon pilots must fly to designated targets one mile away from the Launch Field. This event tests even the best pilots' skills.

#### **FLY-IN TASK**

It seems so simple – just drop a weighted marker on a specified target within Balloon Fiesta Park. The drop heights range from just inches to 200 feet above the ground. Variations of tasks include Balloon Fiesta Golf, Minimum Double Drop. Heads up!

#### PRIZE GRAB

The most popular and most difficult competition. Balloons launch from one mile away and fly to the Field. The pilots must navigate to five tall poles with rings attached to them. Each ring contains a fabulous prize. Who will be the Lord of Balloon Rings?



The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is the biggest and best gathering of balloons anywhere on this planet — and best of all, you can be part of it! For nine days every October, the crisp, clear desert skies are painted with a kaleidoscope of color as hundreds of balloons lift off from Albuquerque's Balloon Fiesta Park. Balloon Fiesta is an amazingly diverse event that brings together huge numbers of balloons and pilots from all over the world. Mass ascensions fill the sky with balloons as far as you can see. Special shape events where you'll marvel and laugh at the whimsy. Magical night landscapes, where you can wander through the glowing balloons and enjoy a fabulous fireworks show, even an evening concert. Fall in New Mexico means Balloon Fiesta. Early in the morning, after you're warmed up with a breakfast burrito and a steaming cup of hot chocolate, you can walk right onto the grass field and become part of the action. The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta® will leave you awestruck and wanting more.

# OUR GEOGRAPHY MAKES IT BALLOONING CENTRAL

Albuquerque, located in a high-altitude desert, has the Rio Grande running through the middle of town. To the east of the Park are the 10,678 foot—high Sandia Mountains and ancient volcanic cones are to the west. This geography creates a special effect called the "box," where wind currents allow pilots to fly in almost any direction, some-times landing right back where they started. Albuquerque's high-desert location also translates into endless blue skies, great visibility and crisp mornings warming up to pleasant afternoons.