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Oct. 14

ANDERSON ABRUZZO ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL

BALLOON
museum

GUIDE TO BALLOON FIESTA® SEASON

EXHIBITIONS . EVENTS . GET INVOLVED

MUSEUM HOURS

During Balloon Fiesta (Oct 7 - 15)
7 am - 5 pm

Year Round Tues - Sun
9 am - 5 pm

**VISIT THE
MUSEUM SHOPPE**

Discover local artisan treasures and
support the Balloon Museum

EVENTS

FAI BALLOONING COMMISSION HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

Annually, the FAI inducts two individuals with noteworthy accomplishments in Aerostation. This year's inductees are Dewey Reinhard from the U.S.A. and Phillip Dunnington from the U.K. The induction ceremony is held at the Balloon Museum during an invitation-only event on the eve of Balloon Fiesta®.

Friday,
Oct. 6

PNC MOBILE LEARNING ADVENTURE

Oct. 7-8

THE OBSERVATION DECK

VIP Balcony Views and Dining

Enjoy the views of Balloon Fiesta from above the crowds at the Balloon Museum. THE OBSERVATION DECK, a museum fundraiser offers VIP dining overlooking balloons and fireworks with VIP parking & museum amenities. Advance tickets required, available at balloonmuseum.com

Oct. 7-15

DOCENT-LED MUSEUM TOURS

Tours begin at 2:00 pm daily

Experienced docents lead you on an engaging journey through the attractions of the Balloon Museum. Subject to availability. Free with museum admission.

Oct. 7-15

YOGA, BALLOONS, MIMOSAS BALLOON MUSEUM LAWN

7:00 am - bring your mat

Enjoy a sunrise yoga class while balloons launch followed by a mimosa. Food truck on site. Advance tickets required. Available online balloonmuseum.com

Tuesday,
Oct. 10

EARLY CHILDHOOD BALLOONS IN THE SKY

7:00 - 9:00 am - free with museum admission

Bring your youngest balloon enthusiasts for a morning of play, music, and ballooning-themed activities.

Wednesday,
Oct. 11

STEAM EDUCATION NIGHT AT THE BALLOON MUSEUM

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Explore the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math of Ballooning at this event for curious minds of all ages. Learn about the upcoming Annular Eclipse from NASA, NOAA, and NSF experts. Make a solar viewer. Enjoy live music, food trucks, and adult beverages at this family-friendly event. Included with Museum admission. Free for Museum Members. No reservation is required.

Thursday,
Oct. 12

LIFT YOUR SPIRITS CRAFT COCKTAIL FESTIVAL.

4:00 - 9:00 pm

Enjoy live music and a craft cocktail while admiring the sunset and balloon glow. Local artisans, food trucks, and music. Presented by the New Mexico Distillers Guild. Tickets available at cabq.gov/balloon

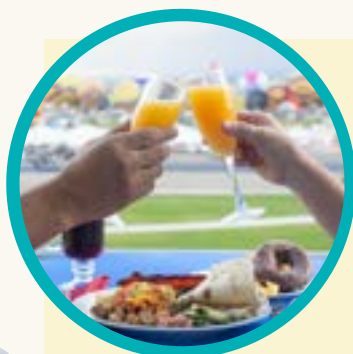
Friday,
Oct. 13

ANNULAR ECLIPSE VIEWING EVENT ON THE BALLOON MUSEUM LAWN

8:30 am - 1:00 pm - enjoy activities and food trucks included with museum admission

Stand in the path of annularity as this unique phenomenon passes over Albuquerque. Experience a half day of presentations by space weather scientists and climatologists by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association with special guests from National Aeronautics and Space Administration and National Science Foundation.

Saturday,
Oct. 14



EXHIBITIONS

**JOIN US FOR
ARTIST TALK
WITH BRYCE
RISLEY**

9am Saturday,
October 7



INTERNATIONAL BALLOONING HALL OF FAME

Each year the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale elects two inductees to the Hall of Fame: one living and one posthumous who have made significant contributions to Aerostation. This year's inductees are Charles "Dewey" Reinhard of Pueblo, Colorado, and Philip "Phil" Graham Dunnington of the United Kingdom.



GORDON BENNETT

World Long Distance Gas Balloon Championship COMMAND CENTER

The ultimate challenge for pilots, Gordon Bennett, is the oldest and most prestigious aviation event. The race begins at Balloon Fiesta Park, with the Balloon Museum hosting the command center, overseeing weather and team communication. View the action from the Perspectives Gallery.



CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY BY BRYCE RISLEY

Focusing Beyond Balloons

Hot air balloonists take center stage as Photographer Bryce Risley captures their stories. Enjoy thirty beautiful photographs from Bryce's collection of images and tales of Albuquerque's ballooning community.



DIRIGIBLE DREAMS

With new Zeppelins and other airships taking to the skies at the turn of the twentieth century, airship mania took hold. This seemingly futuristic means of transport, communication, and connectivity permeated society and culture. From postcards to pop culture, the sleek, silver airships were everywhere!



EXHIBIT LECTURE

9am Saturday,
October 8

BALLOONING ICON ED YOST

Forever Pushing the Envelope

Ballooning owes much to Ed Yost, the "Father of Modern Hot Air Ballooning." His designs and innovations, including the initial modern hot air balloon envelope and system, were pivotal. Explore his creations, including an early single-seat "hopper" gondola and original balloon deflation device.



ALL AGES, HANDS ON FUN

Elevation Station

Through interactive games, hands-on activities, and immersive experiences, learn about the sport of ballooning. Become immersed in the joy of science, culture, and the art of ballooning.



CANOPY OF COLOR EXHIBITION CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ABQ'S BALLOON FIESTA®

Witness the evolution of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta from its beginning in 1972 (13 hot air balloons) to the largest balloon event in the world (600+ balloons)! Explore Fiesta's early history, ballooning culture, and meet the people and balloons that make it all possible.

BALLOON museum

Just off I-25 on the southern edge of Balloon Fiesta Park sits one of Albuquerque's most beloved cultural landmarks. Against the backdrop of the Sandia Mountains, this 60,000-SF inflating balloon structure graces the horizon beneath azure skies. Inside, a modern glass and steel gallery hosts a captivating array of ballooning artifacts, gondolas, blimps, dioramas, and artwork.

With vibrant exhibitions, educational initiatives, and events, the museum vividly portrays the history, science, sport, and art of ballooning and innovative flight. The museum has drawn over one million visitors, captivating balloon enthusiasts globally.



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Become part of the Balloon Museum crew with museum access, awesome discounts and amazing experiences. A museum membership supports the museum and engages the member. Join today at balloonmuseum.com

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MILESTONE CELEBRATION

Forever Tiles

Celebrate a life, a milestone, a company, a family or a balloon crew with a beautiful handcrafted tile. The tiles feature a blue background, an iconic balloon and featured names and are placed on permanent display in front of the Balloon Museum.

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