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Final Payment: Final due **July 21, 2010**

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Hosted by Bill Moor,
Author and Journalist



Bill Moor, joins Edgerton's Travel as a Tour Host after working at the South Bend Tribune for 36 years before retiring in 2008. He was the longtime sports editor and later a human interest columnist with a bent for telling the stories of the common person. He enjoys traveling and wrote stories from many famous sports datelines while covering Notre Dame football for almost a quarter of a century.

*More Tours hosted by
Bill Moor*

- Baseball Spring Training in Arizona
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- Best of Italy
March 22- April 1, 2010
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New Mexico & the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta



Balloons over Rio Grande - Ron Behrmann



Acoma Pueblo - Lynn Baker



San Felipe church - newmexicostock.com

October 5-12, 2010

Exclusive Tours by



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Tuesday, October 5 - Your adventure begins when you board your motorcoach in Indiana for the short trip into Chicago. At Union Station you will board the South West Chief for your overnight trip to New Mexico.

Wednesday, October 6 - Arrive late afternoon in Albuquerque – the Duke City. Transfer to the Marriott Hotel your home for the next five nights. After getting settled enjoy a **welcome dinner** at El Pinto Restaurant, regarded by locals and visitors alike as *the* place for the finest in traditional New Mexican cooking. **D**

Thursday, October 7 - Leave the hotel bright and early for the **Special Shapes Rodeo™** at the **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta®**. Few spectacles on earth rival the Mass Ascension of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, as upwards of 750 balloons lift off from Balloon Fiesta Park to drift in the crisp high-desert air of New Mexico. Ballooning enthusiasts from around the world converge on the Duke City each year to delight in the amazing range of balloons in every color, size, and shape imaginable. The thermal currents above Albuquerque make for some of the finest ballooning conditions in the world. *Today will be very special as you will be a part of the magnificent ascension.*

Continue on a **driving tour of Route 66 landmarks**, from the historic Nob Hill business district to downtown and then on to Old Town.

First stop in Old Town is the **Turquoise Museum**, perhaps the largest private collection in the world. Lunch today will be at a local favorite in Old Town. Next, take a **brief walking tour** of the historic Plaza area of Old Town, the original center of Albuquerque. Return to your hotel to freshen up before **dinner in Old Town**, followed by a **ghost tour** of the dark alleys and lanes that wind through historic Old Town, where the shades of yesteryear lurk in the shadows. **B/L/D**

Friday, October 8 - Early this morning you travel west over the Colorado Plateau to **Acoma Pueblo**. Often called “Sky City,” Acoma Pueblo is situated 350 feet above an outstretched valley atop a massive sandstone mesa at 7,000 feet above sea level. It is the oldest continuously inhabited settlement in the United States whose initial occupation dates from around 1150 AD.

Stop at Sky City Casino for a buffet lunch on the way back to the Duke City. Your next stop is the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**, a Duke City landmark dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of Pueblo Indian culture, history, and art. There are Indian dances held in the afternoon during Balloon Fiesta.

Return to Balloon Fiesta Park for the spectacle of the evening **Glowdeo®**. Enjoy dinner on the field before the event begins. During the glow, balloons inflate at dusk, remain tethered, and light their burners in a synchronized fashion. Guests will enjoy the exclusive **Gondola Club**, where comfortable seating, luxurious bathrooms and buffet style dinner await you. After the glow, the AfterGlow Fireworks Show will dazzle and delight you. **B/L/D**

Saturday, October 9 - This morning is available if necessary, as a back-up for your balloon ride. Later this morning it's on to a leisurely

ride along the scenic and historic turquoise **Trail National Scenic Byway** that links Albuquerque and Santa Fe and encompasses 15,000 square miles in the heart of central New Mexico. You will drive back into history through the mining towns of Golden, Madrid, and Cerrillos, whose mines once yielded gold, silver, lead, zinc, and turquoise.



Arrive in Santa Fe for a **guided walking tour**, visiting such points of interest as the historic Plaza, St. Francis Cathedral, the Loretto Chapel, with its famous “miraculous” staircase, and the San Miguel Mission. Founded in 1610, Santa Fe was the last stop on the Camino Real, the fabled Royal Road that stretched

from Mexico City to the northernmost reaches of the Spanish Empire. Guests will enjoy a **hosted lunch** at a restaurant off the Plaza. You will return to Albuquerque late in the afternoon for dinner at a local favorite The **66 Diner**, dedicated to preserving the spirit of the roadside diner along Route 66 (*Historic Route 66 - MarbleStreetStudio.com*). **B/L/D**

Sunday, October 10 - Early morning departure for Taos on the Camino Alto, or High Road, through the scenic grandeur of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains past villages that date from the Spanish Colonial era. You will visit the historic village of Chimayo and the Santuario de Chimayo, a venerable religious shrine built over earth that is said to have miraculous healing qualities. Chimayo is also known for the colorful and decorative textiles that its weavers have produced for centuries. Enjoy lunch at Rancho de Chimayo, known for its traditional northern New Mexico cuisine.

Arrive in Taos, a picturesque town nestled against the highest mountain peaks in New Mexico at 7,000 feet above sea level.

The unsurpassed light of northern New Mexico has drawn artists to this picturesque city since the end of the nineteenth century, and today it is home to many outstanding museums and galleries. First stop in Taos is the **Rio Grande Gorge** for a photo op, followed by a visit to the multistoried **Taos Pueblo** at the northern edge of town. Designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, this Pueblo dates from the fourteenth century and is one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements in North America.

You will have time for a visit to Taos Plaza before departing for Albuquerque for a **farewell dinner**. **B/L/D**

Monday, October 11 - Alas, you knew it had to end sometime. Late this morning check out of your hotel to return to the train station for your trip to Chicago. You will come home with new friends, a love for New Mexico and a once in a lifetime ascension experience. **B**

Tuesday, October 12 - Arrive late afternoon in Chicago. Your private motorcoach will be waiting to return you to Indiana. Welcome Home.

Per Person Price*

(Based on Double Occupancy)

*Deduct \$50 per person when paying by cash or check. Applies to final payment.

Or

Deduct \$100 for full payment at time of booking.

Double \$2999

Single \$3299, Triple \$2899, Quad \$2849

Special Features:

- Take part in the magnificent ascension of upwards of 750 hot air balloons
- Admission to the exclusive Gondola Club
- Tour and presentation at the Turquoise Museum
- Driving tour of Route 66
- Walking tour of Santa Fe
- Visit the Taos Pueblo a World Heritage Site

Features Included:

- Transportation via motorcoach round-trip from Indiana to Chicago
- Coach Amtrak seating from Chicago to Albuquerque, NM
- Five nights hotel accommodations at the Marriott Albuquerque
- Baggage handling at the hotel
- Fourteen (14) meals:
 - 5 breakfasts
 - 4 lunches
 - 5 dinners
- Sight-seeing as specified in itinerary, including admissions
- All transfers
- Tax and service charges on included features
- Tour Host - Bill Moor, author and journalist (picture on back)
- Full travel, baggage, cancellation and accident insurance
- Professional Edgerton's Tour Manager