

ICEC/HOLM CONFERENCE COMPANION PROGRAM 2018

For information & questions Send an email to: companion2018@ieee.org

****Sign Up for tours by September 21**

MONDAY OCTOBER 15th



10:00am Docent led Walking tour of Old Town, Albuquerque Free

Docents from the Albuquerque Museum will lead us on a 1 - 1 ½ hour walking tour spotlighting the history, architectural and cultural influences surrounding the plaza's past and present.

12:00pm Lunch at the Church St Café (self-pay)

where we will enjoy authentic southwestern fare. Vegetarian and gluten free options are available. <https://www.churchstreetcafe.com/>

Afternoon Open:

Options to consider include continued strolling & shopping in Old Town - there are many street vendors selling handmade items, art galleries and a variety of boutique shops to explore. Or a visit to the nearby Indian Pueblo Museum would be memorable (we recommend taking an Uber, Lyft or taxi for the 5-10 minutes ride.) Avid hikers may want to take this opportunity to explore the outdoors.





**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 16th**

***9:00am – 5:00pm Experience SANTA FE! \$48.00 per person**

Payment required on day of tour October 16

Includes: transportation, tour guide, admission to Loretto Chapel Museum. A visit to New Mexico is not complete without experiencing the capital city of Santa Fe, with its unusual charm and historical significance. Located 1 ½ hours north of Albuquerque this unique community offers wonderful eclectic shops and history is everywhere. The fully narrated tour includes valuable information on the way to Santa Fe. Topics discussed include: shopping and dining information as well as a glimpse into the history and culture that truly make Santa Fe “The City Different”. Upon arrival at Santa Fe Plaza the guide will lead an orientation pointing out restaurants and shops. The walking tour is done at a pace that all can enjoy and includes: the Loretto Chapel Museum with its “miraculous staircase”. **There will then be approximately 3 hours free time to explore and have lunch** (self pay). There will be an optional visit to the Georgia O’Keefe Museum during our free time – tickets \$13.00 (extra).

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17th



***9:00 – 1:00pm Acoma Pueblo “Sky City” Tour \$70.00 per person**
Payment required on day of tour October 17

Includes: transportation, professional tour guide, bottled water, hydrating beverages & snacks, all admission costs and photo permit. Located 1 hour west of Albuquerque, Acoma Indian Pueblo “Sky City”, is built upon a 70-acre mesa almost 40 stories above the canyon floor. We’ll follow an Acoma Indian guide through the earthen streets as we hear their history and see why they maintain their ancestral home (occupied since the early 900’s AD) without electricity or modern plumbing. Acoma is known for its fine clay pottery and there will be opportunities to purchase hand-crafted and home-baked items on the mesa top. At the visitor center we’ll enjoy an introductory film and have time to view the museum and gift shop. Note: The mesa top is uneven rock and sand.

*The Santa Fe and Acoma Sky City Tours are not wheelchair accessible. Please contact us at companion2018@ieee.org to discuss any accessibility needs.

****It is important that you indicate which tours you’ll be attending including Monday lunch by September 21st. If minimum number of 10 is not met the Santa Fe and Acoma tours may be cancelled. We also need to know numbers for the restaurant.**

Sign up by sending an email to companion2018@ieee.org and include number of participants

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| Walking tour Old Town | Yes___ | No___ |
| Church St. Café Lunch | Yes___ | No___ |
| Experience Santa Fe | Yes___ | No___ |
| Acoma Pueblo “Sky City” Tour | Yes___ | No___ |

ADDITIONAL SIGHTSEEING SUGGESTION
SUNDAY OCTOBER 14th



Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

For those arriving in town early, the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta is an experience not to be missed. Sunday, the 14th will be the last day of the festival and will feature the final early morning grand ascension. Tour New Mexico is offering round-trip transportation from area hotels including Hotel Albuquerque. Hotel pick-up is around 5:30am, balloons ascend around 7:30am & the bus returns to the hotel at 9:30am.

\$45.00 includes: transportation and general admission.

Sign up in advance at <http://www.tournewmexico.com/balloon-fiesta.html> , please note there are no refunds.

Alternatively, the balloon ascension may be viewed, at a 10 mile distance, from the next door Hotel Chaco's panoramic rooftop bar which opens at 5:00am.