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UFO Festival

**July 4th Weekend
Roswell, New Mexico**



Each year the City of Roswell is invaded by more than 50,000 visitors – wannabe aliens, UFO enthusiasts and skeptics alike – who come to celebrate one of the most debated incidents in history: the mysterious object that crashed in 1947 30 miles north of the city.

The four-day event features guest speakers, music, authors, lectures, food, live entertainment and family-friendly activities.

For more information visit: www.roswellufofestival.com/

Santa Fe Spanish Market

**July
Santa Fe, New Mexico**



This annual, traditional Spanish Market features more than 250 acclaimed Hispanic artists whose hand-carved figures and painted images of saints on wood panels, tinwork, weavings, straw appliqué, furniture and other items highlight the Spanish heritage of northern New Mexico.

Attractions of the popular Santa Fe event include regional foods and live music.

A similar event held in winter takes place in downtown Santa Fe.

For more information visit: <http://santafe.org/>

Santa Fe Indian Market

**August
Santa Fe, New Mexico**



Each year the Santa Fe Indian Market showcases the work and artistry of 1,200 artists from over 100 tribes.

Attracting more than 100,000 visitors to Santa Fe from all over the world, buyers, collectors and gallery owners come to Indian Market to take advantage of the opportunity to buy directly from the artists.

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For many visitors, this is a rare opportunity to meet the artists and learn about contemporary Indian arts and cultures.

For more information visit: www.swajaia.org/market.php

Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial

August
Gallup, New Mexico



The annual Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial showcases Native American arts, cultures, and traditions.

Attractions include tribal ceremonial dances, a contest pow-wow, indoor and outdoor arts and crafts markets, all Indian rodeos, a world class juried art show, authentic Native American art and jewelry, parades, Native American foods, a ceremonial queen contest, and crafts demonstrations.

For more information visit: <http://gallup-ceremonial.org/>

New Mexico State Fair

September
Albuquerque, New Mexico



Also known as "the Biggest Show in New Mexico", the New Mexico State Fair is an annual state fair held at the 236-acre Expo New Mexico in the heart of Albuquerque.

Attractions include concerts, competitions, rodeos, carnival rides, games, farm animals, horses, agriculture and art.

For more information visit: <http://exponm.com/en/>

Whole Enchilada Fiesta

September
Las Cruces, New Mexico



A celebration centered around the making of the largest enchilada by Chef and founder of the fiesta, Robert V Estrada, this three-day fiesta celebrates southern New Mexico's traditions, people and great food.

Recognized as one of the top 100 events in the USA, the Whole Enchilada Fiesta attracts more than 70,000 visitors and has the third largest attendance of any annual event in New Mexico.

Activities over the three day schedule include crafts booths, carnival, car and motorcycle show, New Mexico's largest parade and cultural and headliner entertainment.

For more information visit: www.enchiladafiesta.com

The Hatch Valley Chile Festival

September
Hatch Valley, New Mexico



A two-day celebration of Hatch Valley's world-famous chile crop, this festival attracts over 30,000 visitors from all over the world, including the Food Network and the BBC.

Chile lovers can enjoy a wide array of activities from tasting chile recipes and watching a chile cook-off, to tractor pulls and the Chile Queen parade.

The fiesta also showcases the work of local artists and a carnival.

For more information visit: www.hatchchilefest.com

International Balloon Fiesta

October
Albuquerque, New Mexico



Albuquerque is the premier ballooning city due to the crystal skies, perfect October climate and a phenomenon called the "Albuquerque Box." With a combination of weather patterns and geographic landscape, the box allows balloonists to control and even retrace their adventure.

Balloon Fiesta Park covers over 200 acres and is filled with balloons and vendors selling everything from traditional New Mexican food to Balloon memorabilia.

Each year balloons come from around the world to participate in the event and news coverage originates from more than 50 countries. It has become the most photographed event in the world.

For more information visit: www.balloonfiesta.com

International Balloon Fiesta takes place in Albuquerque, New Mexico in October each year. (more)

The Festival of the Cranes**November
Socorro, New Mexico**

Celebrating the return of the cranes, this popular festival focuses on the work of the world-famous Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.

Highlights of the festival include tours of the refuge to areas not commonly open to the public, lectures on a wealth of different wildlife topics by keynote speakers, exhibits and demonstrations along the main Promenade.

For more information visit: www.friendsofthebosque.org/crane/

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