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Dear fellow travelers,

I am a travel nut (according to those who know me.). I love to travel, and since I retired from full-time work a few years ago, I take advantage of as many travel opportunities as I can. When I was introduced to Women of the Midwest group - well, I was in heaven.

Perhaps my favorite travel experience in the past few years has been the Women of the Midwest trip to New Mexico to see the 2019 Albuquerque Balloon Festival. The festival had been on my must-see list for a long time, and the 5-day trip was a dream come true in every aspect! Women of the Midwest and especially our Ambassador, Sally Dunham, took care of every detail, making sure that our groups festival experience was unforgettable. We were taken out to the festival venue before dawn, so we didn't miss a breathtaking moment of the balloons preparing, inflating, and taking off into the sunrise, and after a mid-day tour of Old Town Albuquerque, we returned to the festival to see the evening glow at dusk, which must be seen to be appreciated. I still go back and look at my festival pictures from time to time.

The remaining days of the trip took us up to High Road to Taos, to Taos Pueblo, Chimayo Church, Los Alamos National Laboratory's museum, Bandelier National Monument, and Santa Fe. Thanks to Women of the Midwest, we saw all the best of northern New Mexico with great leadership, the most pleasant accommodations, delicious food, and the company of a lot of wonderful women.

If, like me, you love to travel but prefer to leave the planning to those with the know-how, make the best decision you'll make all year and check out Women of the Midwest!

Sincerely,

Mary Fischer
(Albuquerque Balloon Festival 2019 Traveler)

