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Puebloan Mystery: New Mexico's National Parks

September 22-29, 2022

TOUR RATING: **EASY/MODERATE**

Blending the best in cultural and natural wonders into one trip, dive deep into the Puebloan history that stretches back over 1,000 years, including visits to some of the best-preserved ancient architecture in the world. We start our tour in the southwest corner of Colorado at Mesa Verde National Park, a World Heritage Site and home of over 500 cliff dwellings, including Cliff Palace, a magnificent structure of over 110 rooms. We will then spend time in Chaco Culture National Historical Park, another World Heritage Site, to immerse ourselves in the history and mystery of why these huge greathouse structures were located in this remote canyon. A full day in Canyon de Chelly will take you 15 miles into the park on a 4-wheel drive tour with a Navajo guide sharing insight into life in the canyon from the past to the present. Our exploration continues with time at Hubbell Trading Post, which has been active since 1878, a brief visit to the center of the Navajo Nation at Window Rock, and El Morro National Monument with its famous inscriptions and beautiful trails.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visiting the Cliff Palace at Mesa Verde National Park
- Learning about the Puebloan culture
- Star gazing around Chaco Culture National Historical Park
- 4-wheel drive tour of Canyon de Chelly

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DAY
1

Arrivals in Durango

After arriving mid-afternoon gather for an orientation and dinner to discuss the upcoming week. Meals included: Dinner

DAY
2

Mesa Verde National Park

A short drive from Durango, Mesa Verde National Park combines natural beauty with cultural wonder. The park provides an in depth look into the lives of the Ancient Puebloan people who resided on this land from AD 600 and then, in the 1200s, built dwellings into the cliff sides which are still preserved today. We will visit a variety of mesa top and alcove sites during our time in the national park. We then drive 1.5 hours south to the town of Farmington for a relaxing evening. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
3

Chaco Culture National Historical Park

After a morning drive we will arrive in Chaco Culture National Historical Park for a morning hike before enjoying our picnic lunch in the heart of the park. Your guide will introduce you to the numerous ruins which served as the center for ceremony, trade, and administration. Also, we will discuss the concept of archaeoastronomy: how the juncture of architecture, archaeology, and astronomy, guided the life of those living here over 1,000 years ago. After a full day of exploration, we will return to Farmington for dinner and a chance to talk about the day's adventures. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
4

Canyon de Chelly National Monument

This national monument celebrates and protects one of the longest continuously inhabited landscapes of North America in partnership with the Navajo Tribe preserving architecture, artifacts, and rock art. Your guide will share insight on how the past and present blend together in this park both above and below the rim which is still inhabited by Navajo people today. Before arriving to your lodging, we will take a three-mile round-trip hike into the canyon to White House Ruin providing our first glimpse into life in this canyon. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
5

Four-Wheel Drive Excursion in Canyon de Chelly

There is no better way to experience the park then by taking a four-wheel drive tour with a Navajo guide who will share insight into life from the past to today along a 30-mile round-trip drive. We will drive into the Canyon del Muerto, discussing the lives of both the current and ancestral inhabitants of the canyon complex. We will stop for lunch at Antelope House Ruin where colored drawings are side by side with ancient petroglyphs. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner





Hubbell Trading Post & El Morro National Monument

This morning we travel back in time to the late 1800s by visiting the Hubbell Trading Post, where trade has been occurring since 1878. Our next stop is a tour of the Navajo Nation Museum housing over 40,000 artifacts and a treasured replica of the 1868 treaty that established today's Navajo Nation. Rounding out our day is a visit to El Morro National Monument featuring over 2,000 petroglyphs and inscriptions from ancient Puebloans to Spanish and anglo settlers. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Albuquerque

We get into Albuquerque in time to relax and explore the streets of Old Town including the Pueblo Indian Cultural Center before toasting to a great week of exploration at our farewell dinner. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Departures Home or Extend Your Stay in Santa Fe, NM

Schedule your flights home at your leisure this morning or continue exploring by visiting the state capital and art Mecca Santa Fe just an hour away. You may also consider staying for the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta which runs Oct 1-9 and draws people from around the world for hot air ballooning. Meals included: Breakfast

Pricing

TRIP COST	PAYMENT TERMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3,995 each based on double occupancy • Single Supplement: \$595 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$750 deposit due to hold space • Balance due 90 days prior to departure (can be auto-collected if you pay by credit card)

TRIP PRICE INCLUDES	TRIP PRICE EXCLUDES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging as outlined in lodging section below based on double occupancy • Meals as noted in itinerary above • Beer and wine (as selected by guides) with dinner • Park admission and museum admissions for all included activities • Services of professional trip manager(s) • Ground transportation for all included events during the trip & portorage service • Black Sheep Adventures reusable water bottle, wool (baaaaah) socks & luggage tags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre & post tour travel

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Lodging

The Rochester Hotel - 1 night

Enjoy this recently renovated historic hotel in downtown Durango, where you'll find restaurants, shopping, and much more. Guest rooms are designed with bespoke features, tasteful decor, and equipped with luxury amenities that will elevate your stay from just a night away to an ultimate retreat.

Comfort Suites Farmington - 2 nights

Ideally situated near the the four corners region, relax and get ready for the day ahead in one of the spacious guest rooms.

Thunderbird Lodge - 2 nights

Operated by the Navajo Nation, this is the only lodge within Canyon de Chelly National Monument. The comfortable rooms feature design elements from the Navajo people and the surrounding Arizona desert.

Holiday Inn Express Grants - 1 night

Providing easy access to Acoma Pueblo this hotel is a great base for our New Mexico exploration. With an on-site whirlpool and heated pool take the opportunity to relax a bit after a full day of exploration.

Hotel Albuquerque - 1 night

A landmark Albuquerque luxury hotel conveniently located in the heart of Old Town and the Sawmill District, offering amenities including an outdoor resort swimming pool and traditional New Mexican tile throughout the property.

Faculty Host: Lucy Fowler Williams

Lucy Fowler Williams is Associate Curator and Senior Keeper of American Collections of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (Penn Museum). A cultural anthropologist, she received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and her M.A. from the University of New Mexico. Before coming to Penn she worked at the Indian Arts Research Center of the School of American Research in Santa Fe, and completed internships at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. Her dissertation, *Contemporary Tewa Identities in Cloth: Embodiment, Persistence and Renewal in the Upper Rio Grande Valley, New Mexico* involved collaborative research methodologies, which she continues to engage with. She has received grants and fellowships from the National Endowment of the Arts, the School of American Research, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the Penn Museum. Among her projects, she wrote the *Guide to the Ethnographic Collections of the Penn Museum* (2003), co-edited *Native American Voices on Identity, Art and Culture: Objects of Everlasting Esteem* (2005), developed the online *Louis Shotridge Digital Archive* (2011), and curated the ongoing Penn Museum exhibition, *Native American Voices: The People - Here and Now*, which opened in 2014. Her research interests include issues surrounding indigenous identity, histories of collecting and representation, material culture, and textiles of the Americas.



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- 61-90 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 25% of trip cost
- 31-60 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 50% of trip cost
- 0-30 days prior to trip start: No refund

TRAVEL INSURANCE

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WAIVER

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