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New Mexico's National Parks

May & October

TOUR RATING: EASY/MODERATE



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

Blending the best in cultural and natural wonders into one trip, dive deep into the Puebloan history that stretches back 1,000 over years, including visits to some of the best-preserved cliff dwellings in the world. Our first stop will be at one of the largest cliff dwellings in the region at Mesa Verde. We will then spend time in Chaco Culture National Historical Park to immerse ourselves in the history of the area, and also enjoy one of the best places in the U.S. to stargaze with over 99% of the park being designated as a “natural darkness” zone. 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 from past to present. Wrap up your exploration with time at Hubbell Trading post, which has been active since 1878, and Acoma Pueblo also known as the “Sky City”.

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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 to AD 1300 in dwellings built into the cliff sides which are still preserved today. Our park ranger led tour of the Cliff Palace will provide a glimpse into the largest dwelling which once was home to over 100 people at one time. 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 the numerous ruins which served as the center for ceremony, trade, and administration. Also, discussing how the concept of archaeoastronomy or 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 do some star gazing. 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 cover the full length the Canyon del Muerto including Mummy Cave, featuring a restored Anasazi complex and Antelope House Ruin where colored drawings are side by side with ancient Anasazi drawings. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



DAY
6

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. As you wander the site the wooden floors will creak under your feet and you can browse wares made by local Navajos including beautiful woven rugs. Our next stop is a tour of the Navajo Nation Museum housing over 40,000 artifacts. Rounding out our day is a visit to El Morro National Monument featuring over 2,000 petroglyphs and inscriptions from ancient Puebloans to Spanish settlers. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
7

Acoma Pueblo & Albuquerque

Sitting atop a 367-foot sandstone mesa, the Acoma Pueblo is also called the "Sky City". We will be joined by a member of the community who will lead us on a tour while sharing the settlement's history. 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

DAY
8

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. Meals included: Breakfast

Pricing

TRIP COST	PAYMENT TERMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3,995 each based on double occupancy • Single Supplement: \$895 	<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 • Snacks and beverages • Park admission and museum admissions for all included activities • Services of professional trip leader(s) • Ground transportation for all included events during the trip & portorage service • Black Sheep Adventures reusable water bottle, wool (baaaah) socks & luggage tags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre & post tour travel • Alcoholic beverages • Gratuities for your BSA guides

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Lodging

DoubleTree Durango - 1 nights

Enjoy a warm cookie and a warmer welcome when you arrive to the hotel which is located on the beautiful Animas River, within walking distance of downtown Durango and the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad.

Home2Suites Farmington - 2 nights

Stretch out after a full day of adventure in your studio suite at this conveniently located hotel between Mesa Verde and Chaco Canyon. Take a dip in the onsite pool or get your workout in at the Spin2Cycle fitness room.

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 Chaco - 1 night

In the heart of Albuquerque in the Historic Old Town each of the rooms features contemporary artwork from Native American New Mexican artists. Enjoy fantastic views of the city and the surrounding Sandia mountain range from the rooftop lounge.

Terms

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cancel for any reason the following refund schedule applies:

- 91+ days prior to trip start: A \$100 fee per person will be deducted from any refund.
- 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

We recommend travel insurance. For more information and to purchase, go to <http://my.travelinsure.com/bsaselect>

WAIVER

All participants must complete our waiver online at <https://www.smartwaiver.com/v/bsahike2022/>

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