

WISDOM AND PROPHESES

Enter the Circle of the Ancients



When: Oct 26 – Nov 7
Where: Arizona
Who: Anazazi, Hopi, Acoma Pueblo, Zuni Pueblo,

Highlights:

Chaco Canyon ▲ Wupatki ▲ Aztec Ruins ▲ Acoma ▲ Zuni Pueblo
Hopi Mesas ▲ Walpi ▲ Shungopovi ▲ Oraibi ▲ Kikotsmovi ▲ Hotevilla ▲ Polacca

Overview:

Wisdom and Prophecy is a chance to follow the messages left by the Old Ones, to explore the unexplored, and to satisfy natural fascination with prophesy in its many cultural formats. Our trail leads us deep into Native America to appreciate the diverse cultures and landscapes of now including the Pueblo peoples and their ancestors – the Anasazi, and the Hopi. Journey to Chaco Canyon, Wupatki, Aztec Ruins, Acoma, Zuni and the Hopi Mesas to experience the secluded raw beauty of ancestral cultures; progenitors of tribal perspectives on human existence and survival! Discover theory, explanation and philosophy as you follow ancient paths traversed across the millennia through an awe-inspiring mosaic of slick rock and sandstone sculptures, arches and mesas on this remarkable southwestern sojourn ...where the past, present and future become forever.

Daily itinerary

Day 1 (Fri Oct 26)

Arrive Durango, CO, (DRO) shuttle to your hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening before joining the tour tomorrow

Stay: Durango

Day 2 (Sat Oct 27)

Mesa Verde is a spectacular walk back to ancient times. Amongst more than 4000 archeological sites we deconstruct silent messages from the sandstone, mortar and wooden beams of cliff dwelling built beneath rocky overhanging alcoves, enjoying the same 360 degree panoramic views the Ancestral Puebloans enjoyed and appreciating the cultural art designs that bedecked their lives, some of which survive to this day.

Stay: Durango



Day 3 (Sun Oct 28)

Within the Great Kiva of Aztec Ruins, we stand beneath the original timbers that held the roof over the heads of Ancient Puebloans, listening for the echo of tribal drums which connects past to present. In stepping back to the era of the Sinagua we realize that every ancient pueblo is a footstep towards understanding tribal wisdom and prophesy.

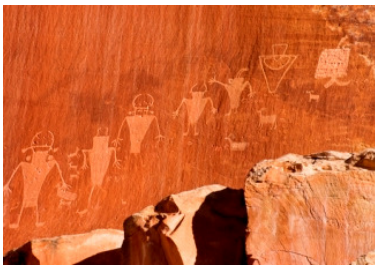
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Day 4 (Mon Oct 29)

We attempt to comprehend the drama of Chaco Canyon, a definitive site of Anasazi civilization, dating back to the basketmaker culture. Its deserted location is one of the least accessible 'National Parks' in the US and is an extraordinary place to find peace, and to reflect on Chaco's existence as a stepping stone to The Emergence of the Hopi culture.

Stay: Sky City



Day 5 (Tues Oct 30)

Sky City', Acoma, home of the Keresan Pueblos, is the oldest continually inhabited settlement in the United States. As we wander through the exquisite Pueblo with an Acoma guide to accompany us, we reflect on the awe-inspiring beauty of this unique culture.

At Zuni Pueblo we experience the transition, yet continuation, of Indian art from ancient petroglyphs and pottery patterns to contemporary Native artisans and galleries, and become a fleeting part of that circle that is living history.

Stay: Gallup



Day 6 (Wed Oct 31)

At The Place of the Little Hills (or in the Hopi language, "Homolovi") the Hisat'sinom paused their migrations to the Mesas, the Center of the World, to develop agriculture on the rich, sandy plains and accordingly the Hopi people of today still consider Homolovi, to be part of their homeland; still visiting sites, renewing the ties of the people with their land, and recognizing broken pottery and stones as silent reminders that the Hopi must continue to follow the true Hopi way and the instructions of Masau'u.

Stay: Hopi



Day 7 (Thurs Nov 1)

Second Mesa is the base for this extraordinary and unique opportunity to spend time on the mesas. It is said that information and stories entrusted to each Hopi are more than enough to consider and meditate upon during a lifetime. Despite a plethora of books that routinely corrupt cultural ways beyond Hopi recognition, true preservation of the lifeway is attributed by traditional people to their ideology of passing ceremonial information to other clan members within the Kiva. The culture endures because no individual has access or responsibility for

the entire sacred narrative and lifeway. Today in conversation with Hopi elders regarding philosophy and prophesy, we begin to appreciate this concept.

Stay: Hopi

Day 8 (Fri Nov 2)

In the villages, accompanied by Hopi interpreters, we learn of Hopi culture and history through traditional and evolutionary arts - silver, Katsina doll carving, basketry, music and song, and through Hopi cultural perspectives on agriculture, foods, traditional and contemporary tribal leadership and philosophy.

Stay: Hopi

Day 9 (Sat Nov 3)

We visit what is probably the finest single rock art site in the southwest with over 12,000 petroglyphs at Taawa Canyon. You will stand before ancient petroglyphs that



interact with the sunlight to mark the equinox and solstice – thus acting as solar calendars. We remember that the Ancient Ones were one people, who became many, and returned to being one, and that the story of the Ancient Ones is a story of emergence into this, the Fourth World, through the Sipapuni of mankind. Hopi Prophecy offers clear signs in direction of The People and this day we reflect on our experiences of this journey as we leave the mesas, weaving through the footsteps of the Ancients at Wupatki. Did the Ancient Ones walk this way? Are you crossing the trails of the Anasazi and Fremont? Did the unique cultures & ancient wisdom of the Hopis invigorate your spirit?
 Stay: Hopi

Day 10 (Sun Nov 4) Depart Flagstaff **OR** Continue Your Journey



Diné (Navajo) philosophy is epitomized by the phrase “Walk in Beauty” from the sacred prayer, the Blessing Way. Aspiring to that spirit, we enter deep into Navajoland’s Canyon De Chelly and Monument Valley, learning of the intricacies and beauty of traditional Navajo philosophy. Enveloped by Diné Bikeyah, the Beauty-way Chant doesn’t just come to mind, it comes to life, as we reach our destination. We are on the edge of Canyon de Chelly, a natural wonder that not only holds the sacred, but also history and pain.

Day 11 (Mon Nov 5)



After an extensive tour of the canyon rim you will have the option of hiking into the canyon to witness the 11th Century proto-Hopi complex known as White House Ruin, following in the footsteps of the Old Ones as we experience the ruin and petroglyphs adorning the canyon walls, every ancient pueblo in Canyon de Chelly being a step towards understanding the Hopi and Pueblo civilizations throughout this spectacular world of natural red rock sculptures. This is Tsegi, where the past, present and future become forever.

Stay: Chinle, AZ

Day 12 (Tues Nov 6) Weaving a path of beauty throughout the Navajo Nation, we travel into Tse Bii Ndzisgaili, Monument Valley, the “eighth wonder of the world,” and learn of the immense power and significance of Tse Bii Ndzisgaili in Diné culture, and soon realize that Monument Valley is much more than a landscape associated with hundreds of Hollywood Westerns.

Stay: Durango, CO

Day 13 (Wed 7 Nov) Depart Durango, CO

What People Said about their Go Native America journey



Oh what a wonderful 'love affair' I've just had on this Go Native America trip; people, nature, culture, color, music... and unlike past love affairs this is just the beginning and on-going nurture of a new-found love.

Maura Devlin, N Ireland



Thank you so much Sarah, it was the best journey in my whole life, and I doubt there will ever be anything like it again! Thank you for the experience and new things I learned about the Native Americans"

Best regards
Mats Borg, Sweden



Just a quick email to say I had such a brilliant time on the Go Native tour!! Everything you boasted the tour had, it definitely lived up to! All the guides were lovely and sophisticated, genuine and generous with their indigenous knowledge and the beautiful way they shared that with us made the tour memorable.

Katrina Banks, Australia

Frequently Asked Questions about the *Wisdom and Prophecy* journey

Activity level: Gentle hiking, but generally an easy level trip for most activity abilities.
Age restriction: Adults only – the information load is on the high side for kids under 15.
What to bring: Clothing you can layer is recommended, strong comfortable footwear, and a wind-proof jacket will keep you ready for anything. Camera equipment optional.

What kind of weather should I expect in Arizona? Hot? Because it's desert there, right?

It's hot as you like (or don't like) in summer, but our trips are planned for optimum comfort and April and November should be cool to balmy.

Can I take photos?

In some places absolutely no problem, but on the Hopi Mesas there are very strict guidelines you will have to follow regarding taking pictures. Remember, the operative word is 'taking'. But don't worry because with Go Native America you are guided culturally as well as geographically, so our guides will keep you on the straight and narrow.

I heard the Hopi community is closed to outsiders and they are unfriendly to visitors.

Not true! Hopi people are some of the warmest, most welcoming people anywhere, it's just that they are aware how other cultures have been abused and bastardized by outsiders and are determined to keep their own culture intact. This can only be done if there is a community consensus on what must be kept private within the tribe and the clans.

Journey Information

Arrival and Departure: DURANGO, CO (DRO)
Price: \$3975
Estimated Flight Costs (from UK) £575

Who will enjoy this journey? Adults interested in indigenous cultures, history, travel, and new experiences in respectful environments.

Minimum numbers: This tour requires a 7 person minimum.

What is included? Airport-hotel shuttle transfers, all tour transportation, escorted tour guide services, all accommodations including your arrival night at the destination city, and relevant info packages.

What is not included? Flights to/from tour, food - tour members save money by purchasing meals of their own choice. Sundries (drinks, phone calls, laundry etc). National Park entrance fees, and museum entrances. In a few places tribal ordinances require only guides from that pueblo or clan to take visitors to see their lands. In those cases we will deliver you to a great guide who you will pay direct for their services – GNA does not take any guiding percentages. Ever.

Optional Extras:

- Rest days before or after the tour
- An Add-On to Navajolands is available which will take you to the jewels of Canyon De Chelly and Monument Valley. If you have not been before, please don't miss this opportunity.

All tours on tribal lands and wilderness areas require flexibility. Time is not exact and things happen when they happen. There may be itinerary changes - often additions! Due to the developing tourism industry in the area changes can and do occur in this type of program. Weather conditions, sometimes severe enough to limit where we can drive or walk, can also alter the program. As visitors, please respect this, and remain flexible and open to local conditions, safety concerns and unforeseen opportunities. Our guides will do their best to keep things on track and in the event that our schedule changes, they will try to keep disruption to a minimum, and organise other options as far as it is reasonable and practical to do so.

General Information:

Transport...

We travel in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles, ranging from 4-wheel drive vehicles (Range Rover/Jeep Sport Utility or similar) to 15 seat passenger vans. All modes of transport are spacious enough for our tour members to travel in comfort. However, luggage space is of a premium, therefore we urge you to read our 'Packing Checklist' - it is amazing how little you need to take.

Health and Vaccinations...

It is important that you have both a dental and medical check-up and we recommend that you ensure your Tetanus inoculations are up to date.

Baggage Allowance...

With limited room available in the vehicles it is important that everyone travel as light as possible. Please bring a soft hold-all / sports bag, and not a hard suitcase. Hotels will have laundry facilities and these are generally big, fast and easy to use.

Accommodation/Lodging...

Wherever possible, we support tribally owned and/or operated properties. We stay in a wide range of good quality accommodations on our journeys. All rooms are en-suite as standard; many have swimming pools and often laundry facilities. We choose from established hotel chains, log cabins in National Parks or unique period properties.

Temperature/Weather...

Usually our trips are planned for optimum weather conditions, however this is the plains and deserts of Arizona! Please take nothing for granted - things can change very quickly. You will need good sunscreen and sunglasses, a sunhat and a fleece jacket. Be prepared, and expect the unexpected. You'll need broken in hiking/walking boots or shoes, and the best way to dress is to layer, layer, layer! A good daypack is useful. Overall the tour is very casual - no need to dress for dinner, et al.

Insurance...

Travel insurance is a vital aspect to booking a holiday, giving you protection against unforeseen circumstances that could otherwise spoil your holiday. It is important that you purchase travel insurance that properly covers your participation in whatever activities you may undertake at the time that you make your booking. We strongly advise you obtain travel insurance at your time of booking so that you are protected against cancellation and you must provide us with details of your insurance with your final payment. For your own safety and protection, we will not allow tour members to alight our vehicles unless we have copies of your travel insurance policy, or you have US health insurance in place.

How to Book...

Before you book, we recommend that you carefully read the enclosed information and itinerary. To book your place on this tour, please telephone or email with any questions you may have about the tour, then book the tour online on our secure site. A deposit of \$750 is due in order to hold your space on the tour or if you book less than twelve weeks prior to departure, full payment is due at the time of booking.

Confirmation...

Upon receipt of your booking form and deposit, we will send you acknowledgement of your booking. Relevant information that applies to the tour, including any suggested reading and general information about the region, climate and Native people will follow.

Method of Payment...

Payments can be made in USD (\$) by international check, money order, bank draft, wire or credit card, and you are responsible for fees charged by your bank/card. There may be an additional 2.5% charge if paying by credit card. USD check payments should be made payable to Go Native America.



JOURNEY BOOKING FORM 2012

Mr./ Ms Mrs/ Dr	First Name	Surname	Date of birth	Occupation	Nationality	Passport No	Expiry Date

BOOKING MADE BY:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE/ZIP: _____

PHONE CONTACT(S) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

1st Choice trip _____

2nd Choice trip _____

Declaration: On behalf of all persons on this booking form, I have read, understood and accepted the booking conditions dated 1st Sept 2011, booking information dated 1st Sept 2011, and itinerary provided by Go Native America.

I am duly authorized to make this agreement.

To the best of my knowledge, no person will be traveling against medical advice. I am over 18 years.

Signed:

Name (print):

Date:

If submitting this form by email attachment please also put the wording of the above declaration in the body of the email to us.

PAYMENT

A deposit of \$750 payable for every tour member. Full payment is required if within 90 days of the trip. We accept major credit cards, US checks, international/money orders or PayPal to sarah@gonativeamerica.com

- I enclose a USD check for _____
This is my journey deposit/part payment/full payment. (Checks are payable to Go Native America.)
- I wish to pay by credit card
- I prefer to give card details by phone. The best number and time to reach me is:
- I would like to pay my deposit by pay pal

Please note that for MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or Amex payments of *final balances* there is a 3% surcharge on top of the quoted price of your journey as to cover the CC facility. We do not charge on payments of deposits only. The charge will apply if you are making your full payment by credit card at the time of booking.

I certify that this is my card and authorize you to charge \$ _____

This is my holiday deposit / part payment / full payment (please circle)

Card Type (i.e. Visa, MasterCard, Delta etc): _____

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Cardholders Name as shown on the card _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOWN / CITY: _____ **COUNTY / STATE** _____

COUNTRY _____ **POSTCODE / ZIP:** _____

PHONE # _____

Cardholder's signature: _____

- Please automatically also take my balance from this card when due 90 days prior to departure.
- Please call me before charging my card for the balance of this journey
- I intend to make a bank transfer/electronic payment and will contact Go Native America for bank details.

Please assist us with some additional information

- ▲ Where did you hear of Go Native America? (Please circle)
Magazine : TV : Newspaper : Google Search : Yahoo Search : Referred by friend
- ▲ Have you found any other tour that looks comparable to those Go Native America offer? Yes No
If so, why did you choose Go Native America?

- ▲ Are any of the following important to you? (Please circle for yes, leave blank for no)
experiencing new cultures : visiting new places : fair trade tourism : shopping
history : eco-tourism : photography : philosophy : wildlife conservation : powwows
sustainable tourism : solitude and peace : arts or music : meeting interesting people
lively discourse family/kids activities : transformational experiences indigenous languages
physical/outdoor activities : experiencing tribal celebrations