



# *The Ancients: a Four Corners Tour September 17 – 23, 2017*



*The Ancient Puebloans (Anasazi) were a prehistoric Native American civilization centered on the present day Four Corners area of the Southwest United States. They are the ancestors of the modern Pueblo peoples, including the Hopi and Zuni. On this tour, you will visit several sites of the Ancients as well as a present-day pueblo.*

## **Sunday September 17 (Lunch)**

**4:00 AM-----Meet n Lot 6B; Shuttle to Chicago International Midway Airport**

**8:50 AM -----Flight to Albuquerque (Southwest #4322)**

**10:50 AM-----Land in Albuquerque International Sunport Airport**

**11:30 AM-----Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**

About Indian Pueblo Cultural Center <http://www.indianpueblo.org/>

The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is the keeper of Pueblo people heritage. The museum collection represents the dynamic and ever-evolving history of Pueblo people to preserve this heritage and share it with future generations. There are 19 Pueblo tribes in New Mexico, and each Pueblo is a sovereign nation. Today Pueblo people are located primarily in New Mexico, however, at one time their homeland reached into what is now Colorado and Arizona, where they established incredible dwellings and trading centers like those located at Chaco Canyon in northwestern New Mexico and Mesa Verde in southwestern Colorado. Pueblo people have preserved their identity in the face of multiple colonizing nations, and today, as always, they value their identity and traditional ways of life. At the same time, they live in modern houses, working and living both on and off reservations. Their beliefs and actions are still guided by Pueblo Core Values, which include Love, Respect, Compassion, Faith, Understanding, Spirituality, Balance, Peace and Empathy.

**11:45 AM-----Lunch at Cultural Center**

A contemporary twist on authentic Indian and Southwest standards. The group will be treated to Indian tacos, roast turkey, Santa Ana enchiladas, or kale salad.

**12:30 PM-----Docent-led tour of Culture Center**

**2:30 PM-----Check into Hotel ABQ**

About Hotel Albuquerque

Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town delights travelers with a distinctive blend of historic grandeur and contemporary comfort. This landmark hotel is conveniently located in the heart of Old Town.

**3:30 PM-----Petroglyph National Monument**

About Petroglyph National Monument

, Albuquerque, one of the largest petroglyph sites in North America, featuring designs and symbols carved onto volcanic rocks by Native Americans and Spanish settlers 400 to 700 years ago

**6:00 PM-----Return to hotel; dinner on own in Old Town Albuquerque**  
About Old Town

Lodging in Albuquerque at Hotel Albuquerque

### **Monday September 18 (Breakfast, Dinner)**

- ❖ The *Acoma Pueblo*, where descendants of the ancient Puebloans continue to live to this day.
    - Tram Ride to Sandia Peak
    - Dinner at Sandiango's at Sandia Peak
- Lodging in Albuquerque at the Hotel Albuquerque

### **Tuesday & Wednesday September 19-20 - Mesa Verde National Park (Breakfast, Dinner)**

- ❖ *Mesa Verde*, where the ancients made their home in elaborate stone communities in the sheltered alcoves of the canyon walls as far back as 1,400 years ago and flourished for more than 700 years.
  - *Dinner at Far View terrace 9/19*
  - *Breakfast 9/20*
  - *Dinner at Tetate Room 9/20*
  - *Breakfast 9/21*
- ❖ Lodging at the *Far View Lodge* within Mesa Verde National Park

### **Thursday September 21 - Chaco Canyon National Historic Park (Breakfast, Dinner)**

- ❖ *Chaco Canyon*, the ceremonial, administrative, and economic center of a thriving culture a thousand years ago.
  - *Dinner at Cowgirls, Santa Fe*
- ❖ Lodging at *La Fonda on the Plaza* in Santa Fe

### **Friday September 22 – Day in Santa Fe**

- ❖ *Mark will line up an interesting day in this beautiful city*
- ❖ Lodging at *La Fonda on the Plaza* in Santa Fe

## **Saturday September 23**

**9:00 AM -----Check out of La Fonda**

**10:00 AM-----Tour Bandelier**

About Bandelier

Bandelier National Monument protects over 33,000 acres of rugged but beautiful canyon and mesa country as well as evidence of a human presence here going back over 11,000 years. Petroglyphs, dwellings carved into the soft rock cliffs, and standing masonry walls pay tribute to the early days of a culture that still survives in the surrounding communities.

**3:00 PM-----Return to Albuquerque International Sunport Airport**

**4:35 PM-----Flight to Chicago International Midway Airport (Southwest # 2826)**

**8:15 PM-----Return to Chicago International Midway Airport**