



## **ANCIENT EXPLORATIONS**

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### **Ancestral Pueblo Ruins Travel Course: The American Southwest – Canyon de Chelly, Mesa Verde, Hovenweep, and Chaco Canyon July 12-19, 2018**

Led by Dr. Edwin Barnhart

#### ITINERARY

##### July 12, Thursday – Arrival

Afternoon: Fly into Albuquerque (or drive)

5:30pm: Orientation meeting

6-7pm: Lecture: Ancestral Pueblo History

Overnight in Albuquerque – Best Western Rio Grande in Old Town

##### July 13, Friday – Modern Pueblo People

7-8am: Breakfast at hotel and check out

8-12pm: Transport to and tour of Acoma Pueblo (Sky City)

12-2pm: Lunch on the road

3-5pm: Zuni Pueblo

5-6pm: Transport to Gallup

Overnight in Gallup – El Rancho Hotel on Route 66

##### July 14, Saturday – Canyon de Chelly

7-8am: Breakfast and check out

8-1pm: 1.5 hours to Canyon de Chelly and tour

1-5pm: Late lunch on the road, 2 hours to Cortez, CO

6-7pm: Lecture: Ancestral Pueblo Archaeoastronomy

Overnight in Cortez – Best Western Turquoise Inn

### July 15, Sunday – Hovenweep

- 7-8am: Breakfast
  - 8-12pm: Transport to and tour of Hovenweep
  - 12-2pm: Lunch in Dolores
  - 2-4pm: Anasazi Cultural Heritage Center
  - 4-5pm: Return to Cortez
- Overnight in Cortez

### July 16, Monday – Mesa Verde

- 7-8am: Breakfast at hotel
  - 8-1pm: Transport to and tour of Mesa Verde National Park
  - 1-2pm: Lunch in Cortez
  - 4-5pm: Lecture: The Chaco Phenomenon
- Overnight in Cortez – Best Western Turquoise Inn

### July 17, Tuesday – Aztec and Salmon

- 7-8am: Breakfast and hotel check out
  - 8-11am: Drive to Aztec and tour
  - 11-1pm: Lunch break in Farmington, check in to hotel
  - 2-4pm: Salmon ruins, archaeoastronomy links
- Overnight in Farmington, NM – The Region Inn

### July 18, Wednesday – Chaco Canyon

- 6am: Dawn departure to Chaco Canyon
  - 7am: Switch buses at National Park Entrance
  - 8-2pm: Exploring Chaco Canyon and lunch at visitor's center
  - 2-4pm: Transport back to Albuquerque
  - 6-7pm: Course closing ceremonies and party
- Overnight in Albuquerque – Rio Grande Best Western in Old Town

### July 19, Thursday – Museum and Departures

- 7-9am: Breakfast hours
- 9-11pm: Visit to Natural History Museum  
(Sun Dagger Interactive Model)
- 12pm: Check out and shuttle to airport (or driving)

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