

Chaco Landscapes



ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrive in Farmington, New Mexico, no later than 4 p.m. Meet the group for program orientation with our scholars, then enjoy dinner at the St. Clair Winery and Bistro. Overnight, Courtyard Marriott, Farmington. 

DAY 2

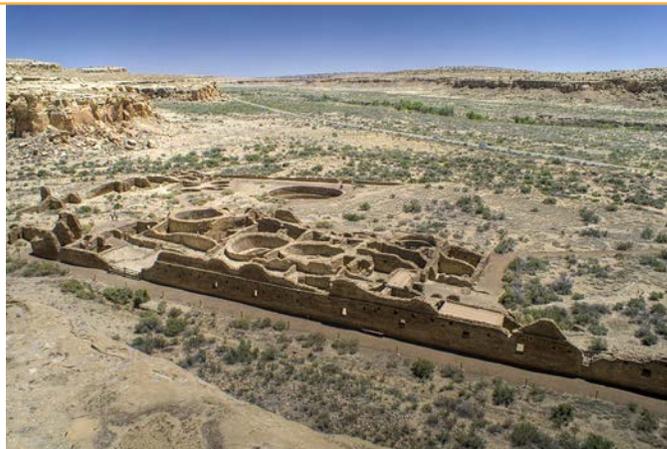
This morning we drive south from Farmington to Chaco Culture National Historical Park, in the high desert of what is now northern New Mexico. From about A.D. 900 to 1150, Chaco Canyon was the center of a vast regional system that integrated much of the Pueblo world. We begin by visiting the great houses and kivas of "downtown" Chaco. After a picnic lunch in the park, we hike to Chetro Ketl, where we discuss the architecture that is unique to Chaco's great houses. Return to Farmington in the late afternoon. Enjoy cocktails at our hotel and dinner on your own in Farmington. Overnight, Courtyard Marriott, Farmington. 

DAY 3

Today our journey takes us to two sites in the San Juan Basin area of northern New Mexico. This morning we visit Salmon Ruins in Bloomfield, a pueblo built primarily between 1088 and 1092 and inhabited for only about 20 years. We discuss the reasons Salmon may have been settled by Chaco people. In the afternoon, we visit nearby Aztec Ruins National Monument, which was built after Salmon. We discuss why that may have occurred, who may have built the pueblo, and how both Salmon and Aztec relate to Chaco. Later in the afternoon, we drive north to Cortez, Colorado. Dinner on your own. Overnight, Holiday Inn Express, Cortez. 

DAY 4

In and around Cortez, we continue our search for Chaco influence on the Great Sage Plain. This morning, we visit the Haynie site, the location of the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center's



Chaco Culture National Historical Park



Chaco Black-on-white canteen. BLM-Anasazi Heritage Center collections



Aztec Ruins National Monument

current excavation project, with the Center's director of archaeology, Susan Ryan, Ph.D. At this site—situated on private land, within view of Mesa Verde—we have the opportunity to view an archaeological excavation in progress. Crow Canyon archaeologists, together with students and lifelong learners, are working here to learn more about northern Chaco outliers and their similarities and differences in architecture, social order, and culture. This afternoon, we continue our discussion about what makes a Chaco outlier with a visit to another nearby great house—either Mitchell Springs and Wallace, or Lowry and Escalante. We end the day with a reception at Crow Canyon. **L**

DAY 5

Depart from Cortez anytime. Morning shuttle to Durango airport, for those who are flying; schedule departure from Durango for anytime after 10 a.m. **B**



The Haynie site, a Chaco outlier near Cortez



The Haynie site, with Mesa Verde in the distance



Lowry Pueblo

B = breakfast, **L** = lunch, **D** = dinner
Itinerary subject to change

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