

Hopi Rock Art



May 7–13, 2017

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SUNDAY, MAY 7

Arrive in Flagstaff, Arizona, no later than 4 p.m. Meet the group for dinner and program orientation with our Hopi scholar, Lyle Balenquah, M.A. Overnight, Flagstaff. **D**

MONDAY, MAY 8

After a presentation from Lyle, we meet rock art expert Kelley Hays-Gilpin, Ph.D., professor at Northern Arizona University, for a tour of the award-winning Museum of Northern Arizona. We continue on to Winslow, Arizona, and Homolovi State Park, location of ancestral Hopi settlements. Here we see petroglyph panels that show figures that likely represent early imagery of katsinas (Pueblo spirit beings). We hear about the history and migration stories that are embedded in the village and landscape of Homolovi. Overnight at the historic, beautifully restored La Posada, a former Fred Harvey hotel in Winslow. **B L**

TUESDAY, MAY 9

We spend the day exploring Rock Art Ranch, a 5,000-acre working cattle ranch in Chevelon Canyon, between Winslow and Holbrook. The ranch is famous for its vast array of rock art and the quality of the images here. After visiting with owner Brantley Baird, a local legend, and seeing the eclectic collections in his private museum, we hike to the extensive petroglyph panels. In late afternoon we return to La Posada for more of their famous southwest cuisine. Overnight, La Posada, Winslow. **B L**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Our journey now turns north to the Hopi mesas, where we spend the next two days. On First Mesa, we visit the village of Walpi. Occupied continuously for more than a thousand years, Walpi is considered to be the oldest still inhabited village in the United States. Our one-hour tour takes us through time, touching on the oldest stories along with contemporary tales, and on the lifeways



Museum of Northern Arizona. Courtesy Museum of Northern Arizona



Rock Art Ranch. Kate Thompson



La Posada Hotel. Courtesy La Posada

of the Hopi people and the cultures they have encountered over the centuries. In the afternoon, we visit Tsakurshovi Trading Post and meet a Hopi artist whose artistry and skills bridge generations. Overnight, Hopi Cultural Center. **L D**

THURSDAY, MAY 11

This morning we go off the beaten path to Dawa Park (Taawaki), a horseshoe-shaped canyon in Dinnebito Wash (1/4 mile walk, flat terrain). The canyon walls rise to 200 feet, and there are hundreds of petroglyphs, some dating from the Basketmaker II to Pueblo III periods (500 B.C.–A.D. 1300). The stories in stone continue to be written here. Later, we leave the Hopi mesas and head to Grand Canyon National Park and the historic Desert View Watchtower, architect Mary Colter's re-creation of an ancestral Pueblo tower that sits on the South Rim of the canyon. Murals painted in the 1930s by Hopi artist Fred Kabotie decorate the interior of the tower and depict ceremonial themes. The view from the top of the 70-foot tower intensifies the already breathtaking panorama. Overnight, historic Cameron Trading Post. **L D**

FRIDAY, MAY 12

At Hulls Canyon, just outside Wupatki National Monument, we hike 3 miles round-trip across rolling hills and through juniper forests to a recently rediscovered rock art panel. We have special permission to visit this site, and we will be among the few visitors in centuries to view the panel. As time allows, we also drive through and visit sites in Wupatki National Monument, in the shadow of the San Francisco Peaks, where towering masonry rooms were home to ancestral Pueblo farmers before the eruption of nearby Sunset Crater blanketed the area with volcanic cinders. Near Flagstaff, we stop to visit Picture Canyon, a recently acquired open space preserve; this riparian area is home to rock art sites as well as hiking trails and abundant wildlife. Return to Flagstaff for a farewell dinner in the bustling downtown area. Overnight, Flagstaff. **B L D**

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Depart from Flagstaff anytime. **B**



Desert View, Grand Canyon National Park



San Francisco Peaks and Flagstaff, Arizona



Wupatki National Monument

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

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