

Ancient Civilizations of Power & Influence: Chaco



October 12–17, 2020



Chaco Hike



Chaco Culture National Historic Park

Have you ever wanted to immerse yourself in the solitude, mystery, and power of Chaco Canyon? This is your chance to spend three nights camping in one of the largest and most intriguing ancient community centers in the American West. Learn about the archaeology of Chaco with three of the finest big-picture scholars, who place Chaco Canyon into a continental context and weave compelling stories of trade, identity, and power. Did trade goods such as turquoise move south as currency in exchange for strategies in political power that was in full effect in Mesoamerica? Is it a coincidence that Chaco's rise parallels Cahokia's? If, as Dr. Lekson invites us to imagine, "Everybody knew everything," certainly these ancient civilizations of power and influence would have shared and interpreted grand concepts in their own unique ways.

Highlights

- Spend three nights camping in Chaco Canyon, one of the largest ancient community centers in the American West.
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- Hike to Peñasco Blanco and view numerous petroglyphs along the way, including the supernova panel, which is often linked to the A.D. 1054 supernova event.

Scholars

Stephen Lekson, retired associate professor and curator of anthropology at the University Museum, University of Colorado, is a leading authority on Chaco.

Timothy Pauketat, professor of anthropology at the University of Illinois, studies the historical relationships between identity, religion, politics, and everyday life in ancient North America.

Gerardo Gutiérrez, assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Colorado, specializes in Mesoamerican archaeology.

Cost

Member*: Single \$4,200 / Double \$4,000

Non-Member: Single \$4,325 / Double \$4,125

**Minimum \$100 level member*

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