



Start: May 27 afternoon

End: May 30

Location: Zuni Pueblo, NM, & environs

Spaces left:

Maximum: 15 people

Cost per person:

Members: \$295

Previous Zuni trip members: \$140

Non-members: \$395 (includes one year membership)

Register online: <https://www.verdevalleyarchaeology.org/hikes>

Experience Zuni: The A:shiwi May 27, 28, 29, 30

This is a carpool trip, limited to 15 individuals.

Join us as we spend 4 days and 3 (or 4) nights of quality time learning the history, culture, food and arts of the Zuni People.

We will have the privilege of experienced Zuni archaeologists, guides and teachers as we venture to archaeological sites, enjoy hearing their migration story, dine on traditional foods, and visit local artists known for their intricate jewelry and sculptural stone fetish carvings.

The Zuni, a Puebloan People, are considered the most traditional of the 19 New Mexican pueblos, with a unique language, culture and history. Zuni is a sovereign, self-governed nation, continuing their sacred ceremonial activities throughout the year, as they have for millennia.

For over 1,200 or more years, the Zuni have been living in their current New Mexico location. They call this homeland Halona Idiwan'a, or Middle Place. It is the largest of the 19 pueblos, covering over 700 square miles, and with a population of over 10,000 people, most of whom live in the main village of Zuni and the surrounding community of Blackrock.

Day 1 Intro, Afternoon After settling in from your drive, the tour will begin this afternoon. Zuni Archaeologist Kenny Bowekaty will provide us with an oral history overview of the Zuni people, their pueblo, and their migration.

Dinner together at the Village Bistro (or Major Market). Menus will be sent with the itinerary after registering.

Day 2 A Field Day This morning after breakfast, we'll board a Zuni shuttle, as Kenny will take us to visit the Village of the Great Kivas, a Chacoan-outlier prehistoric site, inhabited until the 1400's. There are two "great kivas", many rooms, and extensive rock art (petroglyphs and pictographs) nearby. We will investigate a likely solar calendar petroglyph. Kenny will share from his many years of field research and in-depth investigations of Zuni history. There is a moderately strenuous hike up to the site. Bring water and snacks/lunch.

After a break for lunch, Kenny will shuttle us to Badger Springs, a sister site to the Village of the Great Kivas, occupied at the same time. We will see many unique petroglyphs, of an incised style different than the typical pecked ones, and evidence of residences at this site. Kenny will tie in the cultural and historical interpretation of the place.

Dinner on our own.

Day 3 El Morro Day Bring a snack lunch. This morning after breakfast, we'll shuttle 32 miles eastward to explore a stunning sandstone bluff, El Morro (The Headland), which has been a National Monument since 1906. With a reliable spring hidden at the base of the cliffs, travelers from ancient through historic times stopped by to refresh themselves, carving hundreds of petroglyphs, names, dates, and messages as they passed through, along this prehistoric trading route. We will easily walk this 1/2 mile loop paved Inscription Trail to view the spring and various inscriptions.

We will eat a brief picnic lunch at the site before heading uphill.

Not all who left their marks were just passing through, however. At the top of the bluff is the partly-excavated Atsinna Pueblo, an impressive 857 room structure built by the A:shiwi (Zuni), and one of a community of villages nearby Atsinna was occupied from @1275 until 1350, when it was abandoned and the people left to go to the pueblos around the Zuni area. We can hike this moderate 1 ½ mile loop Headland Trail, up to the pueblo. There is a 250 foot elevation gain on uneven surfaces, so sturdy shoes are needed. The view is worth the slightly strenuous climb.

We will return to Zuni and have a unique opportunity to visit the beautiful contemporary frescoes in the Old Zuni Mission, Our Lady of Guadalupe, built in 1630, which are now no longer open to the public.

Dinner on our own.

Day 4 Feast for the Eyes and Palate Day The fourth and final day. After breakfast, we visit artists at the Zuni Arts Cooperative, a culturally-protected organization, where we will learn about Zuni arts first-hand. Zuni is an art-rich culture, and could be considered an "artist colony", as nearly

80% of the people are working artists. This could include seeing potters, stone fetish carvers, silversmiths and stone inlay jewelers, painters, etc. This is an opportunity to purchase fine works directly from the artists, without the risk of counterfeit pieces, before heading home (the holidays will be here sooner than you think!).

After this, around lunchtime, we'll join Chef Ava Hannaweeke of Sunny Day's Catering in her home, for a meal of traditional pueblo foods. This will be a feast prepared just for us, which may include chili stew, beans, squash, sourdough bread, salad, and more! Any of your food restrictions will be considered in her menu planning.

Then, we will visit a traditional sourdough bread baker for an understanding and a demonstration of the preparation of this Zuni specialty, in culturally-important outdoor ovens.

There will be free time to explore more shops, walk around the village, or rest until gathering for a light dinner and discussion before settling in to rest during our last night at Zuni.

This ends our Zuni visit.

Etiquette at Zuni

A detailed schedule will be provided after registering for this event. Alcohol is not permitted at Zuni. Photography of non-religious subjects is allowed with a permit from the Visitor Center. All cultural activities and ceremonies are sacred, and no recording of any kind is allowed.

The New Normal

We will be in accordance with the Zuni's safe public health practices for the duration of the pandemic. We will wear our masks and observe social distancing guidelines.

Lodging

We encourage you to stay in a local motel during the three nights of the visit, and make reservations as soon as possible. Here are three recommendations:

The Inn at Halona, Restaurant & Marketplace 800-752-3278 or 505-782-4547
the only lodging within the Zuni Pueblo. www.halona.com

Cimarron Rose B&B 505-783-4770

45 miles east, off Hwy 53 in Grants www.cimmaronrose.com

El Morrow RV Park and Cabins 505-783-4612

33 miles east of Zuni (1 mile from El Morro National Monument), cabin, restaurant, and RV hook-ups, 4018 Hwy 53/ Ice Caves Road in Ramah www.elmorro-nm.com