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#DiscoverNativeAmerica at IPW

As cultural tourism continues to increase in popularity, the international travel landscape is also seeing the rise of a phenomena called the “Experience Economy.” International visitors to the United States have nearly countless “experiential” opportunities, but few offer as rich an experience as visiting an American Indian community. Of the 573 federally recognized Native American tribes, more than 300 offer some form of tourism program, showcasing distinctive cultures, languages, histories and traditions.

While at IPW, be sure to visit the following Native American-owned businesses and tribal enterprises.

American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association

Enjoy an in-depth look at some of America’s most storied lands from a fresh perspective. AIANTA is charged with promoting tourism to all Indian Country destinations throughout the U.S. (Booth #3229) Contact: Sherry Rupert, Executive Director; Monica Poling, Marketing & PR Manager. aianta.org

AIANTA Booth Partners

Acoma Pueblo “Sky City”

This Native American pueblo reservation, considered to be the oldest continuously inhabited community in North America, sits atop a sandstone mesa 370 feet above ground level. Here, the Acoma people continue to live in the pueblo village and observe the traditional way of livelihood, including the preservation of native culture, tradition and the Keres language. Contact: Melvin Juanico, Operations Manager. acomaskycity.com

Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, located on a 24,000-acre reservation on the eastern edge of Scottsdale, is home to some of Arizona’s finest visitor destinations, including premium accommodations and championship golf courses. (Booth #1054 and #3229) Contact: Roann Carmelo, Zach Doka or Renee Garcia, Special Events/Tourism Department. fmyn.org

Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce

The primary tourism marketing entity for the Pine Ridge Reservation, the chamber sits at the gateway of South Dakota’s famed Badlands National Park, and provides information on the rich Native American history and heritage of the area, including the Wounded Knee Massacre site, the Wounded Knee Museum, Oglala Lakota College Historical Center, the Red Cloud Heritage Center and the Crazy Horse Memorial. Contact: Ivan Sorbel, Executive Director. pineridgechamber.com

The Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers

Based near the Great Pipestone Quarries of Minnesota, a place where tribal people have come to obtain the famous red stone for their prayer pipes for more than 1,000 years, the Pipemakers offer an annual culture camp and guided tours to the nearby Pipestone National Monument. Contact: Bud Johnston, President. pipekeepers.org

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) partners with tribes to help them achieve their goals for self-determination while also maintaining its responsibilities under the Federal-Tribal trust and government-to-government relationships. (Booth #3236) Contact: Ed Hall, Transportation Specialist / Tourism Coordinator. bia.gov

Native-Owned Destinations & Experiences

Alaska Native Heritage Center

More than a museum, the Alaska Native Heritage Center chronicles the many cultures of Alaska, which have thrived for millennia. (Visit Anchorage Alaska Booth, #2119, #2219) Contact: Ruby Steele, Cultural Tourism Director. alaskanative.net

Antelope Canyon Tours

Discover the magical world of the Upper Antelope Canyon in the company of experienced Navajo guides who share the history, culture and heritage of the area. (Moab-Lake Powell Lodging and Antelope Canyon Tours Booth #1050) Contact: Carolene Ekis, Owner; Arden Redshirt, Manager. antelopecanyon.com

Chickasaw Country

Regional tourism organization Chickasaw Country promotes the destinations, attractions and festivals of the Chickasaw Nation located in south-central Oklahoma. (Booth #642) Contact: Angel Green, Marketing Manager. chickasawcountry.com

For additional travel planning assistance, contact Monica Poling, AIANTA Marketing & PR Manager at mpoling@aianta.org.



Grand Canyon West

Experience the Hualapai Legacy while also enjoying breathtaking views from the Skywalk, a glass cantilever bridge located 4,000 feet above the Grand Canyon floor. Packages are available at the Hualapai Ranch and the Lodge on Historic Route 66. (Booth #345) Contact: Wilfred Whatoname, Hualapai Tourism. grandcanyonwest.com

Hard Rock Hotels

In a first-of-its kind deal, the Seminole Tribe of Florida purchased the Hard Rock cafe, hotel and casino business in 2006. Today, the Tribe operates two flagship Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casinos in Florida, as well as other hotel/casinos around the country. (Booth #3830) Contact: Rachel Mecca, Director of Travel Industry Sales. hardrockhotels.com

Hotel Corque

Exemplifying the relaxed nature of California's wine country regions, Hotel Corque, owned by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, is the premier boutique hotel in Central California's famed Santa Ynez Valley. (Visit the Santa Ynez Valley Booth #519) Contact: Stormie Strickland, Director of Sales. hotelcorque.com

Hualapai River Runners

Experience one-day white water rafting trips down the Grand Canyon, while learning about the history and culture of the Hualapai people. Stay a day or spend the night at the Hualapai Lodge and Restaurant on historic Route 66. (Booth #347) Contact: Earlene Havatone, Manager. grandcanyonwest.com

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

Albuquerque's Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, the preeminent place to discover the history and culture of the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico, houses thousands of rare artifacts and works of art, as well as Native fusion cuisine at the Pueblo Harvest Cafe. (New Mexico Tourism Booth #842) Contact: Joel Wigelsworth. indianpueblo.org

JW Marriott Minneapolis Mall of America

Owned by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and managed by Marriott International, the JW Marriott Minneapolis Mall of America offers direct access to famed mega entertainment center Mall of America, with a new skywalk planned after Mall of America completes a multimillion dollar expansion. (Mall of America Booth #4144) Contact: Amy Shahin, Director of Hotel Sales. marriott.com/hotels/travel/mspjw-jw-marriott-minneapolis-mall-of-america

Navajo Nation Hospitality Enterprise

Tour, stay, eat, shop and explore the largest Indian reservation in the United States. Navajo Nation Hospitality Enterprise operates 6WD off-road tours of Canyon de Chelly, hotels, restaurants and museums located in the heart of Navajoland in Northern Arizona. (Booth #952) Contact: Mattie Bell, Assistant Director of Sales. explorenavajo.com

Oneida Nation

Just down the road from the historic Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin, Oneida Nation welcomes visitors with a variety of tours, events, story telling and colorful smoke dance performances. (Greater Green Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau Booth #4238) Contact: Rich Figueroa, Special Events Coordinator. exploreoneida.com

Salt River Indian Community

Adventure awaits in the Salt River Indian Community, just 15 minutes from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. The Community features a 19,000-acre nature preserve fronting the majestic Red Mountain and is home to more than 15 places to play in the Talking Stick Entertainment District. (Visit Mesa Booth #933) Contact: Maureen Aldrich, Tourism Specialist. discoversaltriver.com

Tulalip Tribes of Washington

Located at the base of the Cascade Mountains, just a short drive from Seattle, Tulalip is a cultural mecca of Native American art and culture, and also home to an award-winning Four Diamond Resort with eight restaurants, spa and live entertainment. (Booth #2215) Contact: Tracy Banfield, Director of Hotel Sales; Ashlee Gobin, Leisure Tour and Travel Services Manager. tulalipresortcasino.com

State Tourism Offices & Associations

Arizona Office of Tourism

With 22 distinct tribes—each with their own unique history and customs—Arizona offers a wealth of ancient American Indian ruins, Native American museums and historical sites. (Arizona Office of Tourism Booth #938) Contact: Dawn Melvin, Tribal Tourism Relationship Manager. visitarizona.com/see-and-do/heritage-and-culture/american-indian

Montana Indian Country

Representing the 12 tribal nations located in Big Sky Country, Montana Indian Country promotes the Scenic, Sacred and Storied destination that await exploration in Montana. (Montana Office of Tourism Booth #151) Contact: Philip Belangie, Program Manager, Indian Country Programs. visitmt.com/places-to-go/indian-country.html

New Mexico Tourism Department

New Mexico is home to 23 pueblos, tribes and nations, many of which are located in dramatic and scenic locales throughout the state. (Booth #842) Contact: Aimee Awonohopay, Public and Industry Relations Director. newmexico.org/things-to-do/arts-culture/native-american-museums/

Native American Tourism of Wisconsin

The 11 reservations of Wisconsin—each a sovereign nation—occupy more than one half million acres of prime forest and marsh lands, lakes and rivers, just waiting to be explored. (Wisconsin Department of Tourism Booth #4239) Contact: Brenda John, Oneida Nation. natow.org

Nevada's Indian Territory

Explore the majestic landscapes and culture of Nevada's Indian Territory, home to four major American Indian tribes and 32 reservations and colonies. (Travel Nevada Booth #300 #403) nevadaindianterritory.com

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