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# Native American Tours

Experiencing U.S. Indian Country in the company of a Native guide or tour operator provides an in-depth look at some of America's most storied lands from a fresh perspective. Not only do these tours skip the mass market experience, they provide authentic stories from the ancestors of the people who called these lands home.

## Alaska

### Alaska Native Voices Educational Institute

Cultural Heritage Guides work side by side with park rangers to provide insight to Glacier Bay National Park. Programs include lectures, storytelling, singing and traditional art displays. Find the guides on visiting cruise ships and at Glacier Bay Lodge.  
[alaskanativevoices.com](http://alaskanativevoices.com)

### Icy Strait Point

Alaska Native owned-and-operated Icy Strait Point offers more than 30 tours, all operating centrally from a restored 1912 salmon cannery. [icystraitpoint.com](http://icystraitpoint.com)

### Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center

The last remaining village of the Chilkat Tlingit people offers guided and self-guided tours of the Traditional Knowledge Camp and the exhibit hall inside the Heritage Center. In the knowledge camp, visitors can view a traditional long house, a 36-foot red cedar dugout canoe and a traditional smoke house. The exhibit hall features weavings, carvings, a timeline history of the Chilkat Village and three functioning clan houses.  
[jilkaatkwaanheritagecenter.org](http://jilkaatkwaanheritagecenter.org)

### Kake Tribal Tourism

The beautiful, beachfront Kake, located in the Tongass National Forest, offers deep insight into Alaska's traditional ways of life and is home to the world's tallest one-tree totem pole. [kaketribalcorporation.com](http://kaketribalcorporation.com)

### Kodiak Brown Bear Center

On Kodiak Island, the Karluk Lake Basin is the ancestral home of the native Alutiiq people and the place where Kodiak Bears have lived for millennia. The Kodiak Brown Bear Center hosts world-renowned guided bear viewing experiences every summer.  
[kodiakbearcenter.com](http://kodiakbearcenter.com)

### Opiq Adventures, LLC

With tours deeply rooted in nature but also interacting with Native culture, Opiq Adventures showcases Seward Peninsula.  
[qadventures.com](http://qadventures.com)

### Organized Village of Kasaan

Located on Prince of Wales Island, 30 miles northwest of Ketchikan, Kasaan features guided tours, narrated by a member of the Haida Nation. Visit the carving shed, where original pieces of Haida art are being created by local carvers. [kasaan.org](http://kasaan.org)

### Sitka Tribal Tours

Local guides trained by Tlingit Elders provide authenticity and historical accuracy in tours of scenic Sitka, located on the western shore of Baronoff Island in the midst of the Tongass National Rainforest. Learn the story of the Tlingit people who have inhabited the community from time immemorial. Tours can include Naa Kahidi Dancers, Fortress of the Bears, Alaska Raptors Center and the Sitka National Historical Park, co-managed by the Sitka Tribe of Alaska. [sitkatours.com](http://sitkatours.com)

### St. Paul Island Tour Alaska

St. Paul Island, a vibrant Aleut community located in the Bering Sea, is known as "The Galapagos of the North" due to its vibrant birding including Tufted and Horned Puffins. It also is home to Arctic Foxes, Northern Fur Seals and one of the best wildflower displays in Alaska. [stpaulislandtour.com](http://stpaulislandtour.com)

## Arizona

### Adventurous Antelope Canyon Photo Tours

Navajo-owned and operated Adventurous Antelope Canyon Photo Tours provides photographic expeditions into the slot canyons located within the Antelope wash basin on the outskirts of Page, Arizona.  
[navajoantilocanyon.com](http://navajoantilocanyon.com)

### Antelope Canyon Navajo Tours

Owned by the Begay Family, the original land user to this area, Antelope Canyon Navajo Tours offers tours through the eyes of a Navajo tour leader. [navajotours.com](http://navajotours.com)

### 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.  
[antilocanyon.com](http://antilocanyon.com)

### Experience Hopi Tours

Visit Hopi mesas and experience one of North America's oldest and still-thriving Native American cultures. Experienced Hopi guides share the history and culture of the sights found across Arizona's mesas.  
[www.experiencehopi.com](http://www.experiencehopi.com)

## Shiprock, Navajo Nation

Famed Shiprock, New Mexico has an important place in Navajo mythology. While the rock is the focal point of many legends, one explains how the land morphed into a giant Bird that carried the ancient Navajo people to safety.

These ancestors of today's Navajo people were fleeing from a warring tribe, and the Bird emerging from the earth was the answer to the Navajo shamans' prayers for rescue.

While resting after the long journey, the Bird was trapped by Cliff Monster and a bloody battle followed. After, the Bird was turned to stone as a reminder of its great sacrifice.

Businesses listed in this document are members of AIANTA. For more Indian Country travel inspiration, visit [NativeAmerica.travel](http://NativeAmerica.travel).



## Grand Canyon Resort Corporation

Owned and operated by the Hualapai Tribe, these tours offers an alternative view of Grand Canyon National Park, including spectacular views from the famed "Skywalk" glass bridge.

[grandcanyonwest.com](http://grandcanyonwest.com)

## Arizona / Utah

### Simpson's Trailhandlers Tours

Tours of Monument Valley are conducted by Navajo Nation Tribal members who were born and raised in the area. These experienced guides share the culture and traditions of their people, the Diné (Navajo).

[emonumentvalley.com](http://emonumentvalley.com)

## California

### Legendary Skies Enterprises

Experience the majestic Owens Valley and Eastern Sierra from the people who have called the area home since time immemorial. The Nuumu/Paiute people call this land Payahuunadu (the place where the water flows), and LSE offers half-day, full-day, multi-day or sunset programs.

[legendaryskiesenterprises.com](http://legendaryskiesenterprises.com)

### Redwood Canoe Adventure Tour

The Yurok Tribe, located alongside California's famed Redwood forests will start offering Redwood Canoe Tours in 2020. Designed to educate visitors about tribal culture along the Klamath River, these will be the only redwood canoe tours in the world.

[visityurokcountry.com](http://visityurokcountry.com)

## Montana

### Center Pole Tipi Stays

The Center Pole, a Native non-profit organization offers traditional Tipi Camps, located on the Little Big Horn River. Guided horseback rides explore multi-tribal histories detailing the infamous Battle of the Little Big Horn.

[thecenterpole.org](http://thecenterpole.org)

### Sun Tours

Lifetime members of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation lead these memorable tours in Glacier National Park. Each guide has extensive knowledge of tribal history, culture and lifestyle providing an all-encompassing experience that weaves in Blackfoot spiritual and philosophical perspectives.

[glaciersuntours.com](http://glaciersuntours.com)

## Water People Tours

Enjoy some of the world's most beautiful scenery and the rich history and culture of Glacier National Park and the Kootenai People.

[waterpeopletours.com](http://waterpeopletours.com)

## New Mexico

### Navajo Tours USA

This 100-percent Navajo-owned tour company offers adventure tours throughout the eastern Navajo Nation reservation in northwest New Mexico. Their tour in the Bisti/De-Na-Zin Wilderness was listed as one of the "Best Trips 2019" by National Geographic Travel.

[navajotoursusa.com](http://navajotoursusa.com)

### Passport To Pueblo Country

Based in the Pueblo of San Ildefonso, Passport To Pueblo Country is a Native-owned company that provides cultural tours of the Pueblos of New Mexico. Tribal member guides take visitors through guided walks, sharing information about the Pueblos dating back to the 14th century. After the tour, a delicious traditional Feast Day meal is served.

[passporttopueblocountry.com](http://passporttopueblocountry.com)

### Pueblo of Acoma and the Sky City Cultural Center & Haak'u Museum

Enjoy Pueblo-guided tours of the oldest continuously inhabited Native American Community in the United States. Enjoy a meal in Yaak'a (Corn) Café, which offers Native fare, and finish your tour with unique gift items from the Gaits'i (Beautiful) Gift Shop.

[acomaskycity.org](http://acomaskycity.org)



### Taos Pueblo Tourism

The only living Native American community designated as both a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a National Historic Landmark, Taos Pueblo features multi-storied adobe buildings that have been continuously inhabited for more than 1,000 years.

[taospueblo.com](http://taospueblo.com)

## Oklahoma

### Be Native Tours

Be Native Tours has an extensive understanding of Native American destinations and culture. While primarily focused on tribal experiences in Oklahoma, the company can customize tours across the United States.

[benativetours.com](http://benativetours.com)

### Cherokee Nation

Explore the rich history of Cherokee Nation in the company of an experienced Cherokee guide. Cherokee Nation's cultural sites and attractions allow visitors to walk in the footsteps of the Cherokees along the paths they traveled more than a century ago.

[visitcherokeenation.com](http://visitcherokeenation.com)

## South Dakota

### Tatanka Rez Tourz

Native-owned and operated Tatanka Rez Tourz is based on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota. Explore Lakota (Sioux) country and delve deep into the rich Lakota culture and history, while enjoying the area's breathtaking vistas.

[tatanka-rez-tours.business.site](http://tatanka-rez-tours.business.site)

## Wisconsin

### The Oneida Nation

Take a step back in time and visit the Oneida Long House on an Oneida Nation Cultural Tour. Tours also visit five furnished original log homes from when the Oneida settled in Wisconsin, as well as the Oneida Museum, wetlands and buffalo overlook.

[exploreoneida.com](http://exploreoneida.com)



### Native American Tourism of Wisconsin

The 11 sovereign nations of Wisconsin hold unique culture, beautiful landscapes and welcoming people. Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) offers six distinctive itineraries that allow visitors to explore the state's Tribal nations at their leisure.

[NATOW.com](http://NATOW.com)

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