

TOP 10 INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCES OF 2024



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2023 Tribal Destination of the Year

Cherokee Nation Anna Mitchell Cultural and Welcome Center, Oklahoma

Explore the richness of Cherokee art, culture, and history at the Cherokee Nation Anna Mitchell Cultural & Welcome Center in Vinita, Oklahoma, conveniently located off I-44. Immerse yourself in permanent and rotating exhibits, both indoors and outdoors. This 9,400-square-foot, two-story stone building, set on 8 acres overlooking historic Route 66, is not just a cultural hub but also offers indulgences in refreshments and discovery of treasures at the gift shop.



2023 Best Cultural Heritage Experience

First Americans Museum, Oklahoma

At the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma, delve into the intertwined histories of 39 unique First American Nations. This extraordinary destination is a testament to cultural diversity, offering profound insights into the rich history and significant contributions of the First Americans.



2023 Excellence in Customer Service

Dineh Tours, LLC, Arizona

Experience excellence with Dineh Tours, where the name "Dineh" reflects the Navajo word for "The People." This intentional spelling aids non-Navajo speakers in pronunciation. Operated by Navajo owners, our guided tours are led by knowledgeable hosts, weaving together captivating storytelling, hands-on traditional crafts, and the awe-inspiring beauty of landscapes. Your journey with us promises enrichment through an authentic exploration of Navajo culture and heritage.



Food for Your Body and Spirit

Temalpakh Farms, California

Savor delicious, locally sourced meals at Temalpakh Farms, a culinary haven where sustainable farming practices meet Indigenous-inspired cuisine. Connect with the spiritual significance of the land through food in beautiful Coachella Valley. The date shake is a must!

Tocabe American Indian Eatery and Indigenous Marketplace, Colorado

Savor Indigenous-inspired cuisine with Tocabe Indigenous Marketplace, the sole American Indian-owned restaurant in Metro Denver. Rooted in Osage Nation heritage, we offer a modern twist on Native American flavors. Founded over 15 years ago, Tocabe is committed to accessibility, supporting Native communities through each delicious meal. Join us in connecting through Indigenous food.



Authenticity Meets Sacred Landscapes

Glacier Sun Tours, Montana

Experience the stunning landscapes of Indian Country with Glacier Sun Tours, a Blackfeet-owned enterprise dedicated to authenticity. Forge a unique and intimate connection with the stories and scenery of the Blackfeet Nation through tours that explore iconic stops like Lake McDonald, Wild Goose Island, and Logan Pass, immersing yourself in the rich tapestry of Glacier National Park.



Hear the Echoes of the Ancestors

Nez Perce Tourism (Nimiipuu Tours), Idaho

Nez Perce Tourism is the warm welcome to Nimiipuu Country, offering the only tours created to connect you to Nimiipuu culture through interactive storytelling, song, drum, and dance. From riverbeds to mountain tops, Nez Perce Tourism offers land and water journeys. These excursions will give you insight into the Nimiipuu way of life.



Gateway to Heritage: Unveiling Indigenous Stories at Cultural Centers and Museums

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, New Mexico

Discover the rich tapestry of the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Explore Pueblo culture from ancient to contemporary times in our museum. Savor Indigenous flavors at the Indian Pueblo Kitchen and find treasures at the Indian Pueblo Store, showcasing works by award-winning artists.

Poeh Cultural Center and Indigenous Pathways Market, New Mexico

Experience the living heartbeat of Tewa culture at Poeh Cultural Center, a revitalizing force for Pueblo traditions. In Tewa, Poeh means "path," embodying the essence of Tewa identity and the journey of cultural resurgence. Established by the Pueblo of Pojoaque, it stands as a vibrant tribute to the arts and heritage of the northern Rio Grande Valley Pueblos.

Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, California

Journey through the rich heritage of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians at the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum. Founded in 1991 and now part of the newly opened Cultural Plaza (Fall 2023), its distinctive curved design pays homage to traditional Cahuilla basketmaking. Explore a diverse collections, from Cahuilla baskets to archival treasures and a library illuminating Indigenous cultures.



The Whole Package: Tours, Food, & Accommodations

Cape Fox in Ketchikan, Alaska

Discover the ultimate Indigenous experience at Cape Fox in Ketchikan, Alaska. Offering hilltop lodging, an array of local tours, and a variety of dining experiences in town. Cape Fox provides the "whole package" for an unforgettable journey.

Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort, Idaho

Explore beyond the casino at Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort. Named Tribal Destination of the Year (20219), it offers art workshops, aviary visits, and Native-guided activities, creating a holistic cultural experience with lodging and dining on-site, offering the full experience!



Canyon Chronicles: Guided Adventures with Antelope Canyon Tours

Dixie's Lower Antelope Canyon Tours, Arizona

Discover unmatched hospitality with Dixie's Lower Antelope Canyon Tours, where every visit is met with excellence in customer service. Immerse yourself in captivating guided tours through the mesmerizing wonders of Lower Antelope Canyon, creating an unforgettable journey up and down ladders and walkways through breathtaking natural beauty.

Tse Bighanalini Tours, Arizona

Tsé Bighanilini means "water that flows through rocks" is a premier tour company specializing in exclusive Upper Antelope Canyon Roundtrip Hikes. Led by knowledgeable Navajo guides, delve into the canyon's wonders, as they share cultural insights, geological knowledge, and reveal the captivating beauty through unique camera angles. Forge a deeper connection to the allure of Antelope Canyon on this extraordinary journey.



Immersive Cultural Tours & Lodging in Timeless Settings

Lakota Youth Development - Cultural Experience & Tipi Stays, South Dakota

Experience Lakota culture at Tipi Stays, a Lakota youth-led initiative on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. Stay in canvas tipis, bunkhouses, or camp on the ten-acre cultural campus. Engage in Lakota activities, guided hikes, herb walks, and horseback riding, deepening your understanding of Lakota traditions. Located near the Missouri and Niobrara Rivers, this immersive experience offers a genuine connection to the Sicangu Lakota people and the vast prairies of South Dakota.

Shash Diné, Arizona

Immerse yourself in an authentic Navajo Experience at Shash Diné with a stay in traditional earth and log hogans with authentic dinners, Navajo storytelling, and sunrise photo tours. The hogans face East, preserving Navajo tradition, with a wood-burning stove for ceremony and warmth. Enhance your stay with exclusive experiences like the Lower Antelope Canyon Deluxe Package and Shash Diné Luxe Tours.

