

AIANTA ITINERARY PAGE, ARIZONA



AIANTA
American Indian Alaska Native
Tourism Association

AIANTA's Familiarization Tours (FAMs) are strategic initiatives designed to provide immersive experiences and foster collaboration among industry stakeholders, tour operators, and partners. These tours offer travel professionals firsthand exposure to Indigenous cultures and destinations, allowing them to develop accurate marketing strategies and build credibility through personal experiences. With a focus on logistical proficiency, AIANTA ensures that participants gain comprehensive insights into transportation, accommodation, and itineraries, facilitating seamless coordination throughout the tour. By showcasing diverse Indigenous travel experiences, AIANTA's FAMs contribute to the promotion of Indigenous tourism within the travel trade landscape. These initiatives exemplify AIANTA's commitment to empowering its members and advancing the Visitor Outreach Program's objectives of enhancing industry presence, promoting Indigenous experiences, and fostering collaborative partnerships. Through meticulous planning and execution, AIANTA's FAMs serve as catalysts for sustainable growth and cultural exchange within the Indigenous tourism sector.

DAY 1

EXCLUSIVE CANYONS - Black Streak Canyon Tours

Black Streak Canyon Tours is honored to offer exclusive tour packages crafted with the utmost distinction, showcasing the serene beauty of slot canyons nestled within Northern Arizona's esteemed Navajo Nation region. They have designed two unique touring experiences for adventure seeking travelers. We offer the Rattle Snake & Owl Slot Canyon Tour as well as Mountain Sheep Slot Canyon Tour. Experience the canyons without the crowds and indulge in the cultural knowledge of the Navajo, the unique geology, and the diverse plant and animal life that engulfs you.



ACCOMMODATIONS - Shash Diné Eco-Retreat

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. Additional accommodations like bell tents, kyoob, and canvas covered wagons make this off-the-grid experience one of a kind with remarkable views of the night sky, sunsets, and sunrises.

By reserving the "Navajo Experience" with your accommodation, guests can indulge in a traditional dinner with lamb, bread, and tea, a Navajo storyteller, and an early morning photo walking tour of a remarkable vista.



INDIGENOUS CUISINE - Rimview Terrace

The talented chefs bring to the table an array of great quality food that promises an elevated dining experience without the fine dining price. With a menu designed to accommodate locals and visitors alike, we offer a casual experience complemented by a breathtaking view. Every dish served is a testament to our commitment to freshness and flavor, with all food made from scratch using the finest ingredients. Our culinary offerings celebrate Native American cuisine, featuring time-honored recipes that have been passed down through generations. We also take pride in catering to diverse palates with a selection of vegan and vegetarian options.





DAY 2

CULTURAL HERITAGE - Dineh Tours

2023 Excellence in Customer Service Award from AIANTA! Find out how the Southwest comes alive when you are guided by the right person. Navajo owned and operated, your Native tour director will share history of the Diné (Navajo People) as well as cultural information and the history of the land. With complete hotel/Airbnb pickup & drop off service, sit back and relax in the spacious vehicles and included canyon tours! Touring the world-famous Lower and Upper Antelope Slot Canyons and infamous Horseshoe Bend, Dineh Tours elevates your experience with a cultural narrative only offered through their experience. For you, Dineh Tours reserves your tours with Dixie's Lower Antelope Canyon and Tsé Bighanilini and personally takes you to the viewpoint of Horseshoe Bend.



ICONIC ANTELOPE CANYON DIXIE'S LOWER ANTELOPE CANYON

A short walk leads to the entrance, where Navajo sandstone terrain awaits. Descend into the largest cavern, navigating five flights of stairs and experience the mesmerizing kaleidoscope of colors formed by the rain, wind, and erosion nature's hand. Traverse 1,800 meters round trip, encountering eight unique ladders along the way. Led by Leilah Young, recipient of AIANTA's Excellence in Customer Service Award, this adventure promises unforgettable moments in a natural wonderland.



TSÉ BÍGHANILÍNÍ

Tsé Bighanilini means "water that flows through rocks". 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.



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TOURS**
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DINNER & A SHOW WITH - Red Heritage Indigenous Entertainment Hall

Navajo owned and operated, Red Heritage is a Native American Performing Arts Dinner Theater. A showcase of authentic Native American dancing, live flute playing, drumming and singing, and Navajo weaving demonstration immerse you in performing arts and Native culture.



ADDITIONAL AIANTA MEMBERS IN THE AREA

- Antelope Canyon Navajo Tours
- Antelope Valley Canyon Tours
- Ken's Tours @ Lower Antelope Canyon
- Mystical Antelope Canyon Tours & Arrowhead Campground
- Taadidiin Tours LLC

About AIANTA

For more than 25 years, the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) has served as the only national organization dedicated to advancing cultural heritage tourism in Native Nations and communities across the United States. Established by tribes for tribes to address inequities in the tourism system, AIANTA is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit governed by an all-Native board of directors and serves as a united voice for the \$15.7 billion Native hospitality sector. AIANTA's successful legislative work led to the industry-changing Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act (NATIVE Act) funding in 2018, as Indigenous Tourism was recognized through federal appropriations via NATIVE Act implementation. AIANTA's mission is to define, introduce, grow, and sustain American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian (AIANNH) tourism that honors traditions and values while helping AIANNH businesses become market/export ready for domestic and international markets. Tribes who are looking to start or expand their cultural tourism footprint can find resources at www.aianta.org and visitors interested in learning more about Native culture can visit www.nativeamerica.travel.