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ALBUQUERQUE'S NEW HOTEL CHACO TO OFFER LUXURY GUIDED DAY TRIPS TO ITS NAMESAKE CHACO CANYON NATIONAL MONUMENT

Explore a remote UNESCO World Heritage Site in comfort and style

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (date, 2017) – Visitors to the Land of Enchantment will soon have a whole new way to experience the mystery and grandeur of Chaco Canyon National Monument. Hotel Chaco, a new Albuquerque hotel inspired by ancient Chacoan architecture and culture, has partnered with Heritage Inspirations LLC to offer exclusive guided days trips to this UNESCO World Heritage site beginning in May 2017.

Located in northwestern New Mexico, Chaco Canyon National Monument was home to a thriving Pueblo culture between 850 – 1250 AD. What remains of the timber and sandstone buildings – designed to align with the movement of the sun, moon and stars – makes for a fascinating day of exploration, all in a setting of natural desert beauty.

In ancient times, travelers to Chaco made the arduous trip by foot from as far as 1,200 miles away. For the modern-day traveler, the journey still presents some challenges, as the remote site is three and a half hours from Albuquerque including an unpaved road to the park entrance. “We conceived these day trips as a way for more people to access and explore this magical place,” said Angelisa Espinoza, Owner of Heritage Inspirations, who partners with Heritage Hotels & Resorts and Hotel Chaco to offer this and other New Mexico cultural tours. “We take care of all logistics so our guests can simply relax and enjoy the scenery. Once at Chaco Canyon, participants will enjoy a gourmet picnic prepared by Hotel Chaco’s chefs. Our informative guides offer special insights into the area and provide all the tools needed to dive deeper into the mysteries of Chaco.” Espinoza adds that overnight trips to Chaco Canyon will also be available in the near future.

Day tours will be offered on Saturdays beginning in May through November 2017. Following is an overview of tour schedules, costs and booking information.

Day tour overview- 7:15 am meet at Hotel Chaco (return approximately 5:30pm)

- Room service breakfast at Hotel Chaco (for hotel guests)
- Meet in lobby at 7:15 a.m. for brief orientation
- Depart for Chaco Canyon at 7:30 am in a comfortable Ford Transit van equipped with Chaco Canyon reading materials, snacks, water and all the comforts necessary for the voyage ahead.
- Each guest will receive a Heritage Inspirations Chaco Tour gift bag with a reusable water bottle, journal and other items
- A gourmet picnic lunch catered by Hotel Chaco is served under a covered pavilion upon arrival at the Monument
- Following lunch, hear a guided, interpretive talk at Pueblo Bonito (the largest of Chaco's "great houses") followed by free time to explore at your own pace. Your guide will also provide an informative docent guide with descriptions for each highlighted landmark. Optional walk along the Cliff House sandstone cliffs on the Petroglyph Trail.
- Explore the central kiva, Casa Rinconada, a key element of Chacoan public architecture.
- Transport back to Albuquerque; enjoy the scenic drive while reflecting on the day's experiences
- Arrive back at Hotel Chaco by 5:30pm (traffic dependent)

Trip costs:

- 4 guests per tour, minimum; 12 guests maximum (custom and private tours also available)
- Cost per person \$199 + tax for Hotel Chaco and Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town guests; \$224 + tax for non-hotel guests. (Note: prices do not include gratuity for guide.)
- Costs include: luxury transportation, breakfast burrito, Heritage Inspirations gift bag with water bottle, Chaco Canyon pamphlets, Chaco Canyon entrance fee, guided interpretive exploration of Pueblo Bonito; gourmet picnic lunch provided by Hotel Chaco

For guests who prefer to travel to and explore Chaco Canyon on their own, Hotel Chaco also offers a special self-guided day trip tour kit which includes Chaco Canyon National Park Service official walking tour maps/guides, gourmet boxed lunches for two including snacks and waters and maps and driving directions including suggestions of rest stops. These will be

available to order from the hotel by 5pm the day before and cost \$60 total for two people (\$25 for each additional guest in group) or \$40 for one person.

To learn more and to book the day trips visit: <http://www.hotelchaco.com/chaco-canyon/visiting-chaco-canyon>

Download a full press kit [here](#). For more information, contact Jan Sheehan at jan@tuckerpr.com or (817)348-9490. High resolution photography available.

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About Hotel Chaco:

Hotel Chaco is a 118-room boutique, luxury hotel located in Old Town Albuquerque. Heritage Hotels & Resorts has partnered with the esteemed architectural firm, Gensler, to create the world's first boutique hotel inspired by the mystique and grandeur of Chaco Canyon. Every aspect of the hotel: artisan-made furnishings, choice of building materials, native-inspired cuisine, spiritual and natural art and architecture; purposefully connect the modern traveler with Chaco Canyon's ancient and remarkable presence. Between 850 and 1250, Chaco Canyon was a cultural center for the ancient pueblo peoples. Located in Northwestern New Mexico, Chaco Culture National Historical Park represents the most exceptional concentration of pueblos in the American Southwest. www.Hotelchaco.com

About Heritage Hotels & Resorts

Founded by Jim Long in 2005, Heritage Hotels & Resorts is a collection of culturally distinct hotels in New Mexico and is the largest independent hotel brand in New Mexico. Through their architecture, interior design, landscaping, cuisine, art, entertainment and music, Heritage Hotels & Resorts provides guests with a very rich, authentic, cultural experience. Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, Hotel Chaco and Nativo Lodge are located in Albuquerque, NM; Hotel St. Francis, Eldorado Hotel & Spa, Hotel Chimayo de Santa Fe and The Lodge at Santa Fe are located in Santa Fe, NM; Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces is located in Las Cruces, NM; and El Monte Sagrado and Palacio de Marquesa are located in Taos, NM. Each Heritage Hotel donates a percentage of its revenue to cultural causes. The company and its affiliate companies provide over 3,000 jobs in NM. You can find Heritage on Twitter at @HeritageHtIs or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/HeritageHotelsandResorts](https://www.facebook.com/HeritageHotelsandResorts) or at www.hhandr.com

About Heritage Inspirations LLC

Founded in 2015 by Jim Long and Angelisa Espinoza, Heritage Inspirations LLC provides creative and authentic travel excursions that allow visitors to experience authentic culture, heritage and natural places in the Land of Enchantment. Heritage Inspirations LLC offers all-inclusive itineraries to introduce visitors to the people, stories, history, cuisine and traditions of special New Mexican cultural sites and landscapes. Heritage Inspirations tour guests stay at Heritage Hotels & Resorts properties, which provide authentic accommodations in New Mexico's cultural corridor.

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