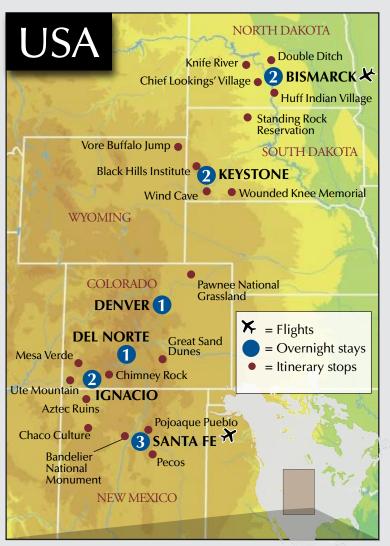


Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



María Nieves Zedeño (PhD 1991, Southern Methodist University) is a Research Anthropologist at the Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology and a Professor of Anthropology at the School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, in Tucson. Her areas of expertise include northern Plains archaeology, ethnohistory, and ethnography, and her research focus

is on hunter-gatherers, landscape and place theory, and social history in archaeology. Zedeño is an applied archaeologist who has worked collaboratively with many Native American tribes across North America, and especially with the Canadian and American Blackfoot. Her recent research projects, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, entail landscape archaeology of precontact bison hunting, Blackfoot early origins along the Ice-free Corridor, and the development of an interactive virtual atlas that combines oral traditions with archaeology and earth sciences for the education of tribal children.



oin us on an American adventure, from the plains of North Dakota to the pueblos of New Mexico, as we explore Native American archaeological and historical sites as well as spectacular National Parks. Experience this part of the country in a different way, gaining new perspectives and learning about the histories of indigenous peoples, in the company of AIA lecturer and host María Nieves Zedeño, a North American archaeologist, plus local guides and your tour manager.

Highlights:

- Gain first-hand knowledge from members of Native American tribes who meet with us at their cultural centers and historic sites
- Travel and learn with your AIA lecturer and host, María Nieves Zedeño, an expert in northern Plains archaeology who has worked collaboratively with many Native American tribes across North America
- Explore the cultural histories and landscapes of seven National Parks:
 - Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, North Dakota, where we learn about the history and culture of the Hidatsa people and see the remains of the Awatixa Xi'e Village and the Awatixa Village
 - o Badlands and Wind Cave National Parks, South Dakota
 - Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, which contains some of the oldest-known archaeological sites in the U.S.; and Mesa Verde National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where the Ancestral Pueblo people lived from A.D. 600 to 1300, in Colorado
 - Chaco Culture National Historic Park (a.k.a. Chaco Canyon) and Aztec Ruins National Monument, together a UNESCO World Heritage Site; and Pecos National Historical Park, where we visit the ruins of Pecos Pueblo; in New Mexico
- Visit Standing Rock Reservation, home to the Lakota and Dakota people, where we visit the original burial site of Sitting Bull; and also pay our respects at the infamous site of the 1890 Massacre of Wounded Knee
- Go off-the-beaten-path to Huff Indian Village State Historic Site, a classic prehistoric Mandan settlement dating to about A.D. 1450; and Chimney Rock, an archaeological site where we see the excavated Great Kiva (circular ceremonial chamber), pit house, and several other unexcavated structures
- Follow the hiking loop in the Tsankawi (Ancestral Pueblo village) section of Bandelier National Monument to the Tyuonyi pueblo, Talus House, and Long House cliff dwellings, viewing petroglyphs along the way
- Travel in a small group of no more than 12 guests

Cover: (left from top) Aztec Ruins National Monument, demonstration of the Sunrise Ceremony, Chaco Culture NHP, Earth Lodge at Knife River; (right) Mesa Verde NP



Itinerary

B= Breakfast • L= Lunch • D= Dinner

Saturday, September 18, 2021: Arrive Bismarck, ND | North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum | Welcome dinner

Arrive at Bismarck Airport (BIS) and make your way to *Radisson Hotel Bismarck*. This afternoon we gather with our AIA lecturer and our local guide for a visit to the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum, accompanied by an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. *Overnight at the 3-star Radisson Hotel Bismarck for two nights*. (D)



Sunday, September 19: Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site | Double Ditch Indian Village | Chief Lookings' Village | Bismarck

This morning we drive to Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, a National Park that offers the opportunity to explore the lives of the Northern Plains Indians on the Upper Missouri River. Learn about the history and culture of the Hidatsa people before walking a loop trail (approx. 1.3 miles) to see the remains of the Awatixa Xi'e Village and the Awatixa Village. After lunch at a local restaurant, we stop at the archaeological site of Double Ditch Indian Village, a large earth lodge once inhabited by the Mandan Indians. Continue driving to Chief Lookings' Village, a historic archaeological site located in Pioneer Park. Arrive back at our hotel in Bismarck. Take a short walk to have dinner at Peacock Alley, a national-award-winning restaurant. (B,L,D)



Monday, September 20: Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park | Huff Indian Village State Historic Site | Standing Rock Reservation, SD | Vore Buffalo Jump, WY | Keystone, SD

We check out of our hotel early this morning to begin our journey to Keystone, South Dakota. Along the way we will stop at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, once a Mandan settlement before becoming a military post. We continue with a lovely drive on the Standing Rock National Native American Scenic Byway stopping at the Huff Indian Village State Historic Site, a classic prehistoric Mandan settlement. We make our way to the Standing Rock Reservation, home to the Lakota and Dakota people, where we visit the original burial site of Sitting Bull. Enjoy a locally-cooked lunch at the visitors center. Drive across the border into Wyoming to see Vore Buffalo Jump, a natural sinkhole that indigenous people used in buffalo hunting. Continue driving to Keystone, tucked deep in the Black Hills, where we check-in to our hotel and have dinner. *Overnight at the 3-star K Bar S Lodge for two nights.* (B,L,D)



Tuesday, September 21: Wind Cave National Park | Wounded Knee | Keystone

After breakfast this morning we gather on the hotel terrace to enjoy the great view of Mount Rushmore while discussing its history and meaning. Then we set out on a drive through Badlands National Park ("mako sica" as it is known to the Lakota people) to Wind Cave National Park, an important location in the Emergence Story in Lakota culture. After lunch at Red Cloud School, we will stop to visit the site of the Massacre of Wounded Knee. Return to our hotel in Keystone, and gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, September 22: Black Hills Institute of Geological Research | Pawnee National Grassland, CO | Denver

Depart Keystone for Denver, Colorado stopping along the way to meet with staff at the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research who prepare fossils, fossil casts, and mineral specimens for research, teaching, and exhibit. Their best-known fieldwork in recent years is the excavation of several *Tyrannosaurus rex* skeletons, including that of SUE, which now resides in Chicago's Field Museum. After a short break for lunch we will drive to Pawnee National Grassland and meet with the Office of the State Archaeologist of Colorado (OSAC) which has been conducting surveys of sections of the park ahead of oil and gas expansion. Continue on to Denver, where dinner and the evening are at leisure. *Overnight at the 4-star Renaissance Denver Downtown City Hotel.* (B,L)



Thursday, September 23: Denver Museum of Nature & Science | Great Sand Dunes | Del Norte This morning we explore the permanent North American Indian Cultures exhibition at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Drive to Fairplay for a quick lunch, and then continue on to the spectacular Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, home to the highest sand dunes in North America, which contains some of the oldest-known archaeological sites in the U.S. End our day in Del Norte, where we check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 3-star Windsor Hotel*. (B,L,D)

Photos (from top): Chaco Culture NHP; Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park; sculpture at Standing Rock, "Not Afraid to Look" (2016), by Charles Rencountre, a Lakota artist; Sun Temple, Mesa Verde NP; Buffalo Robe on display at Knife River Indian Villages

Friday, September 24: Chimney Rock | Ignacio: Southern Ute Museum

This morning we depart Del Norte for Chimney Rock, an intimate, off-the-beaten-path archaeological site located at the southern edge of the San Juan Mountains in southwestern Colorado. Take a short walk to see the excavated Great Kiva (circular ceremonial chamber), pit house, and several other unexcavated structures. After lunch at the Bottom Shelf Brewery, in the heart of Pine River Valley, we drive to Ignacio and visit the Southern Ute Museum, which is owned and operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and aims to tell the story of the Ute people from prehistory to the modern day. Check-in to our hotel in Ignacio, on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, where dinner and the evening are at leisure. *Overnight at the 3-star Sky Ute Casino and Resort for two nights.* (B,L)

Saturday, September 25: Mesa Verde National Park | Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Park | Ignacio This morning we visit Mesa Verde National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where the Ancestral Pueblo people lived from A.D. 600 to 1300. The Park protects nearly 500 archaeological sites, including 600 cliff dwellings. We will explore the Cliff Palace, the largest cliff dwelling in North America; Spruce Tree House, the third largest cliff dwelling in North America; and Sun Temple, classified by modern Pueblo Indians as a ceremonial structure. Next we visit the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Park Visitor Center, where a Ute tribal member will lead us on a tour of the park, which includes hundreds of surface sites and cliff dwellings. Return to our hotel in Ignacio, and gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 26: Aztec Ruins National Monument, NM | Chaco Culture National Historic Park | Santa Fe

Check out of our hotel and drive into New Mexico to visit the Aztec Ruins National Monument, part of the Chaco Culture UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was built and occupied more than 900 years ago, and was in use for more than 200 years. Ancestral Puebloans left behind several multi-story buildings called "great houses," as well as smaller structures. From here we will spend time exploring Chaco Culture National Historic Park (sometimes referred to as Chaco Canyon), a major center of Ancestral Puebloan culture a thousand years ago. Points of interest are the great houses of Pueblo Bonito and Chetro Ketl, and the smaller, more typical Casa Rinconada. Continue driving to Santa Fe, where we checkin to downtown Santa Fe's only Native American-owned hotel. Gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star Hotel Santa Fe for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Monday, September 27: Bandelier National Monument | Pojoaque Pueblo | Santa Fe In the late 1800s, the Archaeological Institute of America provided support for its first archaeological excavation when it assisted Adolph Bandelier with his research at prehistoric sites in the southwestern U.S. This morning we visit the Tsankawi section of Bandelier National Monument and follow the hiking loop (approx. 1.5 miles) to the Tyuonyi pueblo, Talus House, and Long House cliff dwellings. The trail includes cavates (cuts in soft rock), petroglyphs, and the Ancestral Pueblo village of Tsankawi. (Note that climbing ladders is a required activity at this site.) Our next stop is the Pojoaque Pueblo and the Poeh Cultural Center, where we will meet with a member of the Pueblo People whose work on language revitalization in Pojoaque Pueblo helps provide a history of the Pueblo and their current struggles. Return to Santa Fe, where the balance of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

Tuesday, September 28: Pecos National Historical Park | Santa Fe: School for Advanced Research, Institute of American Indian Arts | Farewell dinner

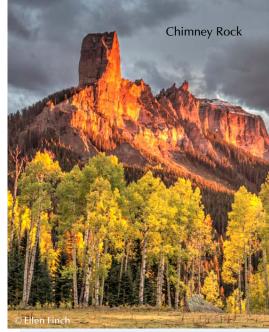
This morning we drive to Pecos National Historical Park, which showcases the cultural exchange and geographic features that played crucial roles in the rich history of the Pecos Valley. We visit the ruins of Pecos Pueblo, also known historically as Cicuye, located in the Park. We return to Santa Fe to visit the School for Advanced Research, originally known as the School of American Archaeology, which was established by the Archaeological Institute of America in 1907. Time-permitting, we will also visit the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA), one of 37 tribal colleges located in the U.S. Return to our hotel and gather for a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, September 29: Fly home

Transfer independently to Santa Fe Regional Airport (SAF) for flights homeward. Rooms at our hotel are available until noon.



Glazeware bowl, "serpent design," Pecos NHP



What to Expect

This program involves extensive walking, often on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep and without handrails. This program covers many miles across states and there will be some days with long bus rides. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, and to enjoy traveling as part of a group. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. Participants with lung or breathing concerns should be aware that portions of our program will be in high altitude areas (Denver is 5,280 feet above sea level). If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. Weather in these regions in September is generally pleasant, with average daytime temperatures ranging from the low 70s to high 80s. Overnight temperatures may dip into the high 30s. Complete predeparture details and what to pack will be sent to participants.



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In the event that you must cancel your participation, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. RATES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations or fuel and energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION: Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to binding arbitration in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL: Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices and https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html. MISCELLANEOUS: Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. APPEARING IN PHOTOS: Photos from AIA Tours' trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by other travelers or tour lecturers/guides, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future AIA Tours promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.