

# EDventures Trips

## Fall 2019

### EDventures in Learning – Travel to learn and explore your world!

At EDventures, our tour leaders are eager to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for the colorful local history, fascinating cultures and inspiring natural features when you travel the southwest with us!

### MULTI-DAY EDventures

#### **Canyon de Chelly Adventure (2 days/1 night)**

**Wednesday & Thursday, October 2-3, 2019 #100219**

*Reserve by Sept 16.*

**Wednesday & Thursday, October 16-17, 2019 #101619**

*Reserve by Sept 30.*

The cultural resources of Canyon de Chelly include distinctive architecture, artifacts and rock art. The canyon sustains a living community of Navajo people connected with the beautiful landscape and its great historical and spiritual significance. Take a 4x4 tour up the canyon with Navajo guides. Enjoy lunch in the Petrified Forest and visit the historic Hubbell Trading Post in Ganado. The colors within the canyon are sure to delight! *Activity Rating: 1-2.*

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

**\$495 per person double occupancy/\$100 single occupancy supplement - Tuition includes transportation, lodging, meals, 4x4 tour, permits, admission fees and field instruction. Departs at 7AM from Prescott Campus. \*Camp Verde pickup available.**

### DAY TRIPS

#### **Walnut Canyon, Sunset Crater and Wupatki**

**Friday, September 13, 2019 #91319**

The ancient Sinagua culture, ancestral to the Hopi of Second Mesa, left their picturesque ruins scattered across the landscape east of Flagstaff. Their name comes from the earliest Spanish name for San Francisco Peaks, which they called Sierra Sinagua, meaning waterless peaks. We will visit ruin sites at Walnut Canyon National Monument and Wupatki National Monument, along with visiting the recent volcano of Sunset Crater, which erupted in 1066 A.D. and played a key role in the history of the Sinagua people. We will also visit a small-unexcavated site along the way. Many short walks on mostly paved walkways. *Activity Rating: 2.*

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

**\$159 per person – Tuition includes transportation, box lunch, admission fees and field instruction. Departs 7AM from Prescott Campus. \*Camp Verde pickup available. Reserve by Aug. 30.**

### **Explore Yavapai County: Williamson Valley & Beyond**

**Saturday, September 14, 2019 #91419**

This road trip takes Williamson Valley Road all the way to Seligman with return via Ash Fork and Highway 89. We will visit the areas of many early historic sites, including the town sites of Simmons and Walnut Creek. On the return from Ash Fork, we will stop at the old Little Hell Canyon stage stop and a mysterious and unique signpost from the earliest days of air travel in the county. Along the way, we will discuss the geology and natural history and many aspects of the human history of the area. There will be a few short walks of up to a quarter mile, but no serious hiking. *Activity Rating: 2.*

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

**\$149 per person - Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 8AM from Prescott Campus. Reserve by Aug. 30.**

### **Raft the Bottom of the Grand Canyon**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019 #91719**

This one-day rafting trip of the Grand Canyon is full of EDventures! Join us on a rafting excursion with the Hualapai River Runners. Your river guide will navigate the Colorado River white water (plan on getting wet!) and relate the history and culture of the Hualapai people. Lunch in the canyon, and then take an optional (short but steep) hike to beautiful Travertine Waterfall. A helicopter ride will transport you back to the rim. Dinner TBD (on your own) before heading home. Experience the Canyon like never before! *Activity Rating: 2-3.*

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

**\$669 per person – Tuition includes ground transportation, lunch on the river, permit fees, gratuities, field guides and instruction, raft excursion and helicopter fare. Departs 5AM from Prescott Campus. No additional pickups available. Reserve by August 13.**

### **Rock Art Ranch and La Posada**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2019 #92419**

*Reserve by Sept 10.*

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019 #100819**

*Reserve by Sept 24.*

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019 #102219**

*Reserve by Oct. 8.*

Step back in time with a visit to Chevelon Canyon on Rock Art Ranch, home to some of the finest ancient petroglyphs in the world on a privately-owned ranch. Visit the cowboy museum and working ranch to learn about ranching history, the Hashknife Cattle Company and military and Indian activity in the area. Take a short, steep hike into Chevelon Canyon to tour the multiple petroglyph panels. Visit La Posada, the beautifully restored Fred Harvey Hotel in Winslow, and dinner (*on your own*) at the award-winning Turquoise Room. *Activity Rating: 2-3 (steep stairs).*

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

**\$175 per person – Tuition includes transportation, box lunch, ranch tour admission and field instruction. Departs 7AM from Prescott Campus. \*Camp Verde pickup available. Reserve at least two weeks in advance.**

**Explore Coconino County: Sycamore Canyon Headwaters**

**Thursday, September 26, 2019 #92619**

Sycamore Canyon enters the Verde River near Clarkdale, but begins in the vast Ponderosa Pine forest southeast of Williams. We will travel across to the canyon's headwaters area from Drake, just north of Chino Valley, visiting JD Dam, Sycamore Point (with incredible views down the canyon), White Horse Lake, and Sycamore Falls, where the creek drops over a hundred feet into the beginnings of the canyon. Our journey will reach I-40 just east of Williams and we will return home. Along the way, we will talk about the geology of the canyon and the varied ecosystems. The trip will include about a mile of easy hiking. *Activity Rating 2.*

**Instructor: Ferris Thompson**

**\$149 per person - Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 8AM from Prescott Campus. \*Chino Valley pickup available. Reserve by Sept. 12.**

**Crown King and the Southern Bradshaws**

**Friday, September 27, 2019 #92719**

The history of the region's historic gold mines comes to life! Travel along the winding roads beside the old railroads of the Bradshaw's and the railroad switchbacks that pass the historic mines dotting the surrounding hillsides. Enjoy the magnificent views as you top out at the summit. A visit to the Crown King General Store transports you back in time. Driving on bumpy roads. *Activity Rating: 1.*

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

**\$149 per person - Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 8AM from Prescott Campus. \*Cordes Junction pickup available. Reserve by Sept. 13.**

**Canyon de Chelly Adventure (2 days/1 night)**

**Wednesday & Thursday, October 2-3, 2019 #100219**

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

*(See description on page 1.) Reserve by Sept 16.*

**Drive to the Bottom of the Grand Canyon**

**Friday, October 4, 2019 #100419**

*Instructor: Ferris Thompson. Reserve by Sept. 20.*

**Thursday, October 24, 2019 #102419**

*Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann. Reserve by Oct 10.*

**Saturday, November 2, 2019 #110219**

*Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann. Reserve by Oct 18.*

**Thursday, November 14, 2019 #111419**

*Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann. Reserve by Oct 31.*

Follow Diamond Creek as it winds through Peach Springs Canyon – the only road access to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. The road crosses and follows the creek as you are transported down the canyon to the banks of the Colorado River. You will enjoy a picnic lunch with an optional walk the last mile to the river through a narrow canyon with flowing stream. Includes driving on bumpy and winding roads. *Activity Rating: 1-2.*

**\$165 per person - Tuition includes transportation, box lunch, permit fees and field instruction. Departs 7:30AM from Prescott Campus. Reserve at least two weeks in advance.**

**Rock Art Ranch and La Posada**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019 #100819**

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

*(See description on page 2.) Reserve by Sept 24.*

**Get Your Kicks on Route 66!**

**Friday, October 11, 2019 #101119**

Spend a day with us as we travel the "Mother Road" from Ash Fork to Oatman and explore the remnants of this important Chicago to LA thoroughfare. Beginning with a stop in Seligman, we will motor on to visit the Route 66 Museum in Kingman where you will learn about the evolution of travel. Back on the road, we will wind up at a living ghost town in Oatman and see a live reenactment of an old west shootout, wild donkeys roaming the streets and many more sights you will not see anywhere else!

*Activity Rating: 1 (can be modified.)*

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

**\$159 per person – Tuition includes transportation, box lunch, admission fees and field instruction.**

**Departs 7AM from Prescott campus. No additional pickups available. Reserve by Sept. 27.**

**Canyon de Chelly Adventure (2 days/1 night)**

**Wednesday & Thursday, October 16-17, 2019 #101619**

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

*(See description on page 1.) Reserve by Sept 30.*

**Rock Art Ranch and La Posada**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019 #102219**

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

*(See description on page 2.) Reserve by Oct. 8.*

**Tour the Starry Universe (Lowell Observatory)**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019 #102319**

Learn about the active research work underway at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff as you tour one of the oldest observatories in the U.S. Wide-screen multimedia shows will awe, and you will have the opportunity to tour the telescopes and historic Rotunda Museum, take the Pluto and Deep Space Tours, and explore the Discovery Channel Telescope. Enjoy dinner (TBD) in Flagstaff before returning to the observatory for stunning views of the sky through the Lowell telescopes. Light walking on level paths with some inclines. Please be aware that some people may be sensitive to high elevations if not previously acclimated. *Activity Rating: 2.*

**Instructor: Ferris Thompson**

**\$185 per person – Tuition Includes transportation, dinner, admission fees, field guides and instruction.**

***Bring your own sack lunch. Departs 10AM from Prescott Campus. \*Prescott Valley and Camp Verde pickup available. Reserve by Oct. 9.***

**Drive to the Bottom of the Grand Canyon**

**Thursday, October 24, 2019 #102419**

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

*(See description on page 3.) Reserve by Oct. 10.*

**Prescott Ghost Walk****Saturday, October 26, 2019 #102619**

Join expert paranormal investigator Terri Cafazzo for a pre-Halloween tour of the most haunted locations in downtown Prescott. Tuition includes lunch at the historic Palace Saloon on Whiskey Row. Be prepared to visit a few mysterious locations on this walking tour! (See related classes on page 00.)

*Walking on paved but uneven sidewalks for approximately 3 miles (roundtrip); frequent stops. Activity Rating: 1.*

**Instructor: Terri Cafazzo**

**\$79 per person – Tuition includes lunch, admissions and field instruction. Departs from downtown meeting location at 10AM. Reserve by Oct. 11**

**Tuzigoot and Verde Valley Archaeology****Friday, November 1, 2019 #110119**

Drive over Mingus Mountain with a short stop in Jerome before traveling into the Verde Valley to explore the prehistoric ruins at Tuzigoot National Monument. A tour of the Visitor's Center and short hike through the 110-room pueblo with views of the Verde River and Tavasci Marsh will give you a picture of life in this ancient pueblo inhabited by the Sinagua culture. Enjoy a box lunch at Montezuma Well, a unique geological feature that supported prehistoric settlement, and a walk below the dwellings at Montezuma Castle. End the afternoon at the Verde Valley Archaeology Center in Camp Verde with a guided tour. Short hikes up to one-half mile. *Activity Rating: 2.*

**Instructor: Ferris Thompson**

**\$159 per person – Tuition Includes transportation, admission fees, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 8AM from Prescott Campus. Reserve by Oct. 18.**

**Drive to the Bottom of the Grand Canyon****Saturday, November 2, 2019 #110219****Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

*(See description on page 3.) Reserve by Oct 18.*

**Explore Yavapai County: Copper Basin, Skull Valley and Walnut Grove****Thursday, November 7, 2019 #110719**

This road trip will take us out Thumb Butte Road, along the crest of the Sierra Prieta Mountains above Prescott, down through Copper Basin to Skull Valley, and then over to Walnut Grove on the Hassayampa River, returning to Prescott via Highway 89. Along the way, we will see incredible scenery, historic mining activity, the Skull Valley Historical Museum, the beautiful valley of the Hassayampa River, and learn of the geology, natural history, and territorial history of the area. We will also visit the gravesite of one of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, whose family are long-time residents along the Hassayampa. There will be a few short walks of up to a quarter mile, but no serious hiking. *Activity Rating: 2.*

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

**\$149 per person – Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 8AM from Prescott Campus. Reserve by Oct. 24.**

### **Verde Canyon Railway**

**Friday, November 8, 2019 #110819**

Start the day with a stop in Jerome to explore this historic copper mining town. Spend the afternoon aboard the vintage train cars on a wilderness excursion that follows the curves of the Verde River through a red rock canyon full of unusual geology, abundant wildlife, brilliant fall colors and prehistoric ruins. Expert narration leaves passengers with a sense of history, archaeology and the Indian lore of the Verde Canyon. *Activity Rating: 1-2.*

**Instructor: Ferris Thompson**

**\$215 per person – Tuition includes transportation, train fare, lunch voucher, field guide and instruction. Departs 8AM from Prescott Campus. Reserve by Oct. 25.**

### **Hike Grand Canyon: Diamond Creek**

**Saturday, November 9, 2019 #110919**

*Reserve by Oct. 25.*

**Saturday, November 23, 2019 #112319**

*Reserve by Nov. 8.*

**Saturday, December 7, 2019 #120719**

*Reserve by Nov. 21.*

Hike with EDventures! Drive to the Grand Canyon on the only road to the Colorado River, accessible on Hualapai lands. Shortly before reaching the river, this road meets Diamond Creek. The hike is about 5 miles, round trip up the creek into spectacular narrows. The trail has no steep grades, but it crosses the creek several times, so expect some wet walking and walking on river rocks. Lunch at a beautiful waterfall beneath thousand-foot cliffs and learn about both the geology and natural history. The day will culminate with a stop at the Colorado River. Dinner stop TBD (on your own). *Activity Rating: 3+.*

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

**\$165 per person – Tuition includes transportation, Hualapai permits, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 7AM from Prescott Campus. Reserve at least two weeks in advance.**

### **Drive to the Bottom of the Grand Canyon**

**Thursday, November 14, 2019 #111419**

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann.**

*(See description on page 3.) Reserve by Oct 31.*

### **Hike Grand Canyon: Tonto Rim**

**Saturday, November 16, 2019 #111619**

The only road to the Colorado River canyon's depths is located on Hualapai lands in western Grand Canyon. This road accesses a little-known hiking route that leads out onto the Tonto Rim, nearly a thousand feet above the Colorado River. This is a truly wild, adventurous and challenging Grand Canyon hike, with fabulous distant views up and down the canyon. Hiking distance is slightly less than four miles and includes steep grades and narrow trails – not for the fainthearted. Discuss geology and natural history along the way. The day will culminate with a van stop at the Colorado River. Dinner stop TBD (on your own). *Activity Rating: 3+*

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann**

**\$165 per person – Tuition includes transportation, Hualapai permits, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 7AM from Prescott Campus. Reserve by Nov.1.**

**Backroad to Phoenix****Thursday, November 21, 2019 #112119***Reserve by Nov. 7.***Thursday, December 5, 2019 #120519***Reserve by Nov. 19.*

Travel the back roads of Agua Fria National Monument. Explore prehistoric ruins, take short hikes, bask in the riparian areas, and experience the variety of geology and ecosystems as you travel from high desert to Sonoran Desert. Geology, prehistoric history and natural history will be topics of the day. Hiking up to 1 mile at Pueblo la Plata and Sears-Kay prehistoric ruins. End the day with dinner (on your own) at El Encanto Restaurant in Cave Creek. *Activity Rating: 2 (travel on rough roads).*

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann****\$165 per person – Tuition includes transportation, admission fees, box lunch and field instruction.****Departs 7AM from Prescott Campus.** \*Cordes Junction pickup available. *Reserve at least two weeks in advance.***Hike Grand Canyon: Diamond Creek****Saturday, November 23, 2019 #112319****Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann.***(See description on page 6.) Reserve by Nov. 8.***Backroad to Phoenix****Thursday, December 5, 2019 #120519****Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann.***(See description on page 7.) Reserve by Nov. 19.***Hike Grand Canyon: Diamond Creek****Saturday, December 7, 2019 #120719****Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann.***(See description on page 6.) Reserve by Nov. 21.***Explore Yavapai County: The Western Desert****Thursday, December 12, 2019 #121219**

Travel backroads of southwestern Yavapai County as the landscape drops off from mountains and plateau into deep desert. Spend the day exploring this fascinating desert landscape, including a little-known oasis of permanent water at Hidden Tank. Visit the site of the old Congress Mine and Cemetery and the Nella Meda Mine, in recent years much restored under the name Robson's Mining World along with a huge collection of vintage mining equipment. Some optional light hiking (up to a mile) included. Along the way, we will make a brief stop at the trailhead to the Prescott Hotshots Memorial. *Activity Rating: 2*

**Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann****\$149 per person – Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 8AM from Prescott Campus.** *Reserve by Nov. 26.*