

Date(s): Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Coordinator: Chris Wuehrmann

Transportation: 12-PASSENGER VANS (non-smoking)

Meals: Box lunch and some drinking water provided. Bring extra drinking water and snacks. Dinner (on your own) at El Encanto in Cave Creek.

Tour: Travel the back roads of Agua Fria National Monument to Cave Creek. 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. Visit Pueblo la Plata on Perry Mesa and the Sears-Kay Ruin, a Hohokam village from 1050-1200 A.D. Geology, prehistoric history and natural history will be topics of the day.

6:45AM – Arrive at Yavapai College Prescott Campus. **Meet your van in the parking lot in front of the Lifelong Learning, Building 31.**

7:00AM – Depart from Prescott Campus and drive to Agua Fria National Monument. Continue on to the low-water crossing.

9:00AM – Arrive at Pueblo la Plata. Hike approximately 1-mile round trip across desert flats to explore the ruins that were occupied in the early 1400s.

10:00AM – Continue on through the National Monument along back roads with stunning views. There will be frequent stops to discuss the geology and history of the areas being traveled.

12:00PM – Lunch stop at Tangle Creek.

1:00PM – Depart for drive through Seven Springs Recreation Area to the Sears-Kay Ruin site.

3:30PM – Arrive at Sears-Kay Ruin site. Hike approximately 1-mile hike to the hilltop ruin.

4:30PM – Depart for El Encanto Restaurant in Cave Creek.

5:30PM – Dinner at El Encanto.

7:00PM – Depart for drive home.

8:30PM – Approximate arrival time at campus.

Itineraries are subject to change due to timing, weather, facility closures and other factors. Efforts will be made to stay as close to the original schedule as possible. Times are approximate and may vary slightly. Please arrive at your pickup location early so that we can stay as close to the schedule as possible.

TIPS:

- Bring extra drinking water and snacks.
- Wear comfortable clothes and light hiking shoes for the day. The ruins' paths are uneven and unpaved through brush. The hike at each ruin is approximately 1-mile round trip.
- Bring sunscreen, bug spray, and always wear a hat!
- Check the weather the night before and dress in layers or bring rain gear if you are uncertain.
- This is back road travel without restroom facilities. You may want to bring some tissue. Be prepared for travel on winding and bumpy roads.
- When on the van, please refrain from using a cell phone.
- Please be sensitive of van mates and do not wear perfumes and heavy lotions.
- Bring your camera and an extra battery.
- Please arrive early so we can check you in and depart on time.

Health Form:

The electronic Health form link will be **emailed** with the finalized itinerary to the email address on your student profile. If you do not receive this link or you are unable to submit the electronic form, please contact our office. You **MUST** provide a health form to your trip leader on the morning of departure.

Please call **928-717-7755** with any questions. EDventures office hours are Monday to Friday, 8AM-5PM.

Driver Contact: If you will be late or unable to make it to your pickup location, please call your driver **on the morning of departure** at **(928) 499-4527** prior to the scheduled pickup time.

