Land of Ancients: Mesa Verde National Park

2 days

More Itineraries

A land full of history—from ancient times to the Wild West—Mesa Verde is packed with stories waiting to be told amid spectacular Southwest scenery.

Sustainability Activity

How to Give Back to These Special Places:
Find out more about Mesa Verde National Park’s Volunteer in the Park Program.

Day 1

ACTIVITY

Balcony House at Mesa Verde National Park

With 40 rooms, Balcony House is considered a medium size cliff dwelling. Only 10 sites in the park have more. Evidence of how room and passageway construction in the alcove evolved through time can easily be seen in Balcony House. Today, the tunnel, passageways, and mod

LUNCH

Spruce Tree Terrace Cafe

Patio Dining at its best! Stop at Spruce Tree Terrace Café, located in the heart of Mesa Verde National Park, for favorite American classics and Southwest specialties.

ACTIVITY

Chapin Mesa Archeological Museum

The museum displays dioramas illustrating Ancestral Puebloan life. There are also many exhibits of prehistoric artifacts, a chronology of Ancestral Puebloan culture, and other items related to the...
Metate Room

Mesa Verde Metate Room Restaurant received "Award of Culinary Excellence" from the American Culinary Federation Colorado Chefs Association in the area of sustainable cuisine. Colorful Native...

ACTIVITY

Cortez Cultural Center

Programs will include Native American music and flute-playing, art, and other opportunities for in-depth appreciation of Southwestern cultures.

LODGING

Willowtail Springs B&B Cabins

Mesa Verde vacation, adventure in the heart of Southwest Colorado; Abode at Willowtail Springs B&B Cabins; best-kept secret in the area. Private, secluded, elegant lakeside cabins, bass, trout...

Day 2

BREAKFAST

Absolute Bakery & Cafe

Dedicated to the art of food, the Absolute Bakery & Cafe prepares food from scratch, using only the finest of organic and local ingredients. It's no secret that the burgers taste better because the...

ACTIVITY

Mancos Creative District

Facilitated by a vibrant community of more than 150 artists, the growing downtown Mancos Creative District has eight...

LUNCH

Millwood Junction

Millwood Junction restaurant features great steaks, seafood, and a huge salad bar for locals and Mesa Verde National Park visitors alike.

ACTIVITY

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Visitor Center and Museum, BLM
Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum contains a 3.5 million-item research collection. Exhibits interpret the history and culture of the Four Corners region including Ancestral...

**DINNERS**

**Dolores River Brewery**

Every community should have a comfortable place to hang out with somebody!

**ACTIVITY**

**Guy Drew Vineyards**

Our mission is to make premium wines from Colorado vineyards and offer a memorable experience.

**LODGING**

**Baymont Inn & Suites Cortez**

Located off Highway 160 in scenic Southwest Colorado. Take in the sweeping views of La Plata, the Blue Mountains, and Mesa Verde Ridge from your room. Our 100% non-smoking hotel is just minutes...

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