



## Conservation & Culture: Southwestern U.S.



### Come Discover Classroom Earth!



From dramatic canyons to colorful badlands and secluded cliff dwellings to vibrant Native American communities, this workshop will open your eyes to the rugged and extreme life of the Four Corners region. Through hands-on science, meaningful service, and exploration of iconic landscapes, students will discover exactly why this area boasts the highest concentration of National Parks and Monuments in the country.



### Program Highlights

- Gaze at the Milky Way while your campfire smolders and your Navajo guide recites ancient tales.
- Explore hidden cliff dwellings and ancient ruins mysteriously left behind by their original inhabitants.
- Eat Navajo frybread and be part of a meaningful community service project on a Navajo reservation.

Like every Global Explorers adventure, this program offers you an unparalleled educational experience. Our 3-phase program will immerse you in the culture, environment and history of the Southwestern U.S. You won't just visit the Four Corners, you'll dive into field science, community service and cross-cultural experiences that will change your life and empower you forever. Here's how...

### Program Essentials

- Location: **Four Corners, USA**
- Length: **8 Days**
- Price: **\$1,460**



### Before you travel....



We want this travel experience to change your life. As part of this process, you will learn as much as possible before you depart. You'll prepare with a series of Global Explorers lessons that cover:

- Desert ecology, soundscape research and Southwest conservation
- Spanish, Native American, and U.S. history and Navajo culture
- Leadership skills and service learning
- Travel tips

### While you travel....



We emphasize authentic, hands-on travel experiences. While traveling, students explore the rich cultural and natural diversity of the Southwest through sights and activities including:

- Conduct hands-on science through a partnership with the National Parks Service Natural Sounds Program
- Discover the unique geology and ecology of the region firsthand
- Learn about land management conservation issues
- Engage in a meaningful service project on the Navajo reservation
- Visit historic and vibrant trading posts

### After you travel....



You're not done yet! We hope you return inspired to make a difference, and we ask you to get started right away with a service leadership project upon your return. Projects might include:

- Giving back to the communities you visited
- Implementing a conservation program in your hometown
- Supporting disadvantaged members of your own community

### Sample Program Itinerary

- Day 1 - Travel to Mancos, CO; overnight near Mesa Verde
- Day 2 - Mesa Verde National Park; fire management issues in the region
- Day 3 - Hovenweep National Park; conduct research on impact of sound
- Day 4 - Ancestral Puebloan ruins; desert ecology; travel to Navajo reservation
- Day 5 - Canyon de Chelly National Park; overlooks and White House hike
- Day 6 - Service in Canyon de Chelly; camp in canyon; Navajo storytelling and music
- Day 7 - Hike out of Canyon campsite; Hubbell Trading Post; return to Mancos
- Day 8 - Return home!



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## Program Details

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Our comprehensive educational programs are designed for students and educators of all ages and abilities. Please consider the details below as you decide whether this program is the right fit for you. All programs are customizable. Contact Global Explorers for details.

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#### Included - Price Breakdown

All travel expenses once in Mancos, all meals, all lodging, all ground transportation, airport departure taxes, basic level of tips for guides and other services, program t-shirts, workshop journal, basic travel insurance, textbook(s), curriculum and service project materials (for Group Sponsor), year-long support, guidance and mentoring for local Group Sponsor, on-site Global Explorers Workshop Coordinator during travel, and local guides.

#### Not Included

Transportation (ground or airfare) between your home and Mancos, CO (near Durango, CO), and any personal items.

#### Accommodations

We will spend some nights in dormitory-style housing: rustic but comfortable with access to clean bathrooms. The rest of the trip will be camping with basic to limited facilities. Tents provided for camping, with sleeping bags and pads available to rent.

#### Recommended Age and Maturity Level

This program is specifically designed for middle and high school students. However, workshop activities can be modified for college or adult participants. Maturity level should be considered when determining whether students are appropriate candidates for this program.

#### Safety

We take this topic seriously and ask that all workshop participants do the same. We take an enormous amount of care in preparing our workshops to minimize safety risks, and we have created rules and regulations accordingly. It is very important that all travelers obey the rules and regulations set forth by Group Sponsors, on-site Global Explorers staff, guides and lodge managers.

#### Physical Fitness

All of our workshops are designed for adventurous participants! This workshop involves several hikes of moderate difficulty through desert weather and terrain. We suggest participants prepare both physically and mentally for their workshops in order to get the most out of their experience. Please call us for more details and discuss any concerns with your physician.

#### Flexibility

We do everything we can to ensure a positive workshop experience. Because we can not control all aspects of our workshops (like when lizards will choose to cross our path), we may need to slightly alter the workshop itinerary on site. We reserve the right to make these changes in the interest of enjoyment, education, logistics or safety. If any changes are necessary, we rely on your cooperation and flexibility to make them happen.



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