

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



GLAMPING WITH HOTEL CHACO

You might not know it yet, but Albuquerque offers a chance to experience the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Chaco Canyon, in a new and glamorous way. So what is glamping? As you may have gathered from the name, it's kind of like camping, if camping was a five star hotel. There are tents, and starlit skies, and outdoor bathrooms, but there are also foam core beds, bedside tables, fine dining, and comfy chairs. But this glamping experience also offers a unique opportunity to experience the ancient wonder of Chaco Canyon.

Over a thousand years ago, the peoples

of Chaco Canyon built their ancient civilization at the crossroads of trade between tribes to the South, in what is now Mexico, and tribes throughout the Midwest and Southwest of America. Centuries later, Heritage Inspirations (a branch of Heritage Hotels & Resorts) guests will get to see this ancient civilization and wonder at it's beauty and design.

Trips begin at Hotel Chaco (2000 Belamalah Ave. SW, 246-9989, hotelchaco.com), where a luxury van picks up guests for the three and a half hour drive to Chaco Canyon. Upon arriving, the first stop is at the largest Great House, Pueblo Bonito. Guests will get to examine the classic style of architecture used by the Chaco civilization. Next guests are taken on a

hike along the Petroglyph Trail to the next Great House, Chetrl Ketl. After a day of hiking and sightseeing, it's time to settle in back at base camp for a five-course gourmet meal and then, of course, s'mores by the fire.

Day two might involve a sunrise at Casa Riconada, the areas largest kiva, a hike along the ancient cliffs, or any number of experiences at Chaco. We can't tell you your exact schedule, it shifts with the time of the year, and we wouldn't want to spoil the surprises anyway.

Let your glamping trip be even more glamorous with some of the added-on amenities, like using a personal photographer, or getting a fireside massage.

