



Explore America

Landscapes & Legacies in the Southwest

7 days

10–12 estimated service hours

Preservation in the American Southwest

The American Southwest may be a desert, but the region is abundant in cultural traditions and natural beauty.

On this Service Learning Tour, you'll support initiatives such as:

- National Park conservation
- Economic development
- Native American community initiatives

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7-day itinerary

Day 1: Phoenix | Flagstaff

- Arrive in Phoenix and travel to Flagstaff, a major crossroads on Route 66.
- Take a walking tour of Flagstaff's historic downtown.

Day 2: Grand Canyon | Flagstaff

- Participate in a Service Learning project at a national park, which might include creating hiking trails or helping reintroduce the formerly extinct California condor.
- Visit the Grand Canyon, where you'll see Desert View Drive and Yavapai Point.
- View the stars tonight at Flagstaff's Lowell Observatory, one of the oldest astronomical observatories in the Southwest.

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Day 3: Tuba City | Window Rock | Northern New Mexico

- Explore dinosaur tracks that formed nearly 200 million years ago during the Jurassic period.
- Travel to Tuba City, a major city in The Navajo Nation. Visit the Explore Navajo Interactive Museum, Code Talker Exhibit, and Trading Post.
- Visit Window Rock, capital of the Navajo Nation. At the Code Talker Memorial, learn how the Navajo created an impenetrable code for Allied forces during World War II.

Day 4: Northern New Mexico

- Participate in a Service Learning project in coordination with a national park or in collaboration with local Native American communities.
- Enjoy an included lunch.

Day 5: Northern New Mexico | Albuquerque

- Participate in a Service Learning project in collaboration with local Native American communities. (Tasks could include planting flower beds, maintaining facilities at a local school, or supporting composting initiatives.)
- Enjoy an included lunch.
- Travel to Albuquerque.

Day 6: Albuquerque

- Visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center that represents the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico. Participate in a hands-on activity focused on life in the Pueblos.
- Take in views of the Sandia Mountains during an aerial tram ride.

Day 7: Depart for home



What's included:

- Full-time Field Director
- Expert-led sightseeing tours
- Entrance fees
- Service hours
- 6 overnight stays in hotels
- Round-trip flights
- Local transportation
- Breakfast and dinner daily



What to expect on EF's Service Learning Tours

On a Service Learning Tour, you and your students work side by side with locals on community-driven projects. We partner with established nonprofits and NGOs to ensure your support is both meaningful and sustainable. Through hands-on work and authentic connections to the local culture, students learn vital collaboration and problem-solving skills. And they return home inspired to make a difference in their own communities.

Students who travel on our Service Learning Tours will experience:

Meaningful service

Working side by side with locals, you'll gain insight into the challenges they face and build lasting solutions to help empower the community.

Cultural immersion

Live in the communities you serve—celebrating the area's customs and forming lasting connections with locals.

Leadership development

Your Field Director takes your service experience even further, strengthening leadership skills through activities and workshops.