

# Aztec Ruins National Monument



*Walk in the Footprints of the Past*



**Aztec Ruins is one of the best preserved archeological sites** in the Southwest and is a sacred ancestral place to many Native American people. It became a national monument in 1923 and a World Heritage site in 1987 to recognize its significance to all of humankind.

The great houses at Aztec Ruins formed an important regional center for ancestral Pueblo people. Today visitors can wander through an ancient building containing over 400 rooms and towering three stories tall. You can explore a reconstructed ceremonial Great Kiva and walk through a series of rooms still roofed with original 900-year old beams.



**KIDS** — earn a free National Park Service Junior Ranger badge by learning about and helping to protect the archeological site!



# Journey 900 years into the past...

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### Aztec West Trail —

Explore the 800-yard path through a massive great house.

This monumental structure was built as a public ceremonial, economic, and political center around 1100 AD and was occupied by ancestral Pueblo people until about 1300 AD.

**Visitor Center and Museum** — Examine ancient pottery, weavings, and an original ladder. Watch the video *Footprints of the Past* to hear perspectives from archeologists and Native American scholars. Shop for books, postcards, and traditional crafts.

**Picnic in the shade** of cottonwood trees; investigate a heritage garden and a short native plants walk.

**Entrance Fees** are \$5.00 per adult. Children 15 and under are free. Annual, senior, access, and military passholders are free.

**Ranger Tours and Talks**, cultural demonstrations, and evening lectures throughout the summer are included in the entrance fee.



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SUMMER – 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, 7 days a week  
*Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day*

WINTER – 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 7 days a week  
*Closed Thanksgiving, December 25, and January 1*

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