

Reminder: Native Pueblos/Reservations are sovereign nations with their own tribal laws and regulations. All visitors must comply with these laws which could include the confiscation of electronic devices being used in a manner contrary to their laws. There may also be times when tribal leaders need to restrict access because of private ceremonies and other reasons.

Please Respect The Culture And Lives Of The Residents By Following These Rules Of Etiquette When Visiting Pueblos:

Access within the Pueblos

- Although most Pueblos are open to the public during daylight hours, the homes are private. Like any village, the Pueblos are home to those who live there and should be respected as such.
- Pueblo villages, including Kivas, ceremonial rooms, and cemeteries are sacred places and restricted for use by Pueblo members only. Please observe all signage indicating OFF LIMITS areas.

Cameras and electronics

- Most Pueblos require a permit to photograph on location. Some Pueblos prohibit photography at all times and all pueblos prohibit photographs of dances/ceremonies. If photography is allowed, always ask for permission before taking a photograph of a tribal member. **REMEMBER: cameras, camera phones, and film can be confiscated.**
- Refrain from bringing a cell phone onto Pueblos. Tribal officials could confiscate cell phones if they feel they might be used for photography or recording. Also, the ring tones as well as personal conversations can easily disrupt others, as well as daily tribal life.

Basic Etiquette

- Tribes value traditions, customs and religion. Some actions and/or questions could be offensive, so refrain from pressing for answers.
- If organized tours are offered, please remember to stay with your tribal guide at all times.
- The carrying or use of alcohol and drugs on Pueblos is strictly prohibited.
- Do not remove artifacts, pottery shards or other tempting items.

Dances and Ceremonies

- Tribal communities do not use the clock to determine when it is time to conduct activities. Acts of nature, as well as the sequence of events that must take place (some not for public viewing) usually determine start and finish times for ceremonies.
- Silence is mandatory during all dances and Pueblo ceremonies. This means no questions about the ceremonies or dances while they are underway; no interviews with the participants; no walking across the dance plaza; and, no applause during / after the dance or ceremony. Tribal dances are religious ceremonies, not public performances. It is a privilege to witness a ceremony.