



## United States Department of the Interior



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Aztec Ruins National Monument  
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505-334-6174

Dear Commercial Tour Operator;

Thank you for your interest in visiting Aztec Ruins National Monument. The park offers a powerful and thought-provoking experience and is easily accessible for most groups. Visitors step back in time as they walk a short, self-guided trail through a 900-year-old ancestral Pueblo Great House. The park integrates the perspectives of archeologists and modern Native American peoples into the interpretation. Below you'll find some information that will help you make your visit successful. I also recommend you look at our website ([www.nps.gov/azru](http://www.nps.gov/azru)) for further details.

### **Planning a Visit**

- Please call the visitor center at 505-334-6174 at least two weeks in advance of your visit so that the staff can be prepared.
- Park hours are 8:00am-5:00pm daily, 8:00am-6:00pm from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day.
- The entrance fee is \$5.00 per adult. The park accepts cash, credit cards, and checks with address and tax ID number. America the Beautiful passes are accepted for entrance, including interagency annual, senior, military, and access passes. Children 15 and under are free.
- If you will be bringing your own interpretive guide to give a special tour (not including bus drivers, travel directors, or language translators), you need to apply for a commercial use authorization: <http://www.nps.gov/azru/parkmgmt/commercial-use-authorization.htm>.

### **Facilities and Activities Available**

- The monument includes a visitor center with museum, 15-minute video, and bookstore. The archeological site is located directly behind the visitor center, and a half-mile, self-guided trail winds through the site. One to two hours is recommended for these activities.
- Trail guides can be purchased for \$2.00 in the bookstore. It is strongly recommended that the group have several copies of the trail guide to help visitors understand what they are seeing. Loan copies are available in English, German, French, Spanish, and Dutch, but supplies are limited.
- Restrooms are accessed from the front porch of the visitor center.
- A large picnic area is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## **Safety and Preservation**

- All groups must receive an orientation from a ranger. Please keep the full group outside the visitor center, and send a leader to check-in and arrange a meeting place for the orientation. The orientation will take 5-10 minutes.
- Visitors must stay on the marked, self-guided trail. Off-trail traffic is damaging to the fragile archeological resources.
- The self-guided trail includes some steps, dark rooms, and low doorways. Accessibility guides are available for visitors with limited mobility.
- Photography is permitted throughout the park, but please no flash photographs in the museum.

We look forward to providing any further information you need to prepare. Please contact the visitor center at 505-334-6174 or [azru\\_information@nps.gov](mailto:azru_information@nps.gov) if you have additional questions or to schedule a visit.

Sincerely,

Larry Turk  
Superintendent