

# Canyon de Chelly National Monument

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Canyon de Chelly National Monument  
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## Canyon Tours

Canyon de Chelly National Monument is unlike any other national park in that the canyons are within the Navajo Nation and include a residential community. Canyon residents have shared their homelands to visitors long before the monument was established in 1931, but not all areas are open to the general public. Visiting this special place can include a self guided drive along the North and South Rim Drives that feature several overlooks and one hiking trail open all year round. Guided tours of the backcountry areas that are not open to the public are available by hiring an authorized guide and obtaining a backcountry permit. Arrangements for tours are made directly with an independent authorized guide or tour operator.

### Tour Companies

Tours into the canyon can be arranged directly with the tour companies or with an authorized guide listed. Companies provide tours by vehicle, horseback or hiking using their own vehicles or horses. Independent authorized guides can be hired for hiking or tours using YOUR 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Reservations made in advance are suggested. Backcountry permits are free and available only during regular business hours from the Visitor Center. The group leader and private guide are required to sign the permit in person acknowledging the park regulations. The entire group is responsible for abiding by the regulations set forth by the National Park Service.

Important points to remember are no pets are permitted on tours even if using your own vehicle; groups must stay together; and entry is not permitted into any archeological site.

Guides are not employees of the park, but are authorized by the National Park Service to provide commercial services. All arrangements including fees are to be made directly with your guide and not the National Park Service.

Canyon tours are required to have: One guide per 5 vehicles; one guide per 6 horseback riders; one guide per 15 hikers. Large groups of 16 or more people may need to request a Special Use Permit (see SPECIAL REQUESTS).

### By Vehicle

[Ancient Canyon Tours](#) – (928)380-1563, P.O. Box 2999, Chinle, AZ 86503, [www.ancientcanyontours.com](http://www.ancientcanyontours.com)

[Antelope House Tours](#) – (928)674-5231, P.O. Box 459, Chinle, AZ 86503, [www.canyondechelly.net](http://www.canyondechelly.net)

[Canyon Ancient Jeep Tours](#) – (928)349-5912, P.O. Box 1564, Chinle, AZ 86503, [canyondechellyspiderrockjeeptour.com](http://canyondechellyspiderrockjeeptour.com)

[Canyon de Chelly Tours](#) – (928)674-5433, P.O. Box 976, Chinle, AZ 86503, [www.canyondechellytours.com](http://www.canyondechellytours.com)

[Canyon Jeep Tours](#) – (928)245-9592, P.O. Box 2168, Chinle, AZ 86503, [www.canyonjeeptours.net](http://www.canyonjeeptours.net)

[Changing Woman Tours](#) – (928)674-5260, P.O. Box 2347, Chinle, AZ 86503, [www.changingwomantours.com](http://www.changingwomantours.com)

[De Chelly Tours](#) – (928)674-3772, P.O. Box 2539, Chinle, AZ 86503, [www.dechellytours.com](http://www.dechellytours.com)

[Dine Bikeyah Tours](#) – (928)675-0461, P.O. Box 1174, Chinle, AZ 86503

[Speaking Rock Tours](#) – (928)674-8261, P.O. Box 2509, Chinle, AZ 86503, [www.spiderrockcampground.com](http://www.spiderrockcampground.com)

[Tseyi Jeep Tours](#) – (928)349-5560, P.O. Box 2880, Chinle, AZ 86503, [www.tseyijeeptour.com](http://www.tseyijeeptour.com)

[Tseyiinii Tours](#) – (928)266-9506, P.O. Box 1653, Chinle, AZ 86503

[Twin Trails Scenic Tours](#) – (928)674-5668, P.O. Box 1913, Chinle, AZ 86503

[Thunderbird Lodge Tours](#) – (928)674-5841, 800-679-2473, P.O. Box 548, Chinle, AZ 86503, [www.tbirdlodge.com](http://www.tbirdlodge.com)

### By Horseback

[Justin's Horse Tours](#) – Located at the mouth of the canyon. (928)674-5678, P.O. Box 881, Chinle, AZ 86503

[Totsonii Ranch](#) – Located 1 ¼ miles beyond the end of the pavement on the South Rim Drive. (928)220-5524, P.O. Box 434, Chinle, AZ 86503, [www.totsoniiranch.com](http://www.totsoniiranch.com)

[Private Stock Use](#) – Contact horse tour operator for hiring guide(s) and boarding arrangements. Livestock is not permitted in the Cottonwood Campground; boarding available at private horse stables and may require additional fee. Requires current health certificates and other documents to be submitted at least 14 days in advance. Detailed information at Visitor Center.

### By Hiking

[Mummy Cave Tours](#) – (928)674-3766, P.O. 2335, Chinle, AZ 86503, [www.canyondechelly.net/mummy\\_cave\\_tours](http://www.canyondechelly.net/mummy_cave_tours)

[Private Independent Guides](#) – Contact guide directly from list. Please discuss details and verify fees with guide. See AUTHORIZED GUIDES.

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## Authorized Guides

The authorized guides listed are available for hire for hiking or tours using YOUR own 4-wheel drive vehicle. Your vehicle must be 4-wheel drive with high clearance as all-wheel drive vehicles are not permitted.

Generally the guides are hired for a minimum 3 hours and are paid directly in cash. Extra fees may apply for leading more

than 3 vehicles, leading large hiking groups and shuttling hikers. Please discuss details and verify fees with guide.

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\* available for hiking

Anagal, Alice	928-674-3416	Hardy, Harris	928-349-5285*	Teller, Nelson	928-255-7914
Anagal, Benjamin	928-349-0238	Hardy, Tiffany	928-349-8055	Teller, Pauline	928-349-5390
Anagal, Kee Jr.	928-674-3416*	Henry, Andrew	928-349-2119	Thomas, Leon	928-674-5433
Anagal, Kendall	928-674-3839*	Henry, Winnie	928-245-6985*	Thomas, Leone	928-309-9285
Aragon, Cedrick	928-266-5789	Hunter, Carmen	928-349-9941	Tso, Justin Sr.	928-674-5678
Bahe, Emerson	928-349-8334*	Hunter, Cynthia	928-675-0403	Tso, Larry	505-406-9882
Becenti, Irene	928-349-1391*	James, Nathan	928-551-2452	Tso, Patrick	928-349-9681
Begay, Victoria	928-674-5260	John, Jerold	928-349-5013	Tsosie, Hadley	928-349-6790*
Begay, Wilmer	928-797-5239	Lem, Deborah	928-349-9665	Tsosie, Sally	928-674-5706*
Bia, David	928-674-5726	Martinez, Joseph	928-349-2312	VanWinkle, Bobby	928-349-5699
Bia, Francine	928-349-7587*	McClanahan, Jon	928-206-5443*	VanWinkle, Bryant	928-674-3262
Bia, Oscar	928-349-5912	McClanahan, Lupita	928-401-0430*	Watchman, Calvin	928-349-8528*
Carroll, Daniel	928-349-3969	Shirley, Barbara	928-863-9788*	Watchman, Sylvia	928-349-1750
Chester, Gabriel Sr.	928-349-9723	Smith, Howard	928-675-0534*	Wilson, Delbert	928-675-1649
Charley, Janice	928-349-1872	Spencer, Terrill	928-349-9752*	Wilson, Marsha	928-349-1969
Chester, Marcus	928-349-9723	Spencer, Tommie	928-349-6613*	Wilson, Maureen	928-349-2647
Cly, Elbert	928-674-3766*	Staley, Daniel	928-349-2134	Yazzie, Deswood	928-245-9592
Cly, Elsie	928-674-3921	Staley, DonVan	505-809-8433	Yazzie, Kristy	928-349-8293*
Cly, Tommie	928-674-3921*	Staley, Leander	928-674-3140	Yazzie, Percy	928-349-7450*
Draper, Daniel	928-551-0214	Tah, Patrick	602-358-3498	Yazzie, Perry	928-349-1394*
Draper, Karsten	928-349-3315*	Teller, Aaron	928-349-9730	Yellowman, Raymond	928-674-3345
Etsitty, Kenneth	928-349-0940*	Teller, Adam	928-349-7709*	Yoe, Edwina	505-406-3877*
Halwood, Timothy	928-349-5560	Teller, Ben	928-349-5266*	Yoe, Eleanor	928-380-1563*

## Backcountry Camping

Overnight camping in the backcountry requires hiring an authorized guide and obtaining a backcountry permit from the Visitor Center in addition to supporting documents. Permits are available from the Visitor Center during regular business hours only.

Groups requesting to camp overnight in the backcountry should plan well in advance to make arrangements with an authorized guide and submit the following information to the park:

participants' names, emergency phone numbers, complete trip itinerary, and landowner(s) written permission.

Groups cannot be left unattended and must be accompanied by the authorized guide(s) at all times while in the backcountry. Large groups of 16 or more people may need to request a Special Use Permit (see SPECIAL REQUESTS).

## Special Requests

Most special events and activities held in the park require a Special Use Permit, issued only after the park determines that the activity will not cause derogation of the park's resources or values, visitor experiences, or the purpose for which the park was established.

To determine if a Special Use Permit is required, submit a written request to the park at least 2 weeks in advance of proposed activity to provide adequate time to work out details.

Written requests should include as much detail about the event such as date, time, location, type of event, number of people, number of vehicle or horses, and equipment or supplies to be used.

Events such as weddings, filming, photography and large gatherings (large tour groups) may be subject to fees for the permit application, permit review and activity monitoring. In some cases, events may also require a certificate of liability insurance.

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