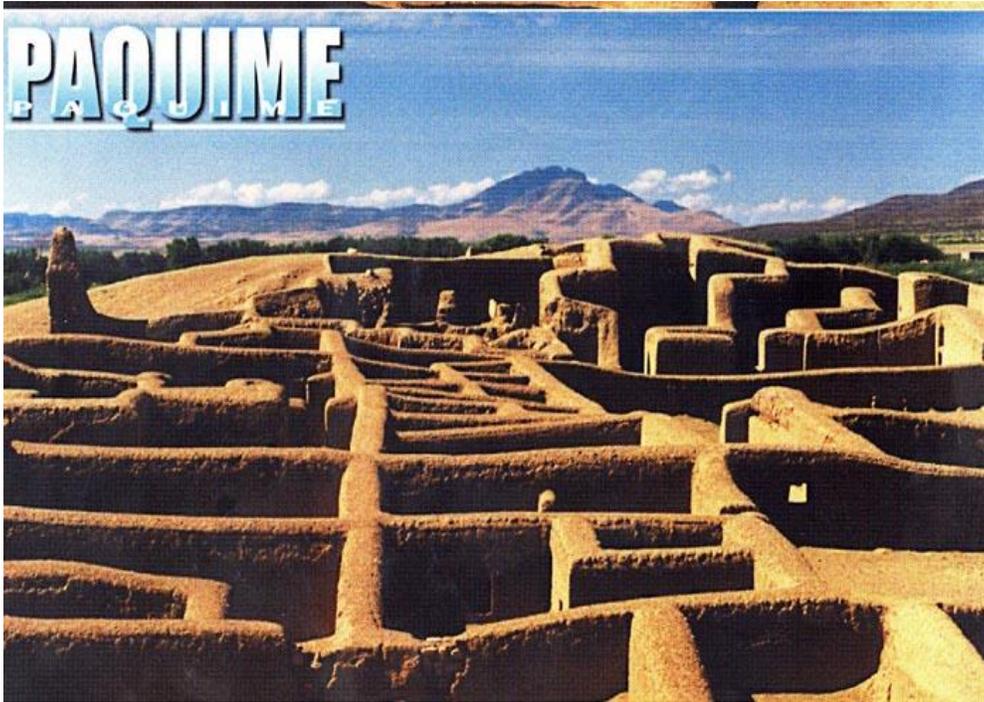


Copper Canyon & Beyond with Jim Glendinning



Casas Grandes & Mata Ortiz March 21 – March 25, 2018 \$895

Small group tour (minimum 8 persons) led by Jim Glendinning

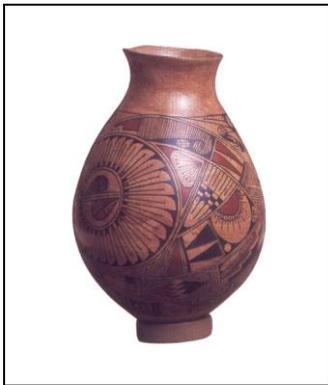
Wednesday, March 21. Assemble at El Paso International Airport baggage claim at 1 p.m., load and board our van. Meet Diana Acosta, our driver/guide. Drive west on NM Hwy 9 for 2 hours to Columbus, NM. We clear Mexican Immigration (passport needed) and Customs, then take lunch at the amazing emporium, “The Pink Store”. We drive 127 miles via Janos on Hwy 2 to **Casas Grandes** where we meet our hosts, Spencer and Emie MaCallum, whose houses (**Casa Rosa and Casa del Nopal**) we will stay in. Margaritas and dinner at nearby *El Meson del Kiote*.

Thursday, March 22. After breakfast at Ramon’s, a nearby café, we drive the short distance to **Paquime** archeological site. We tour the 88-acres of impressive remains of the pre Columbian culture which prospered here until 1450. We then visit the Museum of Northern Cultures, adjacent to the archeological zone. This UNESCO-

designated World Heritage Site, contains an overall plan of the site, and specific exhibits of many aspects of the Paquime civilization, including exquisite jewelry, musical instruments, weapons and everyday utensils.

We drive 8 miles to **Nuevo Casa Grandes** for lunch at *Taco Fish*, popular with the local people. In the afternoon, we go to the **Barreras** jewelry factory. The owner explains the origin of the business and how it specializes in cutting gems and stone for retailers in Taxco, the silver capital of Mexico.

We return to Casas Grandes for a short walk with Diana, who explains the murals in the village. Spencer MacCallum later tells us how he discovered, supported and nurtured the work of Juan Quezada, whose studio we visit tomorrow. Dinner at *Los Colorados* restaurant in Casas Grandes. Overnight at Casa del Nopal.



Friday, March 23. This morning we drive 16 miles to the village of **Mata Ortiz**, formerly a lumber town called Pearson, now the center of the revival of Paquime pottery. Much of the village is engaged in pottery production, thanks to maestro Juan Quezada. We visit his studio and visit other studios well known for the quality of their work. Chance to purchase.



We drive a few miles to **Hacienda San Diego**, a mansion owned in pre-Revolutionary times by the immensely wealthy Terrazas family. Diana's mother, an excellent cook, gives us a tour and makes lunch for us. Next we drive to **Colonia Juarez**, one of two remaining Mormon settlements in Mexico. We look at the temple and school and admire the orderly layout of the town, reminiscent of old-time USA. Then we drive back to our rooms to freshen up, before visiting *Los*

Pistoleros, a traditional, rustic restaurant for dinner. Overnight at Casa del Nopal.

Saturday, March 24. Today we drive to Janos, where we take lunch with Celso Jasquez at his ranch, which is also a sotol factory. This active man is engaged in competing with tequila to put sotol on the map in the USA. Chance to taste and buy. On the way back to Casas Grandes, we stop in Janos to visit the old adobe church and continue to Cerro del Diablo, a small mountain with petroglyphs. The walking distance is not far, but make sure to wear suitable shoes. In the evening we dine at Pompeii restaurant, specializing in turkey, since the family which owns it is the number one producer in Mexico. We check into the **Hotel Dublan** in Nuevo Casas Grandes for our last night.

Sunday, March 25. After a cup of coffee, we head north to the border. We have one more time to make purchases at “The Pink Store”, where we eat a hot breakfast, before crossing over to Columbus, NM, then driving back to El Paso International Airport by 1.00 p.m. where we say Adios! to Diana. End of our Mexican adventure.

Price: \$895 includes

Accommodation (sharing) in private home and hotel as detailed.
Transportation in a 15-passenger van, licensed and insured to operate in Mexico.
All meals on the trip, except on one occasion when in the van. Entrance to archeological site, museums and other sites on the itinerary. Services of Jim Glendinning as tour leader, and Diana Acosta, as driver and local guide. (Price based on 8 persons).

Single room supplement \$110. Not included: Tips to local guides, Insurance.

Payment details: Deposit \$200/person payable by January 1, 2018 (refundable up to 02/15/2018). Balance of \$695 by February 15, 2018.

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