



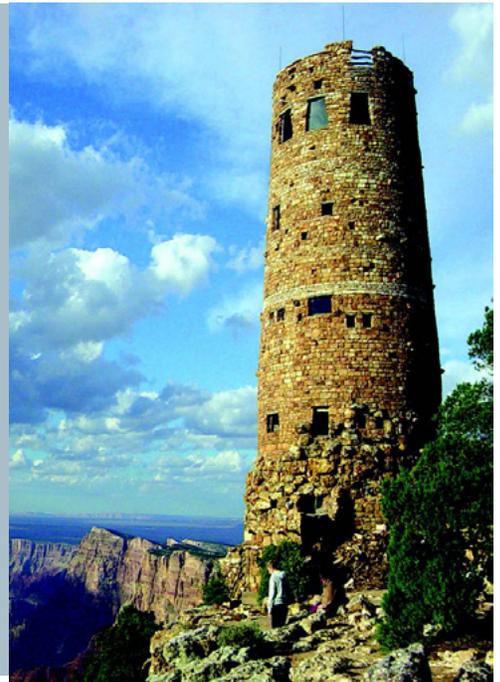
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## Grand Canyon Desert View Intertribal Cultural Heritage Center

The American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association, the Grand Canyon Inter-tribal Advisory Council and Grand Canyon National Park welcome visitors to the newly repurposed Desert View Watchtower and Visitor Area, to experience the authentic, native culture of the Grand Canyon.

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### Experience the Grand Canyon with a Tribal Perspective

The Desert View area has been used as a gathering place for thousands of years. Architect Mary Colter modeled Desert View's centerpiece, the Watchtower, after the architecture of the Ancestral Puebloan people of the Colorado Plateau.

Today, the new cultural heritage center allows visitors to learn about and experience the cultural connections the tribes in the area have to the canyon, a perspective previously not available at the park.

Visitors entering the park from the east will be introduced to the Canyon by descendants of its original human residents: artists, elders, teachers, families, their arts, languages and foods. Desert View will again be a window to the Grand Canyon through Indian eyes.



*"We share Desert View as a symbol to bond the peoples of yesterday, today and tomorrow. The Watchtower serves as a connection to embrace the heartbeats of our peoples and visitors far and wide with the heartbeat of the canyon...We are still here."*

Grand Canyon Inter-tribal Advisory Council's Desert View Vision Statement



### What You'll See

- First voice interpretive events, exhibits, and media
- Cultural heritage demonstrations: arts, poetry, music, dance, foods, direct sales to the public
- The Watchtower and its breathtaking 1933 Hopi murals

### How to Get there

The Desert View Watchtower stands at the eastern end of the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Find directions, maps, and helpful tips at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

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