



“Journey to the Fiesta of Guadalupe in the Town of Guadalupe, Arizona”: A Native American cultural experience guided by Yoeme (Yaqui) Historian Felipe S. Molina

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For details and reservations contact Old Pueblo Archaeology Center at **520-798-1201** or info@oldpueblo.org.



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The Fiesta of Guadalupe, celebrated by members of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in Arizona (and a national holiday in Mexico), is always on December 12th, commemorating the legendary appearance of the Virgin Mary to a young indigenous man in Mexico on December 12, 1531.

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center offers this special outing with Yoeme (Yaqui Indian) traditional culture specialist Felipe S. Molina to attend the Town of Guadalupe’s December 12 fiesta honoring its namesake. Participants in this Old Pueblo event may either ride in a car caravan from Tucson to Guadalupe or to meet at a Burger King in Tempe just south of the town.

At the Tempe Burger King, Felipe will give an orientation before we all drive in a caravan to a parking area in Guadalupe, then walk to see the fiesta

procession enter the town plaza. Following the procession we will split our group into two or more subgroups that will each watch the activities from different vantage points, then in the afternoon our group will reassemble to compare what everyone has seen from the various observation points, and Felipe will provide further interpretation of some of the things going on at the fiesta.

People can either bring their lunches, buy food from vendors in the plaza, or dine in one of Guadalupe’s restaurants. The tour officially ends after the regrouping and interpretation discussion but participants may choose to stay and watch the evening festivities or to go home (not necessarily in a caravan) after the group discussion.

Saturday December 12, 2020

9:30 a.m. (Tucson departure) or 11 a.m. (Tempe departure) to 4 p.m. or later depending on how late participants with vehicles wish to stay

Participants provide their own transportation, lunch, and water.

Donation does not include transportation, meals, or lodging.

Donations are due 10 days after reservation request or by 5 p.m. Wednesday December 9, whichever is earlier.

Check out this and other activities at Old Pueblo Archaeology Center’s web site: www.oldpueblo.org.

All participants are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing during the tour to reduce spreading of disease.

See the following pages for important tour information and tentative itinerary.

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Our guide Felipe S. Molina is a resident of Yoem Pueblo, a Yaqui Indian community in Marana, Arizona. He was taught the indigenous language, culture, and history of the Yoemem (Yaquis) by his maternal grandfather and grandmother, his grandmother's cousin, and several elders from Tucson's original Pascua Village. After retiring from teaching he completed manuals on these topics for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Social Service Department and helped document Yoeme family stories of Guadalupe Village for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Enrollment Department.

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's Executive Director Allen Dart is Old Pueblo's coordinator for the tour.



Felipe Molina
Photograph by
Steven Meckler

Tentative Itinerary

9:30 a.m. Participants who want to join the tour in the Tucson area meet in the Sam's Furniture Outlet parking lot at 2020 W. Prince Rd., just east of I-10.

(The Tucson group will caravan to Tempe to meet second tour group there.)

11 a.m. All participants meet at the Burger King in Groves Power Center at 1220 W. Elliot Rd., just east of the I-10 Elliott Road exit in Tempe.

We will give tour orientation and collect all participants' completed and signed liability release forms at the Burger King.

11:15ish From the Burger King, everyone drives in a caravan north on Priest Road and Avenida del Yaqui to the parking area at the northeast corner of Avenida del Yaqui and Calle San Angelo.

All times after leaving the parking area are tentative,
depending on how things go in Guadalupe.

For lunch, registrants can either bring their own, buy food from vendors in the plaza,
or dine in one of Guadalupe's restaurants.

11:30ish Everyone walks from parking area to see the fiesta procession enter Guadalupe plaza.

Once the procession ends, we will split into two or more subgroups that each will each watch the activities from different vantage points.

3 to 4 p.m. Tour group reassembles at a place to be designated by Felipe to compare what they saw from the various observation points.

Felipe will provide his interpretation of some of the things going on at the fiesta.

4:30ish Tour officially ends after the regrouping and interpretation discussion. Afterward, participants can choose to stay and watch later festivities or to go home (not necessarily in a caravan).



All participants are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing during the tour to reduce spreading of disease.

COST AND PAYMENT POLICY: Reservations are accepted on a first-come basis. Full payment is due within 10 days of reservation request or by tour registration deadline, whichever is earlier. A portion of the tour fee will be a tax-deductible contribution to Old Pueblo Archaeology Center in an amount to be determined based on tour expenses compared to revenues after all expenses have been paid. Any entrance fee savings from passes, permits, memberships, etc., become part of the donation to Old Pueblo Archaeology Center. We welcome singles, couples, and groups.

CANCELLATIONS less than seven days prior to departure date are not refundable. Cancellation notice must be received in writing, or via email or fax, and will be effective as of the date received. Cancellations after final payment date/time will result in forfeiture of all money paid. No refund will be made for leaving a program in progress. Trip insurance is highly recommended. Old Pueblo reserves the right to cancel programs while in progress and to take action as needed on an individual or group basis, when in Old Pueblo's sole opinion the health, safety, or well-being of participants requires such action. The tour itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, but participants will be notified of significant changes in advance if the change is under the control of Old Pueblo.

TRANSPORTATION: Registrants are responsible for their own transportation. All driving is on paved roads except in the dirt parking lot in Guadalupe. Drivers park their vehicles in Guadalupe at their own risk.

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS: No lodging or meals are included in tour fee. Each participant needs to bring at least one quart of water and other beverages as desired. Snack foods are also recommended. No alcoholic beverages are allowed at the fiesta. Participants can either bring their lunches, buy food from vendors in the plaza, or dine in one of Guadalupe's restaurants.

DEPARTURE: Option 1: Registrants who wish to meet in the Tucson area for the tour and caravan to Guadalupe can meet the Tucson tour group at 9:30 a.m. in the southeast corner of the Sam's Furniture Outlet parking lot at 2020 W. Prince Rd. in Tucson (just east of I-10 Exit 254) and caravan from there to the tour staging area in Tempe, Arizona. *Vehicles may not be left in the Sam's parking lot for the day.* Option 2: 11 a.m. at the Burger King Restaurant in Groves Power Center, 1220 W. Elliot Rd., Tempe, just east of I-10 Exit 157. The tour is anticipated to officially end around 4 p.m. so the return time to Tucson is estimated to be around 5:30 p.m. However, participants with vehicles may stay to observe Guadalupe's evening celebrations.

ACCESSIBILITY: All areas to be visited during the tour are open to the general public and most are handicap-accessible. Anticipate plenty of walking from one place to another during the tour. Tour leaders will allow plenty of time for those who cannot walk quickly. Participants can walk as much or as little as they wish.

HEALTH ADVISORIES: Bring and wear a hat that protects the back of your neck and your ears. Bring and wear sunscreen lotion. You must be in good physical and mental health to do this tour. We are concerned about your health and safety, and our tour leaders have had first-aid and CPR training, but medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during all or part of the tour. You are responsible for selecting events appropriate to your abilities and limitations. If you have any doubts about your ability to participate, please contact us prior to registering. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported when the reservation is made, and a follow-up explanatory letter may be required.

PARTICIPANTS MUST ABIDE by all federal, state, and Pascua Yaqui Tribe regulations pertaining to visitation in Guadalupe. Except for legal purchases, collecting of artifacts, plants, animals, and mineral specimens is prohibited.

MEMBERSHIP: Becoming a member of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center opens a world of new discoveries. A \$25, 1-year "Friend" membership provides the *Old Pueblo Archaeology* bulletin and discounts on some of our tour and course fees, and publications. Higher levels of membership may provide member with opportunities to participate in archaeological excavation and other research projects if desired. For membership details contact Old Pueblo at 520-798-1201 or info@oldpueblo.org, or visit our web site: www.oldpueblo.org.

