

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center Presents

ENCORE Chukui Kawi/Cerro Prieto ☯ Inscription Hill ☯ Pan Quemado:
Yoeme Sacred Mountain, Hohokam Trincheras, and Petroglyphs Tour

A Car-Caravan Tour to Cultural Sites in
Ironwood Forest National Monument
with Felipe S. Molina and Allen Dart

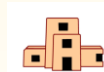
Saturday January 4, 2025

8 am to approximately 5 pm

**Meets at McDonald's Restaurant,
13934 N. Sandario Rd.,
Marana, Arizona, near
Interstate 10 Exit 236 (Marana)**



One of the Cerro Prieto trincheras (Al Dart photo)



Cerro Prieto (Spanish for "Dark Hill") is a volcanic peak that rises about 900 feet above the surrounding landscape in Ironwood Forest National Monument northwest of Tucson. **To the Yoeme (Yaqui) Indians it is a sacred place known as Chukui Kawi** ("Black Mountain"). Yoeme of southern Arizona's Marana and Tucson areas periodically make pilgrimages to Chukui Kawi to pay their respects and renew ties to their traditional native culture.

Cerro Prieto also is one of the largest and most complex US archaeological sites featuring **trincheras** – massive rock-work terraces built on steep hillsides, and is situated in close proximity to the **Inscription Hill petroglyphs site**. Cerro Prieto's archaeological features, constructed and used by people of the Hohokam culture between 1150 and 1300 CE, include numerous housing compounds and more than 250 rooms of stone masonry, other walls, waffle gardens, check

dams, a natural source of stone that was used to produce agave-processing knives, and trail systems, **trincheras**, talus pits, and petroglyphs, indicating Cerro Prieto was residential, agricultural, and ceremonial.

Inscription Hill is the largest and most impressive concentration of petroglyphs in the Cerro Prieto area and probably one of the densest petroglyph groupings in southern Arizona. This site encompasses at least 1,225 individual glyphs plus bedrock metates, **trincheras**, trail segments, and talus pits. Most of the precontact petroglyphs there are concentrated on boulders at its summit but there also are glyphs on its lower slopes. A wide, well-preserved trail that was created by clearing boulders and rock debris down to the bedrock and caliche, then stacking the rocks on either side, leads to a cleared area and rock circles at the summit in the midst of a dense cluster of glyphs.

Pan Quemado, a horseshoe-shaped volcanic hill lying east of Cerro Prieto, contains several petroglyph concentrations. We will visit as many of them as we have time for during the tour.



Some Inscription Hill petroglyphs (Tom Herrick photo)

\$55 donation per person
(\$45 for Old Pueblo Archaeology Center and
S'edav Va'aki Museum Foundation members)
helps cover Old Pueblo's tour expenses and supports
Old Pueblo's and Mr. Molina's education programs
about archaeology and traditional cultures.

Donation prepayments are required
10 days after reservation request or by
5 pm Tuesday December 31, whichever is earlier.

To register contact Old Pueblo Archaeology Center at

info@oldpueblo.org or 520-798-1201.

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BRING YOUR OWN lunch, water, and vehicle (or form your own carpool).



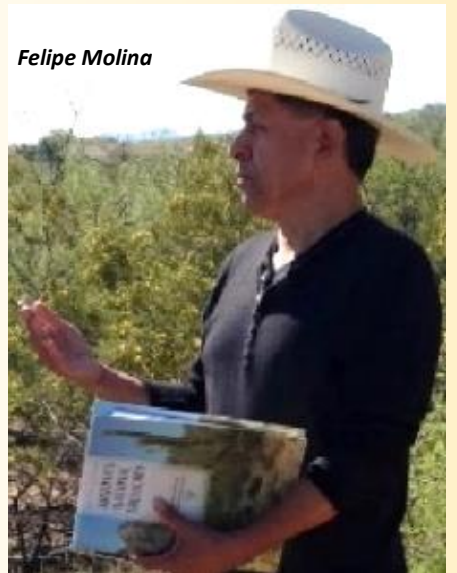
*Some petroglyphs at Cerro Prieto
(Al Dart photos)*



Tour Leaders

Felipe S. Molina (Yoeme), a resident of the Yoem Pueblo community in Marana, Arizona, will discuss the significance of Chukui Kawi to the Yoeme. He was taught the Indigenous language, culture, and history of the Yoemem (Yaqui) 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 Social Service Department and has helped document Yoeme family stories of Guadalupe Village for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Enrollment Department.

Felipe has co-authored the *Yoeme/English Dictionary* with Herminia Valenzuela and David Shaul; *The Old Man of the Fiesta* with James Griffith; *The Yaquis and Their Place* with Octaviana Salazar and Herminia Valenzuela; *Maso Bwikam: The Yaqui Deer Songs* and *The Coyote Songs* with Larry Evers; and *Yoeme Ethnobotany* with Richard Felger. He still teaches traditional songs for the *Maaso* (White-Tailed Deer) Dance to Yoeme youth who will be the Arizona Yoeme communities' future Deer Dance singers.



Felipe Molina

Allen Dart will co-lead the tour and will provide interpretation for some of the prominent archaeological features and petroglyphs at Cerro Prieto, Inscription Hill, and Pan Quemado. Al is a Registered Professional Archaeologist who has worked in Arizona and New Mexico since 1975 for federal and state governments, private companies, and nonprofit organizations. He is the executive director of Tucson's nonprofit Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, which he founded with colleagues in 1993 to provide educational and scientific programs in archaeology, history, and cultures.

Al has received the Arizona Archaeological Society's Professional Archaeologist of the Year Award, the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society's Victor R. Stoner Award, the Arizona Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission Award in Public Archaeology, and other honors for his efforts to bring archaeology and history to the public.



Al Dart

Photo of Felipe by Al Dart; photo of Al by Rabia Altaf)

IMPORTANT TOUR INFORMATION

COST AND PAYMENT POLICY: Reservations are accepted on a first-come basis. The full donation is due with tour registration. A portion of the donation 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 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. High-clearance vehicles are recommended, so registrants are advised to carpool and share fuel costs with fellow registrants who can take high-clearance passenger vehicles. Low-clearance vehicles may be parked at the tour meeting place at driver's own risk.

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS: Each participant is responsible for providing her or his own lodging, lunch, at least two liters water, and other beverages as desired. Snack foods are also recommended. No alcoholic beverages, please.

DEPARTURE: The tour will meet at 8 am at the McDonald's restaurant at 13934 N. Sandario Rd., Marana, Arizona (accessible from Interstate 10 Exit 236). Those wishing to carpool with others can park vehicles at the departure location at no charge and at their own risk. The return time to the meeting place is estimated to be around 5 pm but may be earlier or later considering how fast people can walk and regroup at the various stops and the possibility that vehicle problems can occur.

ACCESSIBILITY: Vehicle access to the parking areas near the archaeological sites begins along a paved road that extends about 7 miles from the departure point, then on occasionally graded roads for another 20 miles. At the archaeological sites nearly all of the features and petroglyphs to be visited are on moderately steep and rocky hillsides, so some hiking and rock-scrambling up slopes 100-200 feet above the tour parking areas is required to visit those features up close. Tour leaders will allow plenty of time for those who are able to walk but who cannot do so quickly. If you have difficulty walking over desert terrain or think you will not be able to hike up the slopes, you will only be able to view the features and glyphs from the parking areas or from wherever the vehicles can no longer negotiate the road. Participants can walk/hike 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 host Allen Dart has 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 tribal regulations pertaining to visitation to historic sites, antiquities, and artifact sites on the tour. Collecting of artifacts, plants, animals, and mineral specimens is prohibited. Please read about archaeological site etiquette at http://azstateparks.com/SHPO/downloads/SHPO_Site_Etiquette.pdf and <http://www.oldpueblo.org/artifact-collecting/>.

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 www.oldpueblo.org.