



*Why you should experience*

## Kinishba and Casa Malpais

**Above:** Casa Malpais, in eastern Arizona near Springerville

*No two sites better represent the unmistakable dedication by ancestral Zuni and Hopi to inscribing their lifeway wherever they settled. Trips to Casa Malpais and Kinishba evoke both distinctive senses of wondrous places and common commitments to the creation of plaza-focused towns adjacent to vast expanses of arable land along both sides of the Salt River–Little Colorado River watershed divide, circa 1200–1400.*

*Both of these pueblos have been justly recognized by the Federal Government as national historic landmarks, and visitors soon appreciate not only the industry of the original builders, but also that of those who have served as stewards and boosters. We owe great debts to Byron Cummings and the White Mountain Apache Tribe for preserving Kinishba and to the Town of Springerville to carrying Casa Malpais forward into perpetuity.” —John Welch*

### What will I see at Kinishba?

Known in Hopi oral traditions as Mäi’povi (Place of Abundant Snakeweed) and to Apaches as kį dałbaa (brown house), Kinishba Ruins is the sprawling remains of a plaza-focused village where people lived from about A.D. 1200 into the 1400s. Kinishba has approximately 600 rooms, more than 100 of which were excavated and rebuilt in the 1930s by a team of students and local Apache workers led by Byron Cummings. Cummings’s team also launched a museum at the site. For more information, visit: [archaeologysouthwest.org/explore/kinishba-ruins-national-historic-landmark/](http://archaeologysouthwest.org/explore/kinishba-ruins-national-historic-landmark/)

### What will I see at Casa Malpais?

Located in the White Mountains near Springerville, Arizona, Casa Malpais is a late Mogollon site that dates back to about 1260. It is situated on a basalt lava flow. The site features an ancient staircase, a Great Kiva, a solar calendar, and rock art. The museum features an introductory video with commentary by Zuni and Hopi elders and an interactive guide to artifacts from the site. The site may be visited through guided tours only, and these begin at the museum. The tour is a two-hour, 3/4-mile hike on steep, rocky surfaces. For more information, visit: [archaeologysouthwest.org/explore/casa-malpais-archaeological-park/](http://archaeologysouthwest.org/explore/casa-malpais-archaeological-park/)



### Kinishba

Ownership: White Mountain Apache Tribe

Telephone: (928) 338-4625

Hours: 8am–5pm M–F,  
11am–3pm Saturday  
and Sundays from May  
through September

Guided tours: Available by reservation

Entrance Fee: Yes



*Kinishba, in eastern Arizona near Fort Apache*

### Casa Malpais

Ownership: Town of Springerville

Telephone: (928) 333-5375

Hours: Varies

Guided tours: The site is only  
accessible through tours

Entrance Fee: Yes