



# DESERT VIEW INTER-TRIBAL CULTURAL HERITAGE SITE

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Desert View lies at the edge of Grand Canyon. For travelers arriving from the east, Desert View provides the first glimpse of the majestic beauty of the canyon. For visitors traversing the South Rim, Desert View marks an end of the road. For all, Desert View offers a unique vantage point — a panorama encompassing the flat plains of the Painted Desert to the east, the northward bend of the Colorado River, Temple and Chuar Buttes, Vermillion and Echo Cliffs, and countless peaks and ravines.

Much more than a scenic overlook, Desert View has human stories to tell in the voices of both native peoples and newer arrivals. Desert View tells the story of Mary Colter, who in the 1930s designed the intriguing stone structure of Desert View Watchtower to evoke architecture of the Ancestral Puebloan people of the Colorado Plateau. Desert View tells the story of Fred Kabotie and other American Indian artists who created remarkable murals that convey Grand Canyon's history and culture. Most importantly— today more than ever before — Desert View tells the living story of the peoples of the eleven associated tribes that call Grand Canyon home.

## OUR VISION FOR DESERT VIEW

Grand Canyon Conservancy, together with the National Park Service and the Inter-tribal Working Group, is transforming Desert View into a thriving space that celebrates the tribal heritages of Grand Canyon. As we embark on establishing an Inter-tribal Cultural Heritage Site at Desert View, we are creating an integrated natural, cultural, and tribal experience for visitors. We are also working for greater economic and tourism development opportunities for the tribes. Tribal culture bearers are committed not just to bringing their cultures to Desert View, but also to welcoming visitors into their communities for even richer cross-cultural experiences.



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