A Network of Arts, Culture & History in the Four Corners

Museums of the Four Corners
As Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah share a common border, so they share an appreciation for the arts and humanities. The following is a listing of museums and cultural institutions in the four corners region.

Anasazi Heritage Center
(970) 882-5600 - 27501 Hwy 184 - Dolores CO 81323
The Anasazi Heritage Center is a museum of the Ancestral Puebloan (or Anasazi) culture and other Native cultures in the Four Corners region. It is also the starting point for visits to Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.

Aztec Museum
(505) 334-9829 - 125 N Main St - Aztec NM
Bringing history alive with displays reflecting early Native American inhabitants, pioneer settlers, military service of local residents and collections of unique donated items. The Pioneer Village is made up of twelve reconstructed buildings including a one-room schoolhouse, Aztec’s first jail, a doctor’s office and blacksmith shop. All ages enjoy displays of huge oil field equipment, buggies, wagons and farm equipment.

Aztec Ruins National Monument
(505) 334-6174 - 84 County Road 2900 - Aztec NM
Venture into the past following ancient passageways to a distant time. Explore an Ancestral Pueblo great house of over 500 masonry rooms. Look up in those rooms and see original timbers holding up the roof. Search for the fingerprints of ancient workers in the mortar. Listen for an echo of ritual drums in the reconstructed Great Kiva.

Center of Southwest Studies
(970) 247-7456 - 1000 Rim Drive - Durango CO
The Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College is a gateway where people can learn the unique nature of the American Southwest through the understanding of its people and their dynamic relation to the landscape by connecting individuals and communities with opportunities to explore, study and experience the Southwest’s dynamic heritage through exhibits, education, artifacts, archival documents and photos, and a research library.

Animas Museum/La Plata Historical Society
(970) 259-2402 - 3065 W 2nd Ave - Durango CO
The museum keeps La Plata County history and culture alive in the 1904 Animas City School, the only remaining public building from Animas City. The museum features a 1905 era classroom and exhibits highlighting education in La Plata County. Other exhibits tell the stories of the earliest inhabitants to recent events that shaped the county. The award winning museum grounds are home to the restored 1870s log cabin, one of the oldest in the area.

Telluride Historical Museum
(970) 728-3344 - 201 W Gregory Ave - Telluride CO 81435
Located in the restored 1896 miners' hospital, the museum remembers the cultures of the Ute tribes, miners and settlers. Exhibits and interactive elements reflect on mining, skiing, technological innovations, railroads and the building's history as a hospital. Hard Rocks, Rough Lives, the outdoor mining exhibit, takes the visitor through the hard rock mining process. In addition, the museum is stewarded to a one-of-a-kind pre-historic Puebloan textile with a fascinating history itself.

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Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum
(970) 563-9583 - PO Box 737 - Ignacio CO 81137
Through interactive galleries, extensive gardens, library and archives, the center explores the Ute peoples through their own eyes. Permanent and temporary exhibits provide insight into the stages of Ute history from pre-history through today, with emphasis on the areas of particular interest to the Southern Ute Tribe.

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Pine River Heritage Society
(435) 678-2238 · 660 W 400N · Blanding UT 84511
Visit Edge of the Cedars Pueblo, an Ancestral Puebloan village inhabited from AD 825 to 1125 and climb down into a 1,000-year-old kiva. View the largest collection of Ancestral Puebloan (Anasazi) pottery on display in the Four Corners area. Enjoy programs for adults and children, including archaeology and art exhibitions, storytelling, craft workshops, and an annual Indian art market. Exhibits include a short, paved interpretive trail around the ruins.

Edge of the Cedars

Cortez Cultural Center
(970) 565-1151 · 25 N Market St · Cortez CO
Providing the community a forum for educational, cultural, artistic and scientific exploration, the center hosts revolving exhibits by local artists, Native performances, and activities at the Hawkins Preserve, displaying the diversity of plant and animal species represented across several biotic communities and providing a look at historic and prehistoric cultural resources.

Crow Canyon Archaeological Center
(970) 564-4357 · 23390 Road K · Cortez CO
Founded in 1983, the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center is dedicated to understanding, teaching, and helping to preserve the rich history of the ancestral Pueblo people (Anasazi) of the American Southwest through experiential education, excavation and laboratory programs. Resources are available for teachers, students and the general public.

Durango Discovery Museum
(970) 259-9234 · 1333 Camino Del Rio · Durango CO
Housed in a historic coal-fired steam-generated AC power plant, the hands-on interactive science center presents a wide range of programs, exhibits, and activities explore “energy - past, present and future.” Dynamic fun designed to spark curiosity, ignite imagination, power exploration.

Farmington Museums
(505) 599-1422 · 3041 E Main St · Farmington NM
Gateway Park, Riverside Nature Center, E3 Children’s Museum & Science Center, and Harvest Grove Farm & Orchard specialize in history, art, and culture. The Riverside Nature Center boasts nature exhibits and a trail systems for educational interpretation, E3 Children’s Museum & Science Center focuses on providing hands-on, interactive exhibits, and Harvest Grove Farm & Orchard features agricultural exhibits and a heritage orchard.

Galloping Goose Historical Society
(970) 682-7082 · 420 Central Ave · Dolores CO
The impressively restored Galloping Goose No. 5 welcomes visitors to the museum whose mission is not only to preserve the history of the Rio Grande Southern Railroad, but to restore and operate all possible equipment, rolling stock, real property, historical sites and buildings of the railroad whose operations ceased in 1952. Engine #5 still operates on special occasions at the Cumbres & Toltec and the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroads. The museum boasts a collection of pictures, interpretive displays, artwork, artifacts and a diorama.

Salmon Ruins
(505) 632-2013 · 6131 Highway 64 · Bloomfield NM
Salmon Ruins is a total experience: Archaeological Research Center, Museum, Heritage Park, Picnic Area, and 11th Century Pueblo Ruins. Tour the Chacoan great house, visit the 19th century homestead, and investigate replicas of a sweat lodge, Hogan, tipi or pithouse all on site.