



Spiced Thanksgiving Sugar Cookies

Ingredients:

For the Cookies:

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- Fine salt
- 12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, cut into small pieces, at room temperature
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

For the Royal Icing:

- 2 tablespoons meringue powder
- One 1-pound box confectioners' sugar (3 3/4 to 4 cups)
- Food coloring, as desired

Decorating Suggestions:

- Candy corns, pecans and sanding sugar



- 6** For the icing: Sift the meringue powder and confectioners' sugar together in a large bowl and add 6 tablespoons water. Beat with an electric mixer on medium-high until the mixture is glossy and soft peaks form, 3 to 4 minutes. Add food coloring if using or divide into several batches and color with different shades of food coloring.

Directions:

- 1** For the cookies: Put the sugar in a food processor and pulse a few times to finely grind. Add the flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon of salt and pulse just to combine.
- 2** Add the butter and pulse until all of the butter is incorporated into the flour and the mixture is sandy. Add the egg and vanilla and pulse until the mixture comes together in big clumps.
- 3** Turn the dough out onto a clean work surface and knead a few times to form a ball. Divide the dough in half, pat into 2 discs about 1/4-inch thick, wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour.
- 4** Position an oven rack in the middle of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
- 5** Let the dough sit at room temperature for a few minutes to make rolling easier. Put 1 disc of dough between 2 pieces of parchment paper and roll out the dough to 1/8-inch thick. Cut out with desired cookie cutters and arrange on one of the prepared baking sheets about 2 inches apart. Bake until the bottom of the cookies are golden brown, 10 to 12 minutes. Cool on the baking sheet until firm enough to transfer to a rack to cool completely.

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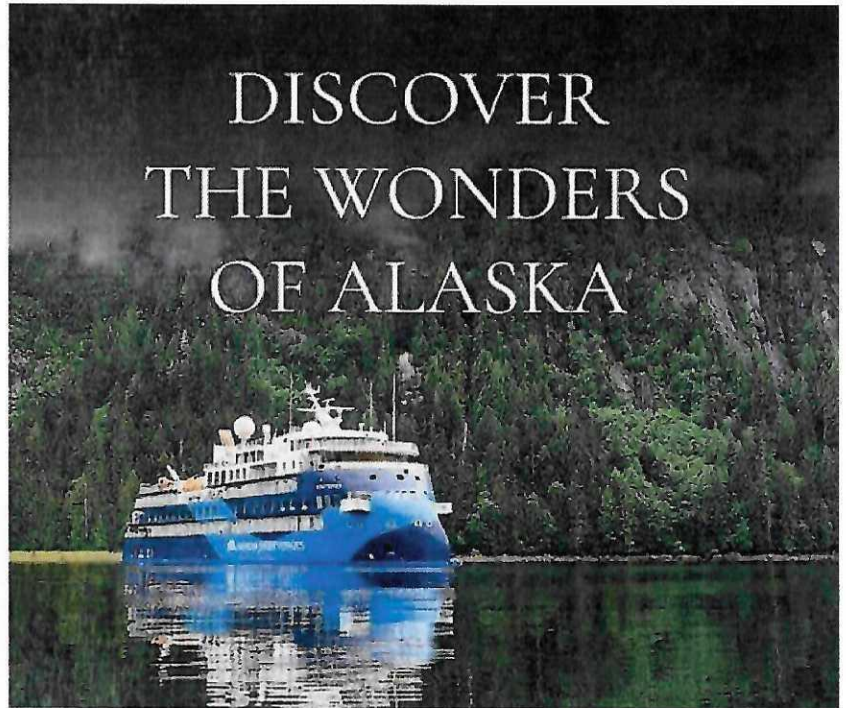
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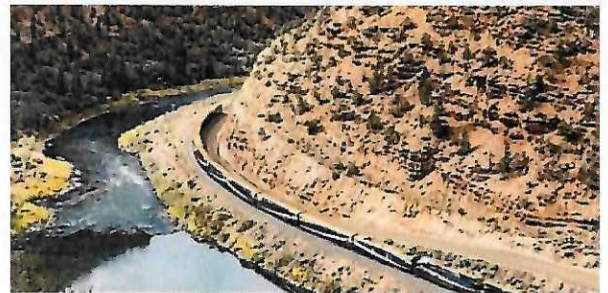
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JUST IN TIME FOR NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN NOVEMBER, THE [AMERICAN INDIAN ALASKA NATIVE TOURISM ASSOCIATION \(AIANTA\)](#) IS EDUCATING TRAVELERS ON THE CULTURAL PROTOCOLS TO FOLLOW WHEN VISITING NATIVE HOMELANDS AROUND THE UNITED STATES.

AIANTA — AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO ADVANCING CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM IN NATIVE NATIONS AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY — NOTES THAT WHILE EVERY TRIBE AND REGION OF NATIVE AMERICA IS DIFFERENT, THE NEWLY RELEASED GUIDELINES PROVIDE A GOOD GENERAL BASELINE FOR THOSE TAKING PART IN [INDIGENOUS TOURISM](#) ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES.

TO START, THE ORGANIZATION REMINDS TRAVELERS TO CHECK ANY PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS AT THE DOOR — VISITORS SHOULD NOT EXPECT, FOR EXAMPLE, TO SEE INDIGENOUS INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN TRADITIONAL DWELLINGS OR DRESSED IN CULTURAL REGALIA, OUTSIDE OF CELEBRATIONS OR CEREMONIES. VISITORS SHOULD, AS A GENERAL RULE, DRESS MODESTLY, LISTEN ATTENTIVELY TO ELDERS AND REFRAIN FROM TOUCHING ARTIFACTS. IF ASKED RESPECTFULLY, QUESTIONS ABOUT CULTURE AND TRADITION ARE USUALLY WELCOME.

FOLLOWING ARE SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONAL POINTS AND VISITOR PROTOCOLS FROM AIANTA THAT TRAVEL ADVISORS AND THEIR CLIENTS SHOULD KNOW BEFORE A NATIVE AMERICAN TOURISM EXPERIENCE.

ACCORDING TO THE AIANTA, BOTH “AMERICAN INDIANS” AND “NATIVE AMERICANS” ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TERMS TO USE, THOUGH INDIVIDUALS MAY HAVE A PREFERENCE FOR ONE OR THE OTHER. AMERICAN INDIANS REFERS SPECIFICALLY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF THE LOWER 48 STATES, WHILE NATIVE AMERICANS INCLUDES ALASKA NATIVES, AS WELL. NATIVE HAWAIIANS, MEANWHILE, ARE CONSIDERED A UNIQUE PEOPLE.

“INDIAN COUNTRY” REFERS TO THE VARIOUS SELF-GOVERNING NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN THE U.S., INCLUDING RESERVATIONS AND LAND TRUSTS. FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES (THAT HAVE A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S.) CAN MAKE AND ENFORCE LAWS, DETERMINE MEMBERSHIP AND LICENSE, AND REGULATE ACTIVITIES IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS. NATIVE AMERICANS ARE ALSO U.S. CITIZENS WITH THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

MORE THAN 56 MILLION ACRES MAKE UP INDIAN COUNTRY (A COMBINED AREA THAT ROUGHLY EQUALS THE SIZE OF GREAT BRITAIN), SPREAD ACROSS 326 AMERICAN INDIAN LANDS.

AS PREFERENCES VARY, VISITORS SHOULD RESPECTFULLY ASK INDIVIDUALS WHAT THEY WANT TO BE CALLED.

THERE ARE 574 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE TRIBES AND VILLAGES. THERE ARE ALSO MORE THAN 60 STATE-RECOGNIZED TRIBES. ACCORDING TO THE 2021 U.S. CENSUS, THERE ARE 7.2 MILLION NATIVE AMERICANS AND ALASKA NATIVES LIVING IN THE U.S.

ALTHOUGH HUNDREDS OF LANGUAGES WERE ONCE SPOKEN AMONG THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF NORTH AMERICA, ONLY ABOUT 200 OF THESE LANGUAGES REMAIN TODAY, AND MANY LIVE ON ONLY THROUGH A HANDFUL OF SPEAKERS. ENGLISH IS CURRENTLY THE MOST COMMON LANGUAGE, THOUGH NUMEROUS TRIBES ARE WORKING TO REVITALIZE THEIR TRADITIONAL LANGUAGES, AS WELL.

MANY RESERVATIONS ARE OPEN TO VISITORS AND HAVE SITES AND EVENTS TO SHARE WITH THE PUBLIC (NATIVEAMERICA.TRAVEL IS A GOOD RESOURCE FOR FINDING SUCH EXPERIENCES). OTHER TRIBES PREFER NOT TO HOST TOURISTS, AND SOME REQUIRE THAT VISITORS REGISTER AT A TRIBAL OFFICE. WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL AHEAD TO THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE.

TRAVELERS ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO A TRIBE’S LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS WHILE ON A RESERVATION, AND IT’S A GOOD IDEA TO ASK ABOUT THEM AHEAD OF TIME. VISITORS SHOULD ALSO PAY ATTENTION TO LOCAL SIGNAGE AND RESPECT THE PRIVACY OF RESIDENTS.

BURIAL GROUNDS, SPIRITUAL TEACHINGS AND RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES ARE CONSIDERED SACRED, AND ARE NOT SHARED WITH THE PUBLIC.

ARTIFACTS AND OBJECTS FOUND ON NATIVE LANDS BELONG TO THAT LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. IT’S ACCEPTABLE TO ASK A GUIDE ABOUT AN OBJECT OF INTEREST, BUT NOT TO TOUCH OR REMOVE IT. INSTEAD, VISITORS CAN SUPPORT A TRIBE BY INVESTING IN LOCALLY MADE ARTS AND CRAFTS (WHERE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE) TO BRING HOME.

WHILE ON NATIVE LANDS, VISITORS SHOULD ASK PERMISSION BEFORE TAKING ANY PHOTOS OR VIDEOS, ESPECIALLY OF ANY INDIVIDUALS, EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES. SOME RESERVATIONS DO NOT ALLOW IT AT ALL, AND SOME OTHERS REQUIRE A PAID PERMIT.

