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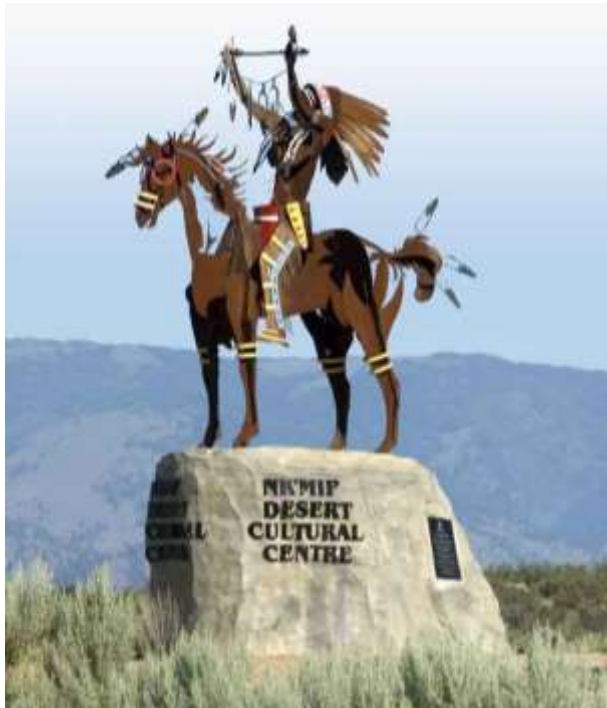
# **NK'MIP** Desert Cultural Centre

## Complete Events Planner

Discover **NK'MIP** Spirit of the Desert

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**"Welcome"**



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## Meeting at Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre

Discover BC's Aboriginal Cultural Tourism Experience and the fascinating stories of Canada's only desert and the people that inhabit it. The spectacular Nk'Mip (pronounced in-ka-meep) Desert Cultural Centre opened in June 2006 and is the Okanagan's newest family tourism destination.

The state-of-the-art interpretive centre - an architectural marvel sensitively constructed into a hillside - offers visitors the opportunity to share in the rich living culture of the Okanagan people.

The centre is situated between agricultural vineyards and Canada's "pocket desert", providing clues to the distinctive nature of the native people's relationship with their land. The use of local building materials, including rammed earth walls and a green roof, make it a natural extension of the surrounding environment; distant views of lake and mountains complete the scene.

The 9,000-square-foot exhibit centre blends indoor and outdoor galleries with interactive stations and hands-on displays that allow guests to witness live camera feedings of nesting bats, take a peek into a rattlesnake "hotel", dig for artifacts, or settle into a tule mat teepee for storytelling and interpretive shows.

Visitors can step inside the Pit house Theatre for a multi-media performance recreating life in a traditional winter home. The Chaptik Legend Theatre features "Coyote Spirit", and the Inkameep Day School gallery showcases the renowned and insightful works by Nk'Mip children created at the reservation school in the 1930s and 40s. The centre's gift shop and gallery offers unique works by First Nations artists and artisans.

Complementing these attractions is a network of self-guided walking trails through 50 acres of the Sagebrush Desert. Visitors can relax and enjoy the spectacular views of Osoyoos Lake and the surrounding hills from the Chief's Lookout, or explore a reconstructed, traditional Okanagan village complete with two pit houses, a tule mat teepee and sweathouse. Back on the trails, visitors will encounter the rare variety of plants and animals indigenous to the region - one of the most endangered ecosystems in the country.



Most notable among the extraordinary range of native wildlife is the Western Rattlesnake. Signs scattered liberally around the property alert visitors to their presence, but while endemic to the region, the species is at risk. To help protect them, the centre, in partnership with the Canadian Wildlife Service, launched the Rattlesnake Research Project. Visitors are welcome to take part in the award-winning visitors program and may even observe researchers capture, measure and tag the snakes with tiny microchips so that they can be studied - and better protected - in their natural environment. Those with an especially soft spot for the creatures can join the Adopt-a-Rattlesnake Program, where their contributions will help buy and maintain research equipment.

### **Nk'Mip Chaptik Theatre Meeting Room:**

Equipped to accommodate groups of up to 80 people, the spacious Theatre Centre is a great fit for Annual General Meetings, Board Retreats, lecture style forums; or a movie presentation or play. This space is complete with state-of-the-art surround sound speaker stage, movie size picture screen and projector.



### **Nk'Mip Indoor Gallery Meeting Room:**

The Indoor Gallery Meeting Room can accommodate up to 50 people comfortably for wine & cheese, sit down dinner or a simple reception to mingle with those friends, guests, colleagues or special delegates you want to entertain.

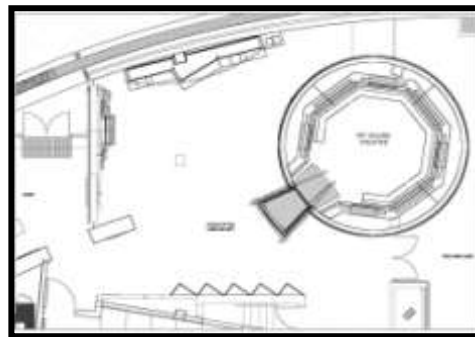


## Nk'Mip Seasonal Outdoor Gallery:

This outdoor amphitheatre gallery holds up to 200 comfortably. You can sit in the stands to watch an event below in the middle to the open court yard or have dinner laid out for you in a relaxing buffet style. This is the perfect place to hold a large Annual General Meeting luncheon or dinner, family or class reunion, or any entertainment event. This is also perfect for those beautiful evening nights having dinner under and stars or maybe an evening reception.



## Event Space Layouts & Capacities



Indoor Gallery



Chaptik Theatre



Outdoor Gallery

<u>Room Name</u>	<u>Accommodates</u>	<u>Style</u>
Chaptik Theatre	80 +	Theatre Classroom
Indoor Gallery	20 – 50	Banquet Reception U-Shape Classroom
Outdoor Gallery	50 – 200	Banquet Reception Theatre

## State of the Art Audio Video

Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre is equipped with the state of the art Audio Visual equipment and the best high quality surround sound. The cost for the use of audio-visual equipment is detailed below. Additional technical support and equipment is available through Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre and may be pre-arranged upon request. Rates are reduced if catering or a tour program is included in the event.

### Facility Rentals:

#### Theatre

Hourly Rate	\$200. <sup>00</sup>
½ day Rental	\$400. <sup>00</sup>
Full Day Rental	\$650. <sup>00</sup>

#### Outside Gallery:

Hourly Rate	\$200. <sup>00</sup>
½ Day Rental	\$400. <sup>00</sup>
Full Day Rental	\$650. <sup>00</sup>

### Additional Costs

Elder – Opening	***
Remarks/Prayers	***
Entertainment: Dancers	***
Drumming	***
Audio/Video	***
Tent	***

\*\*\* - Call for availability and pricing

## Tours and Programs for your special event:

Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre offers a multi-faceted experience, and hosts numerous activities for entertaining your special guests. Popular programs include a cultural walk down a 1.5 km trail to the Pit House Village, discussing Okanagan Culture, history, ecology and botany along the way. The centre is renowned for its award-winning Rattlesnake Research project; accordingly, the centre has created "Snakes Alive", a program that educates about the seven snake species that inhabit the South Okanagan, focusing on the endangered Western Rattlesnake. Storytelling, the oral tradition through which aboriginals have passed on their rich history, tells the legends and Chaptik of the Nk'Mip, and allows for a better understanding of how the Okanagan people relate to us. More hands on programs include a Talking Stick making/decorating session and a drum making program, while a traditional foods tasting provides the perfect opportunity to sample a variety of traditional berries, meat, fish, bannock, and prickly pear cactus endemic to the South Okanagan.



Vision quests and smudging ceremonies are available for cleansing, and purification of the mind body and spirit, while marriage and blanket ceremonies are available for the unification or reunification of a couple's commitment to each other. Guided tours exhibiting the land sacred to the First nations are also available to Spotted Lake and the Pictographs. For more information and prices please contact us.

#### Rappelling Adventure Dynamics:

Partnered with Hoodoo Adventures, the centre provides the exclusive opportunity for visitors to get a bird's eye view of the desert and Okanagan Valley, a novel tactile experience with the desert environment which is guaranteed to get your adrenaline going.

The excursion begins with a 20 minute hike on a new trail winding through the desert, up to our rappel site. Upon reaching the site at Chief's Lookout, participants are briefed through safety protocol, and receive instruction on the methods and procedures of rappelling, completing a dry run prior to their descent. Participants are then able to rappel down our 65-foot cliff face solo, or if assistance is needed, with the aid of an on-site certified mountaineer.

#### Okanagan Nation Alliance Fishing Excursion:

After years of conservation efforts to restore the salmon stocks in the Okanagan River, ONA Fisheries are opening its boats to the public to take part in Eco-fishing tours. Come on board and discover the local First Nation's knowledge of (N'tytyix) Sockeye Salmon and hear Chaptik stories of the Lands, the Legends, and the People.

# RAPPELLING at

Take on the desert, with nothing but a rope, harness, and your own strength!

# NK MIP DESERT CULTURAL CENTRE



Beat the summer heat with an early morning hike through the pristine desert landscape! Our **NEW** 20 minute hiking trail leads up to our rappel site at Chief's Lookout, which provides stunning panoramic views of the Okanagan Valley and Osoyoos Lake. Our **65-FOOT** rappel cliff is an unrivaled, exhilarating experience for individuals of all ages and experience levels! Seize your opportunity to get up close and personal with the desert; it's an

**EXPERIENCE** you won't forget!

## Booking a Session

Sessions are held every **WEDNESDAY** departing at **9:30 am**

\*If you are in a group, and would like to book an alternative time, please contact us; we may be able to arrange a separate session to suit your needs!

Bookings **MUST** be made by **5PM TUESDAY** the **DAY PRIOR** to the scheduled session, either by phone or email

Capacity ranges from **8 - 50** rappellers per session

**\$75/adult \$65/child 12 years+**

If the number of people registered are insufficient, the session may be subject to cancellation

Sessions run from **2 - 6 HOURS** depending on group size

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\*Please bring water and appropriate footwear

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**DESERT CULTURAL CENTRE** **OKANAGAN NATION**  
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# FISHING EXCURSIONS



JULY 18  
TO  
AUGUST 31

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\$75/person  
\$200/Family (2 parents + child)  
Each person gets to keep one fresh catch of the day!

To book your place on deck, please contact:  
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Osoyoos BC

## Meals Catered By Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre

<b>Breakfast</b>	
<b>Hearty Buffet:</b> • \$12 per person	<b>Includes:</b> - Hot eggs and ham, muffins, fruit - Coffee, tea and juice
<b>Continental:</b> • \$10 per person	<b>Includes:</b> - An assortment of fresh fruits and pastries - Coffee, tea and juice



<b>Coffee Break - \$8.00</b>	
Choice of: ❖ Fruit platter: ❖ Baked goods platter: ❖ Veggie and dip platter:	All platters come with coffee, fruit punch and water





<b>Lunch</b>	
Soup and assortment of breads • \$13 per person	- Hearty chicken, beef, vegetable, or cream of corn, broccoli, cauliflower - Seafood chowder or borscht add \$2.00
Soup and bannock • \$15 per person	
Sandwich and veggie platter • \$15 per person Sandwich and Soup • \$17 per person	Assorted cheese, cold cuts, salmon, egg salad, and tuna
BBQ Hamburgers, hotdogs • \$15 per person	Includes choice of (2): - Potato salad, pasta salad, green salad
Indian Taco • \$18 per person	Bannock topped with: chili shredded sharp cheddar cheese shredded lettuce, tomato and onion sides of sour cream and salsa
Bag lunches available • \$10 per person	Includes: - Sandwich, juice or water, snack, fruit
❖ All lunches served with coffee, tea, juice, water	



<b>Dinner</b> (additional \$12 for 2 glasses of wine)	
<u>Traditional Salmon Feast</u> • \$35 per person • \$47 with wine	Includes your choice of: One salad: Greek Potato Pasta Corn Tossed spinach One seasonal hot vegetable: Choice of: Rice pilaf, baked or mashed potatoes
<u>Bison</u> • \$35 per person • \$47 with wine	
<u>Turkey</u> • \$35 per person • \$47 with wine	
<u>Ham</u> • \$35 per person • \$47 with wine	
❖ All dinners served with a choice of bannock, cornbread, or an assortment of breads ❖ Coffee, tea, punch, water ❖ Dessert included	
<u>Indian Taco</u> • \$18 per person • \$30 with wine	Bannock topped with: • Chili • Shredded sharp cheddar cheese • Shredded lettuce, tomato and onion Sides of sour cream and salsa

<b>Wine and Cheese</b>	
<u>Wine &amp; Cheese</u> • \$20 per person	Includes: - 2 glasses of wine - Cheese, meat and crackers, fruit
<u>Deluxe Wine &amp; Cheese</u> • \$30 per person	Includes: - 2 glasses of wine - A selection of hot and cold appetizers

## Menu Planning

Banquets Menu's are served 'Family Style' and 'Buffet Style' .... All food is served on platters for people to share.

**“Our banquet menus are easily customized to suit any dietary needs or special menu's to fit your event.”**

Cancellation of a confirmed booking less than two weeks prior to the date of arrival, will incur a cancellation charge should we be unable to resell the cancelled space.

We require an approximate guest count **30 days** prior to your event. A final guarantee is **required 72 hours prior to the event**. Should no guarantee be received, Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre will be prepare and charge for the original number quoted and you will be billed the guaranteed number in attendance, whichever is greater. Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre will prepare and set 5% above the guaranteed number.

**We accommodate vegan and vegetarian meals if pre-arranged. Please call for details.**

Any questions or concerns, please contact:

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## Nk'Mip Destination Resort (other facilities next to Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre)



According to Chief Clarence Louie, the single most important factor in First Nation self-reliance is economic development. And under his dynamic leadership, the band has done remarkably well in putting their assets to work.

The Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre is, in fact, just one part of the larger 200-acre Nk'Mip Destination Resort, the Okanagan's ultimate four-season destination resort. The resort also includes the award-winning Nk'Mip Cellars winery (North America's First Aboriginal Owned and Operated Winery), the four-star Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa, Sonora Dunes Golf Course, Mt. Baldy Ski Resort, and a modern lakefront RV park and campground.



### Nk'Mip Cellars

The Archer Statue marks the entrance to the first aboriginal owned and operated vineyard and winery in North America. Nk'Mip Cellars is the perfect place to wander and taste test delightful wines. Join us for a tour of the winery and taste of the newest releases from Nk'Mip Cellars. First Nation art is integrated into the building that features outstanding views of the lake, vineyard and valley. Nk'Mip owns and operates some of the oldest vines in the Okanagan, originally planted in 1968. This maturity results in some outstanding wines.



## Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa

Spirit Ridge Resort Vineyard & SPA, one of only nine 4 star resorts in British Columbia, is developed and managed by Bellstar Hotels & Resorts of Calgary, Alberta. Each of the Resort's 94 luxurious condo style Vineyard Villas and Desert Suites features a full kitchen, dining area, living room with fireplace, a balcony, as well as spacious bedrooms and bathrooms. Our destination resort includes a full service spa, a gourmet 5 star restaurant & lounge, a year round outdoor heated pool, hot tub, waterslide and fitness centre and beachfront recreational rentals.



## Sonora Dunes Golf Course

Sonora Dunes, a desert style 9-hole golf course, offers a unique golfing experience. Golfers of all abilities will enjoy the solitude offered by this one of a kind natural setting. The Les Furber designed layout is an integral part of one of British Columbia's most fascinating regional life style developments, where a leisure and wine culture lives in harmony with ancient native legends. Nestled between the rolling desert hill and lush vineyards of Osoyoos, this unique 2508-yard gold course is surrounded by the breathtaking natural beauty of Canada's only true desert. The clubhouse features a cafeteria with covered patios and open deck areas overlooking the shores of Osoyoos Lake.



## **Nk'Mip Campground & RV Park**

Nk'Mip Campground and RV Park is a South Okanagan favorite, with over 320 sites located on over 27 acres. An outstanding location adjacent to the Canadian Sonora Desert on the Shores of Osoyoos Lake, Nk'Mip RV Park has an 8020 sq. ft. clubhouse perfect for events or meetings, an indoor pool and hot tub (open September to June) and a patio perfect for BBQ's. The Campground's convenience store offers snacks and essential groceries.



## **Planning a Visit?**

### ***Osoyoos & the South Okanagan Valley: How to reach us***

Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre is located in Osoyoos, BC at 1000 Rancher Creek Road. Nestled in the Southern Okanagan Valley, on the sunny shores of Lake Osoyoos and steps from Okanagan golf courses and vineyards, Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre is located in rolling desert hills with pristine lake views. Getting there is part of the experience; Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre is situated within a day's drive from Vancouver and Calgary and a short distance from Kelowna, Penticton, Oliver and the United States border. From the north, travel the "wine route", a vineyard, orchard and fruit stand lined highway with fresh Okanagan peaches, apples, cherries and pears. From the west, travel through the Northern Cascade Mountains, passing emerald lakes and snow capped peaks.

