The Anishinaabe People
White Earth Nation, MN

8-Day Guided Immersion Program
with Community-driven Project

In Partnership Since 2010

Experience life in White Earth while learning about Anishinaabe history and culture. You’ll be accompanied by an Xperitas Team Leader, who will take care of logistics and facilitate daily group reflection and journal-writing. In partnership with community-based organizations, contribute to a community project such as preparing seedbeds or planting sacred cedar trees. You’ll also experience the natural wonders of the area in an excursion to Itasca State Park!

Features & Inclusions

- ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS
- IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION
- INSURANCE
- 24/7 EMERGENCY SUPPORT WHILE ABROAD

“My goal for this trip was to learn more about a different culture. Although I did achieve this, and I did learn a lot, this trip allowed me to truly understand the deeper meaning behind all that I learned as well as explore who I am as a person and the world around me.”
— Student Participant

“Originally, it was just completing a course credit, but it ended up being just absolutely amazing and something I’ll always carry with me.”
— Student Participant

Visit xperitas.org for pricing and more information.
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About the Community
Anishinaabe (“the original people”) have inhabited the area now known as Minnesota since 1400 AD. The White Earth Nation reservation was created in 1867 by a treaty between the United States and the Mississippi Band of Chippewa Indians, forming one of seven Chippewa reservations in Minnesota. Xperitas partners with a community-based nonprofit working to continue revival of Indigenous lifeways and protect native seeds, traditional foods, and knowledge of Indigenous land-based communities.

DAY 1 | Minneapolis
Arrive in Minneapolis in the afternoon to meet your Xperitas Team Leader. Drive north to White Earth, picking up groceries and stopping at the Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post on the way. Settle into community center accommodations and have your first team meeting. L D

DAYS 2-7 | Community Stay
Under the direction of community leaders, collaborate on a community project such as tree planting or gardening.

Get to know community members through visits to the White Earth Tribal and Community College, Nijii Radio, and Gizhiigin Arts Incubator.

Participate in additional community events by invitation, depending on the timing of your visit, such as pick-up basketball with local youth, powwows, or ceremonies.

Explore the natural surroundings by visiting the headwaters of the Mississippi River at Itasca State Park.

Reflect on your experiences in daily team meetings and journal-writing. On the last day, have a final celebration with community members. B L D

DAY 8 | Minneapolis
Depart for Minneapolis early in the morning. B L

Non-Profit | Since 1972 | 100 Host Communities & Growing
Xperitas is a community of lifelong learners who believe in a world built on deeper understanding between cultures. Our values are reflected in our commitment to inspiring personal connections with diverse individuals, elevating relationships over projects and providing a channel for indigenous voices and perspectives. We are dedicated to promoting global citizenship through authentic immersion experiences.

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