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Native America challenges everything we thought we knew about the Americas before and since contact with Europe. It travels through 15,000 years to showcase massive cities, unique systems of science, art, and writing, and 100 million people connected by social networks and spiritual beliefs spanning two continents. The series reveals some of the most advanced cultures in human history and the Native American people who created it and whose legacy continues, unbroken, to this day.

This series explores this extraordinary world through an unprecedented combination of cutting edge science and traditional indigenous knowledge. It is *Native America* as never seen before—featuring sacred rituals filmed for the first time, history-changing scientific discoveries and rarely-heard voices from the living legacy of Native American culture.

Native America illuminates the splendor and sophistication of a past whose story has for too long remained untold. It reveals a unifying belief that inspires these diverse cultures—people are deeply connected to earth, sky, water and all living things. It is a belief rooted in millennia of living on this land and continues to resonate in the lives of Native Americans to this day.

Episode 1: *From Caves to Cosmos* traces ancient knowledge and cutting-edge science to answer a 15,000 year-old-question: who were America's First People? The answer hides in Amazonian cave paintings, Mexican burial chambers, and on the waves off California's coast.

Episode 2: *Nature to Nations* reveals how shared beliefs give rise to governments from dictatorships to America's first democracy. The hour investigates lost cities in the Mexican jungle, a subterranean temple in Peru, a potlatch ceremony in the Pacific Northwest and a tapestry of shell beads whose story inspires the US government.

Episode 3: *Cities of the Sky* reveals the cosmological secrets behind America's ancient cities. An archaeologist explores some of the world's largest pyramids, scientists' 3D-scan a lost city of monumental mounds on the Mississippi River and native elders reveal ancient powers of the sky.

Episode 4: *New World Rising* Native Americans tap ten thousand years of traditions to fight the forces of Conquest. Successful survival is revealed in an empire of horse-mounted Comanche warriors, encoded messages in an Aztec manuscript and weaving a grass bridge in the Andes that spans mountains and centuries of time.

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