

Utah Family – Arches & Canyonlands



Trip Summary

Welcome to your weeklong adventure through Southeastern Utah's legendary Canyonlands. Explore the amazing Colorado River by raft. Pedal between burnt-orange sheer-walled canyons and enormous uniquely-shaped sandstone towers on a road snaking through Castle Valley. Hike by ancient petroglyphs, a glimpse into the rituals and beliefs of the Fremont, Anasazi, Navajo and Anglo communities of thousands of years past. At the end of the day, eat a hearty dinner before retiring to the comfort of your home for the week, the Canyonlands Inn, located in the heart of Moab!

Itinerary

Day 1: Grand Junction / Colorado River

Begin your trip with early-morning pickups in Grand Junction by your guides, followed by a welcome meeting • With a short shuttle to the banks of the Colorado River we spend the day floating amid spectacular rock valleys next to Arches National Park • This section of the river is great for kids and has perfect swim sections! • Enjoy a picnic on the banks of the river before setting out again • After an amazing day on the Colorado, it's a quick shuttle to our home for the week, Canyonlands Inn • This property is centered right in the heart of Moab and looks out at red rock vistas beyond town • Tonight, we enjoy our first dinner together as we discuss our upcoming days playing in red rock country • *Overnight at Canyonlands Inn (L, D)*

Day 2: Canyonlands National Park

Start the morning with a hearty breakfast at your hotel before continuing south into Canyonlands National Park • Mount up at Grand View Point and ride to our first stop, Mesa Arch, for a short hike • Continue north by bike along the Island in the Sky route • A picnic lunch at Dead Horse Point Overlook gives us a chance to experience the vastness of the park • Catch a ride in the van to the "top of the hill" and then ride an exhilarating 10 miles to the Colorado River • Head back to the Inn for an afternoon to relax or walk the streets of Moab before dinner in town • *Overnight at Canyonlands Inn (B, L, D)*

Day 3: Arches National Park / Delicate Arch

Replenish your energy this morning with breakfast at your hotel • This morning's hike will lead us to an absolutely jaw-dropping landscape – be prepared to be wowed by even more awe-inspiring scenery and geology • This beautiful hike will offer you many stunning views, but none as amazing as the view of the iconic Delicate Arch that will greet you at the end of your hike • Next, explore more of the fiery reds and breathtaking blues of the hidden gems of Arches National Park • Hike Tapestry Arch to Sand Dune via Broken Arch • Admire the beauty of the natural, monolithic sculptures as you eat a carefully prepared lunch • After lunch, we drive to Devil's Garden for another short hike to Landscape Arch • Enjoy dinner tonight at the La Sal House • *Overnight at Canyonlands Inn (B, L, D)*



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Day 4: Moab / Hummer Tour

Fuel up with a hot breakfast in town before heading out to bike Potash Road along the Colorado River with frequent stops to decipher what the ancients were trying to communicate through countless petroglyphs • After a leisurely ride, enjoy a picnic lunch • This afternoon, jump in a Hummer and explore the amazing slick rock of Moab on an adrenaline-inducing adventure • Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own in Moab; our hotel is perfectly situated for walking to the restaurants on Main Street • *Overnight at Canyonlands Inn (B, L)*

Day 5: The Needles / Chesler Park

After breakfast in town, it's time for another fabulous hike that is unlike any that we have done so far • Today, we head out on an all-day excursion to Canyonlands National Park and experience the best that The Needles District has to offer • On our drive out, we'll stop to check out countless petroglyphs at Newspaper Rock • Our main hike today begins at the Elephant Hill Trailhead, passing through fascinating desert country scenery and eventually arrives to the monolithic red rock towers of the Chesler Park Viewpoint • Along the way, we'll find a shady spot to enjoy a delicious trailside lunch • Our farewell dinner is sure to be a hit as we dine at the charming Desert Bistro • *Overnight at Canyonlands Inn (B, L, D)*

Day 6: Grandstaff Canyon / Grand Junction

This morning we have time for one more great hike before heading home • Hiking the beautiful Grandstaff Canyon will be a great way to end your week of adventures • After enjoying one last wonderful lunch together, we will head back to Grand Junction to say our goodbyes and depart for home • *No Overnight (B, L)*

**Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

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Activities

Biking: 10 to 22 miles per ride, moderate to challenging terrain

Hiking: 1 to 6 miles per hike, easy to moderate terrain
(More than one hike may be completed in a day.)

Rafting: Class I & II depending on water levels, no experience necessary

Discovery: Learn about how the Canyonlands contain over 200 million years of geological history, and continues to serve as an outdoor laboratory for scientists from all over the world. From the Island in the Sky's Upheaval Dome to the Grabens area of the Needles, Canyonlands possesses many uncommon landforms. Take in the majesty of the Colorado River which derives its name from Spanish – “*colored red*”. (The river used to have a reddish-brown color, but now the silt and sediment that gave it the color is trapped behind Glen Canyon Dam at the bottom of Lake Powell!) Stare up in awe at the 900 foot Titan at Fisher Towers: the first climb took place in 1962 and was sponsored by the National Geographic Society! Discover why Moab, with its unique combination of beautiful red rock scenery, two national parks, and the cool waters of the Colorado River, is one of the most sought out vacation destinations in the west. Come visit this wind-sculpted paradise known as Red Rock Country.

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions, and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, your guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.

Distinctive Accommodation

Nights 1 to 5: Canyonlands Inn

Located in the heart of downtown Moab, this hotel is within walking distance of many local restaurants and souvenir shops. This hotel will serve as our base camp for exploration of Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, and Dead Horse Point State Park. Your room was styled to capture and reflect the natural beauty of the surroundings. A warm palette featuring earthy browns and greens accented by luxurious natural granite is highlighted with photography by renowned local artist Tom Till.



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Arrival & Departures

Please plan on arriving at least one day prior to your trip departure. Day one of your itinerary starts at 7:00 or 7:20 am, depending on your hotel. Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the Grand Junction airport (2:00 pm) or Grand Junction hotel (2:30 pm).

Trip Price

\$3,198 (\$580 single supplement)
Child: \$2,558 to \$2,878

Trip Length

6 days/5 nights

2021 Dates

April 4 – 9**
April 11 – 16**
June 13 – 18
June 20 – 25
June 27 – July 2

*** April itinerary slightly differs due to time of year; please ask Adventure Consultant for details.*

Host City

Grand Junction, CO
Airport Code: GJT

Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners – except one dinner on your own – refreshments and receptions.
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Bikes, helmets and other necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- One dinner on your own.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Solo Travelers

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement". If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. We at Austin Adventures will do our best to match you with a suitable roommate of the same gender before departure. If you book 90 days or more before the trip and we cannot find you a roommate, 50% of the private room cost will be due at final payment time. If you book within 90 days of departure and we cannot find you a roommate, the full private room charge will be applied. If we do find you a roommate between final payment and before the trip departs, we will refund the single supplement amount paid. Some exceptions apply.

Child Age and Pricing on Family Adventures

Family Adventures are suitable for children seven years old and up (five years and older for our Costa Rica and Yellowstone Family Adventures). Children who share a room with one or more adults receive reduced rates. The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.