

How Many Days Do you Have?
Suggested Itineraries for DESTINATION MOAB

NOTE: Moab climate is characterized by extremes. Best travel seasons are March-May and September-November. Due to high temperatures June-August, high-exertion daytime activity is discouraged (although early morning & evening trips are delightful) and enjoying the many activities on the Colorado River or in the mountains can cool you off in the afternoon hours. Although the months of November-February are cold, the winter season is particularly appealing for those seeking solitude in extraordinary red rock and canyon country. Even if you arrive without a firm schedule, setting up a multi-day itinerary in Moab is easy, particularly if you have your own transportation. A 4WD vehicle is advised for off-road adventures. Be prepared when going into the backcountry, and let someone know where you're going, and when you expect to return!

LOCAL INFORMATION

Moab Area Travel Council TEL 435.259.1370 or 1.800.635.6622
Internet: www.discovermoab.com
E-mail: info@discovermoab.com

MUST-SEE / MUST DO

Arches National Park www.nps.gov/arch
Canyonlands National Park www.nps.gov/cany
Colorado River recreation www.discovermoab.com

ITINERARY #1: Quick Trip (1 – 3 Days)

DAY 1 Afternoon / evening driving tour in Arches National Park (2 – 4 hours)

Dinner & overnight in Moab

DAY 2 Breakfast in Moab

Day tour options:

- Float trip on Colorado River
- Main Street shopping
- Museum hopping
- Scenic Drives (all times r/t)
 - LaSal Mountain Loop Road (2 – 3 hrs)
 - UT Hwy 128 north to Fisher Towers (2 –3 hrs)
 - UT Hwy 279 southwest to end of paved road (2 – 3 hrs)
 - UT Hwy 313 to Dead Horse Point State Park and Island in the Sky district of Canyonlands National Park (4 – 8 hrs)

Dinner & overnight in Moab

DAY 3 Departure

DESTINATION MOAB ITINERARIES, continued

ITINERARY #2: Get Out There Adventures!

- Homebase Moab 3-5 Days

- All or part of Itinerary #1 plus on-your-own options:
 - car & 4WD touring
 - mountain biking
 - hiking / backpacking
 - horseback riding
 - camping in the “LaSals” (Manti-LaSal National Forest)
 - Colorado River water sports
 - rafting
 - kayaking

- Half- or full-day on-your-own or guided adventures:
 - Excorted Colorado River “jeep-jet” tour (boat & 4WD)
 - mountain bike tours
 - Colorado River float trip or whitewater adventure
 - hiking/backpacking in Canyonlands National Park
 - hiking in Arches National Park
 - “combo” trips (raft & ranch, raft & bike, more)

- Golf at the Moab Golf Course www.uga.org/clubs/moab
 - 18 holes, par 72
 - open 7 days/week year-round
 - pro shop, driving range, snack bar
 - cart rentals, lessons available

ITINERARY #3: Hiking the National Parks / Arches

- Homebase Moab 3-5 Days or more
- Any or all of Itineraries #1 & 2 plus...
 - **Arches National Park-The Basics.** Plan to spend at least a few hours in the park exploring the scenic drive and several viewpoints and short trails. Longer hikes lead to spectacular rock formations like Delicate Arch. The Devils Garden Campground provides an excellent base camp for multi-day trips. Also, consider attending an interpretive program. Guided walks, short talks and campfire programs are offered daily March through October

 - **Hiking at Arches National Park.** Arches contain a wealth of hiking trails. Ranging in length and difficulty, these trails provide access to



outstanding viewpoints and many of the park's famous features like Balanced Rock and Delicate Arch. In many cases, trails travel under arches, affording quite a different perspective than what is visible from a car. Hiking guides are available at the Park visitor center and at shops throughout Moab. Details for the following hikes are available at www.nps.gov/arch.

- **Easy Trails:** Balanced Rock, Broken Arch, Delicate Arch Viewpoint, Desert Nature Trail, Double Arch, Landscape Arch, Sand Dune Arch, Skyline Arch, The Windows
- **Moderate Trails:** Park Avenue, Tower Arch
- **Long Trails:** Delicate Arch, Devils Garden Primitive Loop, Double O Arch
- The **Fiery Furnace** is a labyrinth of narrow sandstone canyons and fins. There are no marked trails; the area has suffered resource damage due to increased visitation. Hikers who want to explore the Fiery Furnace must obtain a permit at the visitor center (fee charged) and watch a minimum impact video. All visitors are encouraged to sign up for a ranger-guided hike.

ITINERARY #4: Hiking the National Parks / Canyonlands

- Homebase Moab 3-5 Days or more
- Any or all of Itineraries #1 & 2 plus...
 - **Canyonlands National Park-The Basics.** Most visits involve hiking, biking, boating or four-wheel driving in the park's backcountry. Overnight trips are common. For day trips, the Island in the Sky is the most accessible district, offering expansive views from many overlooks along the paved scenic drive, as well as several short hiking trails.
 - **Hiking at Canyonlands National Park.** Canyonlands has hundreds of miles of hiking trails that explore the park's natural and cultural features. Both the Island in the Sky and the Needles districts provide ample opportunities for short walks, day hikes and backpacking trips. Due to its remoteness, the Maze is primarily a backpacking destination. Trails are usually marked with cairns (small rock piles) and have signs at intersections. Many remote trails do not receive regular maintenance and may not be adequately marked. All backcountry hikers should carry a topographic map. Detailed maps and guidebooks are available at the Park visitor centers and at shops throughout Moab.
 - **Cross-Country skiing in the La Sal Mountains.** Access is off the Geyser Pass Road, which is just off the La Sal Mountain Loop Road, and is generally plowed to the parking lot. Guided day and overnight ski tours and ski rentals are available in Moab.