



Arches & Canyonlands Adventure ★ 4.85 57 Reviews

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6 Days

18 People Max



Utah's finest geologic wonders and world-renowned beauty await your discovery on our Arches & Canyonlands Adventure

In just 6-days, explore the jaw-dropping landscapes of Arches & Canyonlands National Parks, and see for yourself why Utah is known across the globe as an adventurer's paradise.

Starting and finishing in Grand Junction, there's no doubt you'll be mind-blown by the variety of landscapes you'll explore on foot, on two wheels and with a paddle in hand in under one week. Raft the narrow Black Granite Gorge, bike alongside the Colorado River on Potash Road, witness the famous Mesa Arch and Delicate Arch and take an exciting Hummer Tour through Moab. With the same accommodation all trip, you can unpack your bags and settle into a marvellous adventure with expert local guides taking care of every detail.

Allow your senses to come alive as you bike, hike and raft through Utah's expansive landscapes. Let our Arches & Canyonlands National Parks tour lead the way.

Trip Highlights

Hiking - Mesa Arch

Hiking - Delicate Arch

Hiking - The Needles District

Biking - Canyonlands National Park

Biking - The Colorado River

Plus ... - Black Granite Gorge

Plus ... - Arches National Park

Plus ... - Moab Hummer Tour

Our Active Adventures Assurance

We value loyalty, and appreciate that it goes both ways. So when you book with us we'll make a few assurances to you so you can book with complete confidence, no matter what's happening in your life (or the world).



COVID-Ready Certified: Safe Travel for our Guests Travelling Overseas

Active Adventures has received the World Travel and Tourism Council's Safe Travels stamp, which guarantees you that we'll follow all ATTA and WTTC health and safety guidelines on all our trips. See how our small group, off-the-beaten-track adventures are perfect to start exploring again.

Arches & Canyonlands Adventure ~ Itinerary

DAY 1

Meet the group in Grand Junction, Rafting the Colorado River

Begin your trip with early-morning pickups in Grand Junction, followed by a welcome meeting. After a short shuttle to the banks of the Colorado River, you'll spend the day paddling through ever-deepening sandstone monuments into the narrow Black Granite Gorge. Totally isolated from modern civilization, you'll soak up serene solitude as you raft amid the red sandstone spires. Enjoy a picnic on the banks of the river before setting out again. After an adventure-filled day in Colorado, it's a quick trip to your home base for the week, The Canyonlands Inn. Located in the heart of downtown Moab, this property is within easy walking distance of many restaurants and shops. Tonight, enjoy dinner with your fellow adventurers and discuss the upcoming days playing in red rock country.

Canyonlands Inn (Lunch, Dinner)

Rafting: All day, class III-IV

DAY 2

Bike 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 bike to your 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 with the group.

Canyonlands Inn (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Biking: 15-20 miles (24-32 kilometers)

DAY 3

Hike The Needles District in Canyonlands National Park

Today, you'll head out on an all-day excursion to Canyonlands National Park and experience the best that the Needles District has to offer. On the drive out, you'll stop at Newspaper Rock to check out its countless petroglyphs. Today's main hike begins at the Elephant Hill Trailhead, passing through fascinating desert scenery and eventually arriving at the monolithic red rock towers of the Chesler Park Viewpoint. Along the way, your guides will find a shady spot to stop and enjoy a delicious trailside lunch. The evening is yours to enjoy on your own. Your hotel is perfectly situated in downtown Moab with many restaurants within walking distance.

Canyonlands Inn (Breakfast, Lunch)

Hiking: 6 miles (10 kilometers)

DAY 4

Hummer Tour and Bike Ride

After a hearty breakfast, jump in a Hummer and explore the amazing slick rock of Moab on an adrenaline-filled adventure. After a picnic lunch you'll hop on your bike for a ride south of Moab with beautiful rock red scenery all around you. Enjoy dinner at a favorite local restaurant with your group.

Canyonlands Inn (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Biking: 15-20 miles (24-32 kilometers), rolling hills

DAY 5

Hike to Delicate Arch, explore Arches National Park

Replenish your energy this morning with breakfast at your hotel. This morning's hike offers 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 Arches National Park. Hike to Landscape Arch, the planet's largest natural rock arch. After a delicious sack lunch, you'll hike to Window, Turret, and Double Arch. This evening's farewell dinner is sure to be a hit as you dine at the charming Desert Bistro.

Canyonlands Inn (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Hiking: 5-6 miles (8-10 kilometers)

DAY 6

Hike Fish Towers, transfer to Grand Junction and say goodbyes

This morning you'll have time for one more great hike before heading home. Stretch your legs and soak in the views of the picturesque Fisher Towers before heading back to Grand Junction to say goodbyes and depart for home.

No Accommodation (Breakfast)

Hiking: 3 miles (5 kilometers)

Useful Info

Where does the trip start?

On the first morning of the trip, our two pick-up locations are the [Holiday Inn Hotel Grand Junction Airport](#) at 7:30am or the [Courtyard by Marriott](#) at 7:45am. You are welcome to book your pre-trip stay at either of these hotels directly or any other hotel in Grand Junction, though you must make your own way to one of the two pick-up points at the pre-designated times.

Where does the trip end?

Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the Grand Junction Airport at 12pm in time for flights below or at a hotel of your choice in Grand Junction around 12:30pm.

What flights would you recommend?

Arrival: We recommend arriving in Grand Junction the night before the trip starts. Many guests like to arrive a day or two early to accommodate potential flight delays and/or explore the city prior to your trip start.

Departure: Flying out on the last day of the trip, we recommend departing Grand Junction after 2pm. Earlier flight times will require a separate transfer booked at your own expense.

Will I have contact with my guides before the trip starts?

Your guides will call your cell phone the night before your trip begins to touch base on the first day's plan. If they don't get through to you, they will leave a voicemail on your cell phone with all the details you need to plan for your first morning.

What should I bring with me on the first day?

When you speak with your guides the night before your trip, they will give you a detailed description of what to bring with you on Day 1. Typically, this includes a day pack with your rain jacket, sunglasses, hat, camera, etc. Anything you want easy access to during the day should go in your day pack as the rest of your luggage will go in the locked cargo trailer pulled behind the van. Your guides will provide you with a water bottle on the first morning of your trip and will always have water available for refills. There will be snacks available at all times in the van. Your guides will also have bug spray and sunscreen accessible for you to use.

What are your recommended guide gratuity guidelines?

You will have 2-3 guides on your Austin Adventure (depending on group size). We recommend USD\$20 per day, per guest, per guide. Typically, gratuities are offered by check or cash in local currency on the final morning of the trip and can either be given to each guide individually or to one guide to be equally distributed. Most of our guides these days also accept gratuities via Venmo (please note this app does not work in Canada). All dining, housekeeping and activity tips are included in your trip price.

How do rooming arrangements work?

Trip prices are based on shared arrangements (typically two guests per room), unless otherwise stated. For solo travelers, we'll pair you with another person of the same gender to share rooms and if there's no one suitable to share with, there's no forced single supplement. However, if you specifically request your own rooms, you can opt to pay the single supplement. Solo travelers who book within 90 days of departure, where there are no other solo travelers willing to share, will be required to pay the single supplement.

For Family Vacation bookings, families consisting of four guests traveling with children aged 17 and under will be automatically assigned one shared room. However, the following alternative rooming allocations are available:

Families consisting of four guests with all children aged 13 and above are welcome to opt for additional rooms as per advertised double occupancy adult rates.

Families consisting of four guests with at least one child aged 12 and under are automatically assigned a shared room. However, families can opt to pay the adult rates for all guests in their family to have an additional room.

The same principles apply for families consisting of more than four guests.

Rooming preferences are subject to availability and must be communicated in writing at time of booking. Automatic assignments as per this policy will be applied in the absence of any specification provided by guests. Any request for additional rooms during trips will be at guests' own expense and subject to rates made available by the accommodation provider at the time. All minors (guests aged 17 and under) must be accompanied by at least one adult.

What is not included?

Flights to and from trip start/end points

Pre/Post Accommodation

Optional extra activities

Travel insurance

Gratuities for your guides

General Trip Information

You can find details on recommended flights and fitness, as well as trip start and end in the 'Useful Information' section above.

Excluded

- Transportation (air and land) to and from start/end points
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides

Outdoor Experience

Our trips allow you to make the most of the backcountry, whether you're relatively new to hiking or a seasoned trekker. Our highly trained and experienced guides will be at your side, safely guiding you to magnificent places you wouldn't get to on your own. The challenges are there, if you're looking for them. All we ask is that you're energetic and in reasonable shape and we guarantee you'll have an incredible time. You don't need experience kayaking to enjoy paddling on the water and you don't need to be a serious biker to enjoy the rides we do. In fact, we have so many options available you don't need to paddle or ride at all if you'd rather hike or just laze around!

Itinerary Updates

We update our itineraries regularly, so please check our website for the most up-to-date itineraries and pricing. We make every effort to ensure itineraries are updated as necessary, though changes may occur without prior notice due to unforeseen circumstances

Accommodation

You'll love the interesting places we've discovered over the years. You'll visit really spectacular and off-the-beaten track locations and stay in comfortable bed and breakfasts, lodges, apartments and hotels for the most part. Keep in mind the most remote locations have limited accommodation options, but 5-star scenery!

Included

- Our own highly experienced guides, with you from start to finish
- Industry-leading Guest-to-Guide ratio (averaging 6:1)
- Your own 'Travel Wallet', an online space with everything required for your trip
- Our knowledgeable Customer Service Team to answer your queries - just a phone call, email or chat away
- Customer Service pre-trip phone calls to ensure you're 'trip ready'
- All accommodations for the duration of your trip
- All meals except where indicated in the itinerary
- Unlimited snacks to keep you fueled
- Special 'Wow!' moments you'll never forget
- All activities outlined in the itinerary
- All necessary equipment (well-maintained and safe) for activities
- All gratuities for hotels, restaurants, and activities
- All park and other entry fees
- Transportation in our air-conditioned vans - safe, clean, modern, and comfortable!