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*Two National Parks...  
...One Extraordinary Destination!*

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Moab is located at the center of two national parks and thousands of square miles of the most stunning red rock scenery on Earth.

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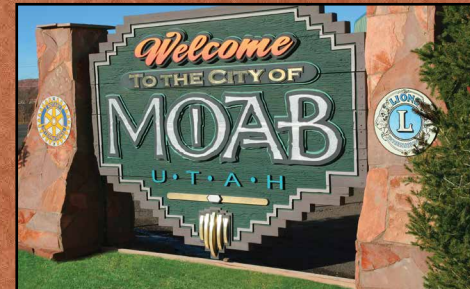
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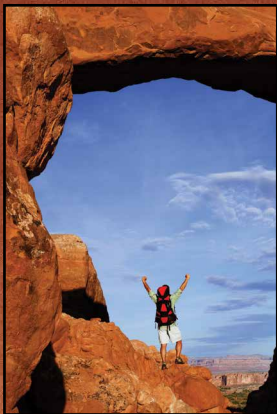
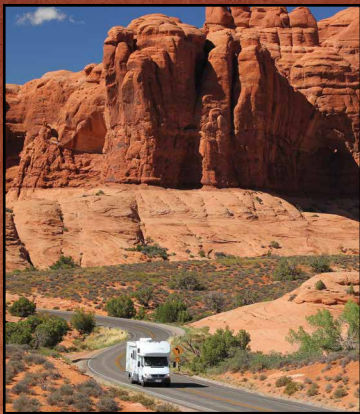
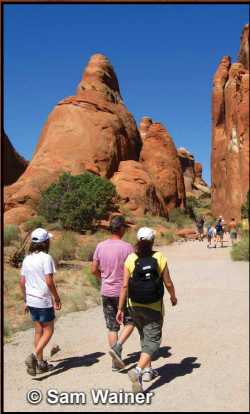
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The city of Moab's unique combination of beautiful red rock scenery, along with the cool waters of the Colorado River, has made it one of the most sought after destinations in the southwest. Let Moab be your base camp for world famous mountain biking, hiking, four wheel driving, or river expeditions of any length and experience level. For a more relaxing visit just sit back and enjoy the scenery along the beautiful scenic drives in our national parks or on Moab's three scenic byways.

Moab is home to several of Utah's most diverse national parks. Within minutes of town you will find yourself surrounded by out-of-this-world red rock landscape of Arches National Park. Less than an hour's drive will put you atop the mythical sounding Island in the Sky, a remarkable district of Canyonlands National Park that makes you feel as if you are on top of the world. The views from the Island encompass thousands of square miles of colorful canyons, mesas and buttes.



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# Arches National Park

The World's Largest Concentration of Natural Sandstone Arches

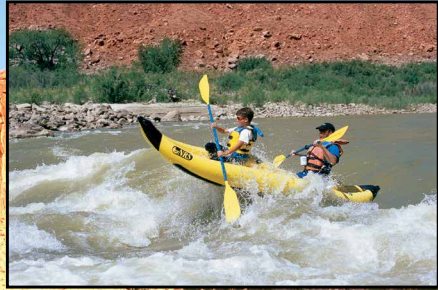
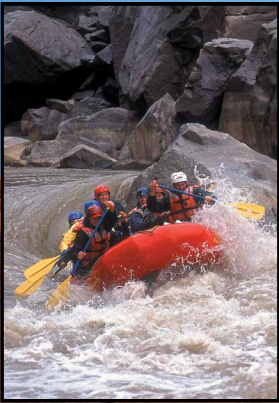
Just 5 miles north of Moab is Arches National Park, which contains the world's largest concentration of natural sandstone arches. Although over 2,000 arches are located within the park's 76,518 acres, the park also contains an astounding variety of other geological formations. Colossal sandstone fins, massive balanced rocks, soaring pinnacles and spires dwarf visitors as they explore the park's viewpoints and hiking trails.

A paved scenic drive takes visitors to most of the major viewpoints within the park. The park's rock formations delight children as well as adults, with many easy trails providing opportunities for kids to get out of the car and explore the arches up close. Hikers can choose from a wide variety of trails, from short twenty minute walks leading right up to many of the largest arches in the park, to more adventurous hikes into lesser seen areas.



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# Colorado River

## An Abundance of Recreational Opportunities to Suit Any Taste

Moab is the only major Utah city located on the banks of the Colorado River. While the area is known for its family oriented whitewater trips on the Fisher Towers section of the river, there are several wilder single and multi-day trips available in Westwater and Cataract Canyons. Additionally, paddle boards, canoes and kayaks are the perfect way to explore the calm water segments of the Colorado. Individuals or groups may raft the river on their own or with one of Moab's numerous professional river outfitters.

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## Canyonlands National Park Utah's Largest and Most Diverse National Park

Canyonlands is the largest national park in Utah, and its diversity staggers the imagination. The easiest way to see the park is with a visit to the Island in the Sky district, only 32 miles from Moab.

The Island in the Sky sits atop a massive 1500 foot mesa, quite literally an Island in the Sky. Twenty miles of paved roads lead to many of the most spectacular views in canyon country. From these lofty viewpoints visitors can often see over 100 miles in any given direction, resulting in panoramic views that encompass thousands of square miles of canyon country. Take a day-hike, mountain bike the 100 mile White Rim Road or spend a relaxing late afternoon enjoying the sunset. Whether you have a few hours to spend or a few days, the Island in the Sky provides an unforgettable canyon country experience for the entire family.



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# Mountain Biking

Moab is Home to the Best Mountain Biking on the Planet

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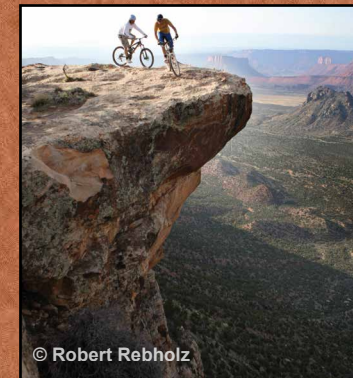


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Moab has trails for mountain bikers of any experience level, from beginners looking for a scenic ride through beautiful canyons and mesa tops, to seasoned bikers looking for the ultimate challenge.

The Porcupine Rim and Slickrock trails are on the top of the list of rides that made Moab famous, and they are the most spectacular and challenging mountain bike rides available anywhere. But Moab's constantly expanding network of trails also includes rides that the entire family can enjoy. How can you go wrong when the trail list currently includes 111 trails with names like Captain Ahab, Dino-flow, Sidewinder, Secret Passage and Hazzard County? Bring your own bike or rent some of the latest models from one of Moab's bike shops or outfitters. Many of these same businesses also offer shuttle service to just about all of the trailheads.



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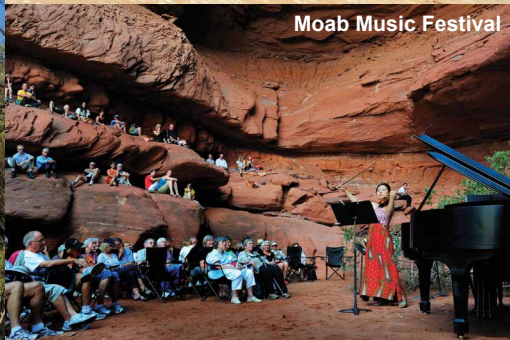
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Dinosaur Park & Museum



Moab Music Festival

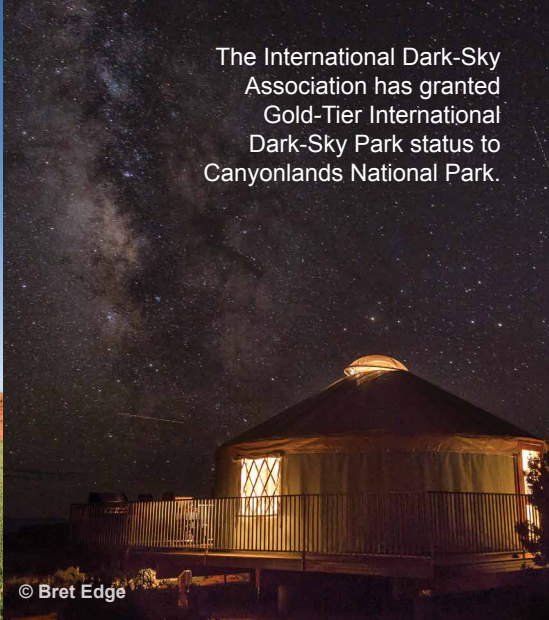


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The International Dark-Sky Association has granted Gold-Tier International Dark-Sky Park status to Canyonlands National Park.



### The City of Moab At the end of the day - relax!

Moab's great climate has also made it a magnet for year round outdoor events and festivals, and the downtown business district has risen to the occasion with a great selection of restaurants, breweries, shops, and galleries. Moab's diverse cuisine will please any palate, from regional southwestern fare to world-class gourmet. Stroll through the downtown shops for a great selection of southwestern arts and jewelry, souvenirs, t-shirts, and much more. Those that love to walk, run, or cycle will love the Mill Creek Parkway, a paved pedestrian walkway that meanders through the heart of Moab.

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### Moab by the Numbers Everything you need for a great vacation, and more!

#### Nearby National Parks

- 2 - Arches & Canyonlands

#### Nearby State Parks

- 1 - Dead Horse Point

#### Rivers

- 1 - The Mighty Colorado

#### Scenic Byways

- 3 - Hwys 128, 279 and 313

#### Scenic Public Lands Outside of the Parks

- Nearly 3,000 square miles

#### Lodging

- 31 hotels & motels
- 70 guest houses/condos/B&Bs
- 46 campgrounds
- 2 luxury resorts

#### Restaurants

- 53, from fast food to fine dining

#### Guides & Outfitters

- 68 adventure companies

#### Closest Airports

- Moab, Grand Junction, & Salt Lake City



## **Dorado Magazine**

### **The Southwest's Best Small Towns & Getaways**

"...Moab, Utah has inspired movie directors, road-trippers and thrill seekers who are chasing a sense of wonder and adventure. Along the way, every visitor comes across the quiriness of the town that serves as the launching pad for Arches National Park, slickrock trails, and the quintessential American West Landscape."

## **National Geographic**

### **America's 10 Best Mountain Bike Towns**

"It's almost impossible to overhype Moab. Its red-rock landscape is truly like nowhere else on Earth, and the best way to appreciate it is by riding it. Famed trails like Porcupine Rim, Slickrock, and the Whole Enchilada steal the spotlight, but it's the area's newer and lesser known trails that make a trip to Moab a mandatory pilgrimage for any mountain biker."

## **The Huffington Post**

### **7 Explorers Name The Most Beautiful Place They've Ever Seen**

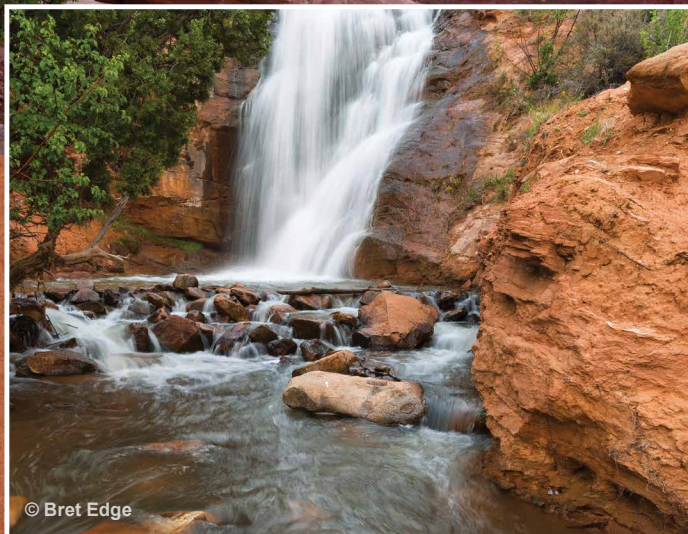
"...the Red Rock Country of Utah is just overwhelming. Don't let your life go by without having been there."

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