

Utah Escalante & Coyote Gulch Hiking

From Canyonlands to Remote Canyon Country

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Unrivaled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

MT Sobek has been exploring US outdoor landscapes for over 50 years, placing a strong emphasis on responsible travel practices that protect the natural environment.

REASON 2

This adventure pairs some of the most wild and beautiful canyon country hiking with lovely, well-located lodging and delicious meals.

REASON 3

Experience the region's incredible geology and diverse flora and fauna as you go deep into Utah's backcountry with expert local guides.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Desert hiking through a variety of landscapes including magnificent canyons, panoramic plateaus, forested slickrock trails, and a scenic flight.



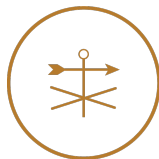
LODGING

Comfortable desert lodges and ranch-style retreats chosen for their proximity to trailheads and Old West charm.



CLIMATE

Daytime highs of 60s-70sF in spring and 70s-80sF in early fall with canyon interiors 10-20 degrees cooler.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.



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Get off the beaten track to experience some of southern Utah's hidden gems. Hike amid sculpted sandstone arches, river-carved canyons, slickrock domes, and bizarre hoodoos on quiet trails. Trek beneath the soaring red rock spires of Fisher Towers outside Moab, cross Canyonlands National Park's Island in the Sky mesa, and fly over the park's vast canyon country wilderness to hike in Capitol Reef National Park. Follow the still-remote historic Boulder Mail Trail across sandstone domes once traveled by pack-horse mail carriers and descend into spectacular Grand Staircase-Escalante's Coyote Gulch to walk along—and in—the sandy creek bed where red sandstone cliffs soar and golden Jacob Hablin Arch towers.

6 Days

Start: Grand Junction, Colorado

End: Grand Junction, Colorado

Departing: March, April, May, September, October, November

Activities: Hiking & Trekking

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 4-10 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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I would highly recommend Mt Sobek. Every detail was taken care of- transport, luggage, meals, and of course hiking trails and accommodations. It made for a stress free trip and one where you can truly enjoy the beauty and culture around you.

- Kristin W.

Check [mtsobek.com](https://www.mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

The Itinerary

DAY 01

Hike in Canyon Country & Travel to Moab

Meet up with your guides this morning in Grand Junction, CO for the scenic canyon country drive toward Moab, UT. Stretch your legs beneath the soaring, sandstone monoliths of Fisher Towers, hiking over slickrock and through red rock canyon. Savor a riverside picnic lunch, then head for your next hike at Grandstaff Canyon. Follow the trail through willow and cottonwood beneath towering rock walls and over creek crossings to magnificent Morning Glory Natural Bridge, one of the largest natural rock spans in the country. Return to the vehicle and continue to Moab where you'll settle into your accommodations and enjoy a well-earned dinner with your fellow adventurers and guides.

MEALS: Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour private van transfer with stops

ACTIVITY: 3 hours/6.2 miles hiking on multiple trails with 800' elevation gain and 800' elevation loss

DAY 02

Fly Between Walks in Canyonlands & Capitol Reef National Parks

Drive to Canyonlands National Park for a hike on the Lathrop Trail. Cross the Island in the Sky mesa through desert grasslands for impressive views of the Colorado and Green Rivers at the rim of the canyon. After a picnic lunch, transfer to Canyonlands Field Airport and board a scenic flight over canyon country and a different perspective of the region's geology and scale. Land in Hanksville, meet up with your guides, and transfer to Capitol Reef National Park's historic Fruita for a walk amid the old groves below red rock cliffs and a look at the iconic barn. Continue to Teasdale in the foothills of Boulder Mountain.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private van transfer; 45-minute small plane air transfer

ACTIVITY: 2 hours/6 miles hiking on multiple trails with 335' elevation gain and 335' elevation loss

DAY 03

Hike the Boulder Mail Trail in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

One of the most remote towns in the continental United States, Boulder, UT was once accessed by pack-horse mail route and didn't have electricity until 1947. Today starts with a drive to Boulder and an out-and-back hike along the Boulder-Escalante Mail Trail. The route takes you across slickrock dotted with juniper and pine, over benches and sandstone domes through Sand Creek to reach the rim of Death Hollow, but not before you've enjoyed a guide-prepared picnic in superb wide-open scenery along the way. Back in Boulder, enjoy a farm to table meal at nationally acclaimed Hell's Backbone Grill.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 20 - minute private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 7 hours/11 miles hiking with 2,545' elevation gain and 2,545' elevation loss



Follow Slickrock Trails to Phipps Arch

Drive into the wild sandstone country of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, where sculpted cliffs, slickrock domes, and desert washes reveal the raw beauty of southern Utah. Today's hike leads to Phipps Arch, a striking natural span tucked deep in a remote canyon landscape near the Escalante River. Follow sandy paths and slickrock benches through a quiet world of juniper, cottonwoods, and warm-toned Navajo sandstone, with ever-changing views across the desert. This backcountry adventure includes some scrambling and multiple river crossings through shallow water—great challenges for experienced hikers. Spend a little time exploring or relaxing by the beautiful Escalante River before returning to Boulder.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 5 hours/8 miles hiking with 600' elevation gain and 600' elevation loss



Descend to Remote Coyote Gulch

Begin at the Chimney Rock Trailhead and set out across open desert and slickrock, keeping an eye out for wildlife and desert flora. Then drop into a world where Navajo sandstone walls rise on either side and water flows on the sandy canyon floor. Hike downstream through sandy bends, cottonwoods, and sculpted alcoves, wading through shallow water to magnificent Jacob Hamblin Arch, bathed in golden light. Retrace your steps to Hurricane Wash and follow its sandy corridor back toward the desert rim to complete the loop. This evening, celebrate the day and last evening of the journey with your fellow adventures at Hell's Backbone Grill.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 4-hour private 4 x 4 transfer on slow dirt roads

ACTIVITY: 7 hours/12 miles hiking with 3,280' elevation gain and 3,280' elevation loss



Marvel at Goblin Valley Hoodoos & Depart

Spend the morning exploring the surreal formations of Goblin Valley State Park, where thousands of whimsical hoodoos rise from the desert floor and there are no marked trails. Hike through the Valley of Goblins, wandering among mushroom-shaped towers and sculpted sandstone figures that invite imagination. After your hike, gather for a final picnic lunch in the heart of canyon country, surrounded by the colors and forms of the Colorado Plateau. Then transfer to Grand Junction, where your Utah adventure comes to an end with memories of glowing arches, river crossings, and wild desert beauty.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 1.5 hours/3 miles hiking with 150' elevation gain and 150' elevation loss



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Red Cliffs Lodge

Red Cliffs Lodge is nestled along the banks of the Colorado River, surrounded by the deep-cut Canyonlands and steep cliff walls. This rugged Western landscape is worthy of Hollywood and has been the site of numerous films which are highlighted in the on-property Moab Movie Museum. The Cowboy Grill serves hearty cuisine paired with fabulous views of the Colorado River. Red Cliffs Lodge is also home to the Castle Creek Winery, the largest winery in Utah.

Sorrel River Ranch

Sorrel River Ranch is set on 240 acres along the Colorado River, amongst the spectacular arches and red-rock mountains of southern Utah. This exceptional resort features farm-to-table meals, a full-service spa, fitness center, outdoor pool and hot tub, a nightly campfire with s'mores and a variety of on-property activities.

Cougar Ridge

The spectacular, family owned and operated Cougar Ridge, is a true oasis just five miles from Capitol Reef National Park. The unique 44 acre property is nestled into the red-rock cliffs, and features a sandstone lodge and several private villas. Here you can truly relax in the luxury accommodations and soak in the serenity and natural beauty of Southern Utah.



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Lodge at Red River Ranch

At the edge of Capitol Reef National Park at historic Highway 24, The Lodge at Red River Ranch a log-built boutique accommodation with just 15 rooms, each with its own stone fireplace, private balcony or patio, and unique Old West style. Explore the lodge's collection of authentic, antique furnishings and art in the two-story lobby or take a stroll in the orchard at this quiet canyon country retreat.

Boulder Mountain Lodge

Boulder Mountain Lodge, nestled amid the cottonwoods in the tiny town of Boulder, is a comfortable ranch-style lodge with a nationally acclaimed restaurant, Hell's Backbone Grill. Set on a farm that supplies much of the restaurant's produce, the lodge combines modern comforts with a strong sense of place, offering spacious rooms, quiet views, a 10-acre bird sanctuary, and easy access to some of southern Utah's most remote hiking terrain.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: March, April, May, September, October, November

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

April 12-17, 2027

May 17-22, 2027

September 26-October 1, 2027

October 10-15, 2027

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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