



## Utah Cycling 8 Days

### Summary

#### Length

8 days/7 nights

#### Dates

Start any date between March 1 to June 1, except Easter Week (Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday) and September 1 to November 15

#### Level

48 km daily average distance (30 miles).

The rides are on a variety of terrain, including gravel, dirt, and rock.

There are some climbs every day, some of them quite challenging.

*"A belated thank you for the Utah Trip. It was wonderful! We loved all our accommodations and the routes..."*

- K Hoch

Journey to the spectacular canyonlands of southern Utah visiting three national parks or monuments. Pedal amongst towering mesas and red cliffs, graced with ancient petroglyphs. Picnic under stone arches and follow the course of the mighty Colorado River. Enjoy high desert vistas and breathtaking views from mountain tops. Immerse yourself in the beauty of the American south west and take home memories that will last a lifetime.

## Itinerary



### Day 1

Arrival in Grand Junction, located amongst a dazzling array of natural wonders — rushing rivers, rocky mesas, ancient paleon-

tological sites, and golden deserts. But, surprisingly, this is also wine country and there are 13 wineries in the Grand Valley. Take some time to explore the town and its shops, admire Navajo rugs and Anasazi pottery, or take a stroll along the river.

### Day 2

Today enjoy a fabulous, exhilarating ride in the Colorado National Monument, 20,500 acres of the towering monoliths and deep canyons, home to soaring eagles and bighorn sheep. Pedal past ranches and old orchards, and even a herd of llamas on your way to Rim Rock Drive and up into the high desert. The ride takes you back to Grand Junction where you'll spend tonight.

### Day 3

There are two possibilities today. You can follow the Colorado River downstream to Moab, riding through a deep gorge of vertical red cliffs. Or you can be shuttled up into the La Sal Mountains, topped with pines and aspens, and then enjoy a long, thrilling descent to Moab, where you'll stay

for three nights.

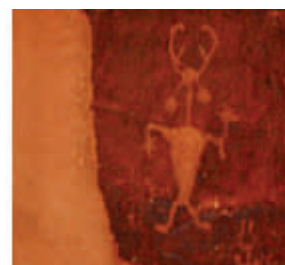
### Day 4

Today begins with a shuttle to Arches National Park, where there are over 2000 natural sandstone arches.

Erosion has also produced pinnacles and balancing rocks. You'll begin your ride at Devil's Garden and ride back to Moab, with opportunities for hikes to explore the amazing rock formations around you. Be sure to visit the Delicate Arch viewpoint, where you'll see the most famous arch in the park. You'll also see this arch on the Utah license plate.

### Day 5

Another day in Moab takes you into Canyonlands National Park with a choice of return rides to Moab. All end on the Potash Road squeezed between the Colorado River and steep red cliffs where you can see ancient petroglyphs. Spend some time hiking on slickrock to Coronado and Bow Tie and climb almost 1000' to Portal Overlook for a breathtaking view of Moab as an option.





# Randonnée Tours

## How to get there?

Your tour starts in Grand Junction, Colorado, which is located 284 miles east of Salt Lake City and very close to the Utah state line.

Grand Junction can be reached by air via Denver, Phoenix, and Salt Lake City with America West, Skywest/Delta Connection, United Express, and Great Lakes Airlines.

AMTRAK provides daily service to the east and west coasts.

Grand Junction can also be reached by Greyhound Bus from Denver, Durango, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Salt Lake City.

## The price includes:

- 7 nights hotels
- All breakfasts and 1 dinner
- Use of a top quality 21-speed hybrid bike complete with handlebar bag, pump, and all the necessary accessories for changing flats. We recommend that you bring your own helmet for safety and hygiene reasons
- Detailed route instructions and map
- Necessary transfers during the tour
- Key transfer from tour end back to start location in Grand Junction
- Area Manager available throughout the tour

## Itinerary

### Day 6

This morning you'll be shuttled to Cisco, Utah, a ruined, old railroad town, in the high desert. You'll descend into the spectacular gorge of the Colorado River. Wind between cliffs of red rock and over a rolling plateau above the river. Your destination is a remote lodge beside the Colorado River, The sorrel River Ranch.

### Day 7

Enjoy several day rides designed to take you deeper into red rock country, where you'll swear you've wandered onto an old western movie set. This is ranch country.

You'll climb away from the river into the Castle Valley and, if you need additional challenges, you can climb 4000' above the Colorado River. You could also enjoy a wide variety of outdoor recreational activities including horseback riding, mountain biking, whitewater rafting & kayaking on the Colorado River, and find relaxation at the resort, with their swimming pool and hot tub, tennis courts, gym and aerobics studio...

### Day 8

Enjoy your last morning at the sorrel river ranch before taking the shuttle back to Grand Junction to catch your flight or continuing on your next adventure.

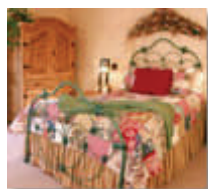
## Accommodation

### Classic



#### Two Rivers Winery Grand Junction

Located in the Redlands area of Grand Junction, this hotel, situated in vineyards, has beautiful views of the Colorado National Monument. The large rooms are tastefully furnished with beautiful hardwood beds. The architecture and décor create the feel of a French country chateau.



#### Sunflower Hill B&B

Moab

An inviting country Inn filled with antiques. You will enjoy a serene setting with lush flower gardens, shade trees and a spectacular outdoor pool. The Inn has been awarded a 4-diamond rating by AAA each year since 1998.



#### Sorrel River Ranch Resort

Moab

This luxurious ranch has extensive facilities which include a gourmet restaurant, a full-service health spa, tennis courts, a riverside swimming pool, and a full equestrian facility. Combine this with Moab, Utah's famous towering red rock buttes and dramatic mesas, all beneath a vast desert sky.