

Island in the Sky –Canyonlands National Park

½ Day 4x4 Backcountry Tour

Meeting Place:	Adrift Adventures, 378 North Main St. Moab, Utah
Meeting Time:	7:15 a.m. or 12:45 p.m.
Return Time (approx.):	12:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m.
Entrance:	Potash Road – Utah 279
Exit:	Island in the Sky District – Utah 313
Age Limit:	4 years and up
Vehicle Type:	Ford Excursion or Jeep Wrangler

Special Attractions:

- Island in the Sky region of Canyonlands National Park.
- Steep climb up tight switchbacks to mesa rim.
- Views of Colorado River and canyon country.

Tour Description:

Our experienced and knowledgeable guides will show you a part of Canyonlands National Park seldom visited/seen by other visitors on their own. Our guides will show you how much of Canyonlands' beauty is tucked away beyond the main paved roads. You'll witness breathtaking views while learning about the ancient history of people who inhabited the area over 1000 years ago. There are ample photo opportunities, so be sure to bring your camera. Be amazed by the mazes of side washes and canyons formed after thousands of years of erosion. Witness the natural marvels hidden from the roads, when you experience Canyonlands National Park via a 4x4 tour.

Vehicle Type:

We run our guided backcountry tours in either one of our 4x4 Ford Excursions, which will comfortably seat 7 or 8 people; or our recent model Jeep Wranglers, which will comfortably seat 4 people. Both vehicles are equipped with air conditioning for your touring pleasure.

Sample Itinerary:

Meet at our office located at 378 North Main Street in Moab, Utah, at your scheduled time; either 7:15 a.m. or 12:45 p.m. We will depart from our office by either 7:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. The tour will set out heading north from Moab to connect with the Potash Road, or Utah 279. This road parallels the Colorado River and will offer you views of such locations as Wall Street, petroglyph panels, and the Potash Plant, as well as other beautiful sights. This paved road will turn to dirt at the Potash River Ramp, which is used as the entry point for the infamous Cataract Canyon. The trail will gradually start to climb in elevation and away from the Colorado River. As we continue to traverse deeper into canyon country, we will visit viewpoints like Fossil Point – more recently dubbed Thelma and Louise Point, for its famous use in the similarly named 1991 movie. Continuing on our journey we will enter Canyonlands National Park and make the steep climb up the Shafer Trail switchbacks, which will take us from the bottom of the canyon up to the rim of the mesa. Enjoy stunning views as you look back down the canyon that we have just climbed. Our last stop along the trail will be the famous Island in the Sky region of Canyonlands National Park. Here we can gaze upon the vast red rock desert sprawled out in all directions. On a clear day, you should be able to see over 100 miles in every direction! From here we will leave the National Park and make our way back to Adrift Adventures via Utah 313, concluding your tour.