

JEEP ITINERARY

The half-day jeep four-wheel drive tour is a scenic interpretive tour that takes you into the beautiful Canyonlands surrounding the Moab Valley. You will be given an introduction to the geologic origins of the Moab Valley and Colorado River Canyons, as well as some of the human occupancy and cultures that occupied this region. You will meet at our office at your designated start time and will begin your tour up the Potash Road, past a pristine petroglyph site.

The jeep travels up the very steep Long Canyon trail, which is comprised of high, straight cliffs of Wingate Sandstone atop layers of Chinle and Moenkopi formations. This rapid ascent of 2,000 feet provides spectacular views of the hundreds of miles of surrounding red rock country. Once on top, the air is usually ten degrees cooler than at the bottom of the canyon. The desert flora is apparent at the top of the mesa ranging from beautiful floral arrangements in the springtime to delicate Utah Daisy and Crimson Claret Cup Cactus. Desert shrubs as well as beautifully scented Juniper and Pinyon Pines are also abundant.

After traveling a few miles atop the dramatically changed countryside of the mesa top at 6,000 feet above sea level, the trip's course changes to a descent towards Bull Canyon, where the dirt road's ruggedness reaches a peak near the seldom-visited Gemini Bridges. Sheer canyon walls surrounding the twin bridges make this area one of the most serene settings imaginable.

After a visit to the bridges, the trip covers several miles of rough trail en route to the picturesque Little Canyon, where the canyon sandstone has been molded into odd formations, in this vicinity you will have great views of the adjoining Arches National Park. You will then edge around steep cliff walls/ where old uranium mines are evident. Now, just a few miles from Moab/ the trip returns to the highway and back to our office.

Some walking is involved in the trip and can be done in tennis shoes. The vehicle that you will be traveling in is a fully enclosed 4x4 and water is provided for the duration of your trip. Weather conditions may alter the course of travel. Be sure to bring your camera and lots of film!