

JET BOAT ITINERARY

The jet boat trip begins at Canyonlands by Night on the north side of the Colorado River Bridge on Main Street. There, you will board the jet boat for a seventeen-mile trip through the Colorado corridor past a pristine petroglyph site and continue down the scenic waters of the Colorado River. Information about cultures that have lived or passed through the Moab Valley and the Colorado River Canyon is shared alongside these cultural relics. You will also be given an introduction to the geological origins of the Moab Valley and the Colorado River Canyon.

There is a restroom available at the put-in; for the remainder of the trip there will be a facility to use carried on the jet boat. You will cruise down the river aboard the D. Julien, named after the first European known to visit the Green and Colorado Rivers and what are now Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. The jet boat is covered and provides sun or shade, depending on where you choose to sit.

On both sides of the river, red rock walls tower overhead. You can view over 500 million years of history in the walls that enclose the river. They record the tidal zones, riverbeds, streams and lakes that have existed throughout time on the Colorado Plateau. Ask your knowledgeable tour guide about the story behind the layers and he will be glad to share the history of the building of the plateau.

Keep your eyes open for views of blue herons and egrets along beaches and soaring through the air. Eagles and ravens are also common to the area and can be seen gliding along the cliff walls. Deer, coyote, beaver, porcupine and even big horn sheep live in the canyon and can sometimes be seen from the jet boat.

The jet boat will take you below Dead Horse Point, where you may do some exploring along the shore. Any walking can be done in tennis shoes. Water is available on the boat the entire trip. The trip will end with a return through the canyon and back to our office.