

JET BOAT & JEEP ITINERARY

The combination Jet Boat and Jeep 4-Wheel Drive Trip takes you on a tour of the beautiful Canyonlands of the Moab Valley. Guests are given an introduction to the geological origins of the Moab Valley and Colorado River Canyon, as well as some of the human occupancy and cultures that occupied this region. It is a full day trip and includes a lunch during the break between the two adventures. Some walking is involved in the trip and can be done in tennis shoes. Weather conditions may alter the course of the trip and also determine which portion of the trip you will start with. In most cases, you will be able to find out which segment will start your day the night before the trip.

The jeep trip travels up the very steep Long Canyon trail, which is comprised of high straight cliffs of Wingate sandstone. The rapid ascent of 2,000 feet provides spectacular views of the hundreds of miles of surrounding red rock country. Once at the top, the air is usually ten degrees cooler than at the bottom of the canyon. 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 two more canyons. Bull Canyon and Little Canyon. The dirt road's ruggedness reaches a peak near the seldom-visited Gemini Bridges. Sheer canyon walls surround the twin bridges in one of the most serene settings imaginable. After a visit to the bridges, the trip covers several miles of trail that are quite rough en route to the picturesque Little canyon, in which the canyon sandstones are molded into odd formations. The trip offers great views of the adjoining Arches National Park in its vicinity. At this point, the tour edges around a steep cliff where old uranium mines are evident. You will also be taken to the top of Dead Horse Point for an overlook of Canyonlands National Park and the surrounding Potash area.

The jet boat launches from Canyonlands by Night on the north side of the Colorado River Bridge. There, you will board the D. Julien for a seventeen-mile trip through the Colorado River corridor past a pristine petroglyph site and continue down the scenic waters of the Colorado River. 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. The jet boat will take you below Dead Horse Point, where you may do some exploring along the shore. The jet boat trip will end with a return through the canyon and back to our office.