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Naturalist Tour of Arches National Park

Adult and Family

Trip Outline and Itinerary

Enjoy a four hour tour with short walks to famous and lesser known features of Arches National Park. Our guide meets you at the veranda of the Moab Information Center ([Google Maps Link](#)) located on the corner of Center and Main Streets in Moab (or at another location if pre-arranged.) We provide an overview of “What is the Colorado Plateau” with a special focus on geology of Moab and how arches are formed. Find out about early day exploration and settlement of the Moab area and creation of the Park. We can adjust physical activity to meet your needs.

Trip Objectives

1. Gain a basic understanding of broad Colorado Plateau geography.
2. Understand the important weathering and erosion processes that created the famous geography of Arches National Park and with focus salt structures and arch formation.
3. Learn about the desert plant and wildlife and how they have adapted.
4. Learn about the mission of the National Park Service and history of Arches NP.
5. Practice low impact desert travel, etiquette and hiking safety.

Schedule

- 3:00 pm Our CFI Naturalist Guide meets you outside on the back porch of the Moab Information Center located on the corner of Center and Main Streets, Moab. Short orientation.
Tour selected sites to include Balance Rock and Delicate Arch Overlook (not time to do actual hike to Arch), other short walks by interest. Snack provided by CFI.
- 7:00 pm Arrive back at the Moab Information Center.

What to Bring

- Sun hat
- Sturdy walking shoes
- Sun shirt
- Rain or wind jacket and pants (all seasons)
- Small pack or fanny pack
- Water bottle (CFI will provide water for refill)
- Camera, binoculars (optional)

CFI will provide water, snack, field guides, first aid, maps, transportation, and park entrance fees (If you have a Golden Eagle or America the Beautiful Public Lands Pass, please bring it). Some sites require short hikes to access; this may include steep slopes, loose gravel, and some elevation gain. Full program fee is the deposit and non-refundable.