

February 19-26, 2011

## Moab, Utah

## Winter Outing

### Arches National Park and Canyonlands National Park

Following in the footsteps of our past outings to moab and our winter trip to the Grand Canyon we are heading west to the 4 corners red rock country in winter. This year's winter trip is to Moab in southeast Utah.

Moab is in the heart of the red rock country right on the banks of the might Colorado River. It is just a few minutes to Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, and Deadhorse Point State Park. There are several other neat areas within a 2 hour drive and using Moab as our basecamp will allow us to photograph many of these areas.

February will be after the crowds and heat of summer. Temps will be cold with snow and sleet always possible (and hoped for). Winter is a tough season and travel can be difficult but if there is snow the parks will be a fantastic place to be a photographer.

Most folks will be moteling in Moab. There are several chains to choose from there as well as B+B's. There is an RV park in town too. I'll be camping at Canyonlands National Park.

Arches National Park is just 8 miles from town and has many easily accessible viewpoints. It is famous for its hundreds of natural arches found throughout the park.

Canyonlands National Park is about 40 miles from Moab and offers incredible views of the Colorado and Green Rivers.

Deadhorse Point State Park is about 30 miles from Moab and offers even more spectacular places to visit.

All of the major areas here are accessible by good paved roads and many sights can be photographed from parking lots. There are a few, like Delicate Arch that would require a longer hike.

Plan to dress warm here with layers, jackets, hats, gloves, and good boots.

Winter can be cold and conditions tough but as folks who went to Monument Valley can tell you, winter photography is fantastic!

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