

Stories on Stone

April 8–12 (13*), 2018



ITINERARY

DAY 1

Sunday, April 8

Arrive in Moab, Utah, and check in to the scenic Red Cliffs Lodge by 4:00 p.m. The lodge is situated along the Colorado River with views of Castle Rock Valley. Meet the group for introductions, dinner, and a program orientation. Overnight, Moab. **D**

DAY 2

Monday, April 9

After a morning stroll to the Colorado River, we visit a cultural “mixing zone” of ancient rock art sites up and down the river corridor. Discover a variety of images on huge expanses of sheer sandstone cliffs and boulders. Collectively, the style of pictographs and petroglyphs spans more than 6,000 years, thus representing the range of ancient cultures and associated identities within this complex landscape. The afternoon takes us to Dead Horse Point State Park, where 6-foot-high, ghostly painted figures suggest a highly ritualistic society dating back to the Archaic time (6,000 to 100 B.C.). Dinner on your own at the lodge. Overnight, Moab. **B L**

DAY 3

Tuesday, April 10

We pack up and drive north of Moab to explore Mill Canyon and the Lake City Panels. Here we find spectacular images that depict classic Barrier Canyon–style Archaic motifs. A short drive to Crescent Junction offers a 20-minute hike to view more Barrier Canyon–style pictographs. We finish with a drive to Green River where we check in to our next riverside lodge, the River Terrace Inn. Enjoy the evening on your own. Overnight, Green River. **B L**

DAY 4

Wednesday, April 11

Immerse yourself in the rugged and surreal



View from Red Cliffs Lodge



Even simple iconography can hold meaning



Ancient images come to life on rock walls

landscapes of the San Rafael Swell. Here we find an assortment of Fremont Anasazi petroglyphs that reflect this culture's possible ancestral ties to Barrier Canyon Archaic people. Expect to hike in places such as South Temple Wash and Wild Horse Creek, with a few moderately challenging sections in narrow canyons. We return to the inn for a closing dinner and celebration. Overnight, Green River. **B L D**

DAY 5

Thursday, April 12

After breakfast, depart from Green River for a 50-minute drive back to Moab. Plan your departure out of Moab for any time after 10:00 a.m. **B**

***Hike the Great Gallery:
Optional Hiking Extension**

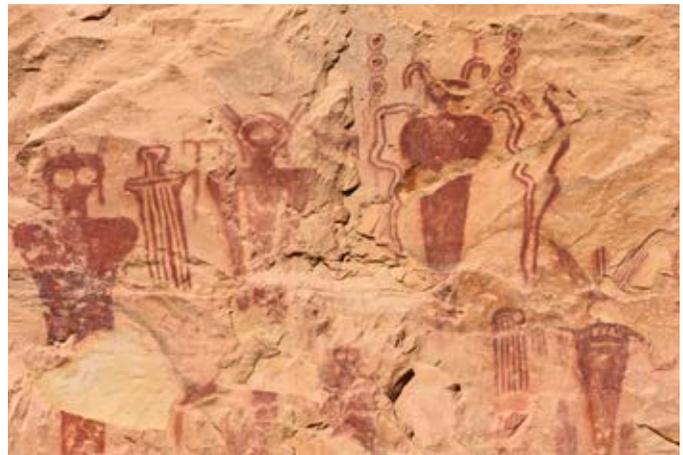
APRIL 12-13

Extend your trip. Plan for a full-day hike into Horseshoe Canyon to explore the Great Gallery and other Barrier Canyon-style rock art. This 7-mile, round-trip hike, descends 780 feet. The Great Gallery contains more than 60 painted figures, many of which are spectacular "anthropomorphs" (large ghost-like spirit figures) a variety of animal and other life forms. Drive time each direction to the trailhead is 1½ hours. We return to the hotel for appetizers and drinks by the Green River, with a group dinner to follow. Overnight, River Terrace Inn, Green River. **B L D**

DAY 6

Friday, April 13

After breakfast, a Crow Canyon shuttle returns you to Moab (a 50-minute drive). Plan your departure out of Moab for any time after 10:00 a.m. **B**



Barrier-Canyon-style rock imagery



Exploring magnificent canyon corridors



Getting close to exceptional rock art

B = breakfast, **L** = lunch, **D** = dinner
Itinerary subject to change

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