ROAD TRIP · UNITED STATES

# Utah's Mighty Five

*All five national parks of Utah in one trip.*

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| Length | 12 days, 11 nights |
| Distance | 1,460 km, 7 driving days |
| Behind the wheel | 18 h 30 min |
| Travellers | 2, 1 room, 1 car |
| Hotels | Comfort: a good hotel (3 stars) |
| Flights | Amsterdam – Salt Lake City (SLC), Salt Lake City (SLC) – Amsterdam |

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# Day by day

| DAY | DATE | NIGHT | KM | DRIVE | °C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | Salt Lake City | 10 | 20 min | |
| 2 | | Moab | 380 | 4 h 40 min | |
| 3 | | Moab | | | |
| 4 | | Moab | | | |
| 5 | | Torrey | 250 | 3 h 10 min | |
| 6 | | Torrey | | | |
| 7 | | Bryce Canyon City | 180 | 2 h 50 min | |
| 8 | | Bryce Canyon City | | | |
| 9 | | Springdale | 130 | 2 h 10 min | |
| 10 | | Springdale | | | |
| 11 | | Salt Lake City | 490 | 5 h 20 min | |
| 12 | | Flight home from SLC | 10 | 20 min | |

**1,460 km · 18 h 30 min behind the wheel · on average 210 km a driving day**

*Kilometres and drive times by road (OSRM, OpenStreetMap), without stops: plan generously.*

# The route




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## ON THE ROAD

| | |
|---|---|
| **Day 1** | Land at Salt Lake City (SLC), drive to Salt Lake City · About 10 km (10 mi), 20 min |
| **Day 2** | Salt Lake City, drive to Moab · About 380 km (230 mi), 4 h 40 min |
| **Day 5** | Moab, drive to Torrey · About 250 km (160 mi), 3 h 10 min |
| **Day 7** | Torrey, drive to Bryce Canyon City · About 180 km (110 mi), 2 h 50 min |
| **Day 9** | Bryce Canyon City, drive to Springdale · About 130 km (80 mi), 2 h 10 min |
| **Day 11** | Springdale, drive to Salt Lake City · About 490 km (310 mi), 5 h 20 min |

# Well prepared

### ESTA

Dutch and Belgian travellers need no visa for a holiday of up to 90 days, but do need an approved ESTA before boarding. It costs about $40, is valid for two years (or until your passport expires) and is applied for online. Apply at least 72 hours before you fly, and only on the official site.

esta.cbp.dhs.gov

### Passport

An electronic passport (with the chip symbol), valid for the whole stay. Children need their own passport and ESTA.

nl.usembassy.gov

### Driving licence

Your Dutch driving licence is accepted for renting and driving a car as a visitor. An international driving permit next to it helps with police and some rental desks.

anwb.nl

### Renting a car

The renter is the main driver and pays with a credit card in their own name (no debit or prepaid card); the deposit is held on it. Usually from 21, and from 21 to 24 you pay a young-driver fee of about $25 a day. Book from home with insurance included (CDW/LDW and extra liability, SLI) and an extra driver if you want to take turns. Returning the car elsewhere (a one-way trip) costs extra. Fuel is sold by the gallon (3.8 litres); fill it up yourself before you bring it back.

### Driving in the USA

Keep right; speeds are in miles an hour (65 mph is 105 km/h). Turning right on red is allowed after stopping, unless a sign says no. At a 4-way stop, whoever stopped first goes first. For a stopped yellow school bus with flashing lights you stop in both directions. Toll roads are often electronic only: ask your rental company about its toll pass. On remote stretches (parks, desert) there's little signal and a long way to the next pump: fill up at half and download the map.

### Renting an RV

You can rent an RV from about 21 with an ordinary car licence. On top of the rent, count on mileage (often per mile), a kit with bedding and kitchen things, cleaning and the campsite: in the popular parks you book those months ahead on recreation.gov. Big RVs aren't allowed on every park road. Take photos of the RV when you pick it up: damage and missing items are the most heard complaint.

recreation.gov

### National parks

Most big parks charge per car. Visitors from abroad pay $100 a person extra at 11 popular parks; the annual pass for non-residents is $250. Some parks need a timed-entry reservation in high season.

nps.gov

### Money and tipping

Prices are without sales tax, which is added at the till. In restaurants a tip of 15 to 20% is usual. Cards are accepted almost everywhere; at the pump you may be asked for a ZIP code, so pay inside.

### Travel insurance and health

Care in the USA is very expensive: take travel insurance with worldwide medical cover, and check whether your health insurance covers the USA. Cancellation insurance covers the trip if you can't go; insure the rental car with the rental company (see Renting a car). Take medicines in their original packaging, with a prescription in English. Emergency number: 911.

### Power, phone and time

110 volt with flat two-pin plugs (type A/B): bring an adapter. A US eSIM is cheaper than roaming. The mainland has four time zones, Arizona mostly without daylight saving time.

### Customs

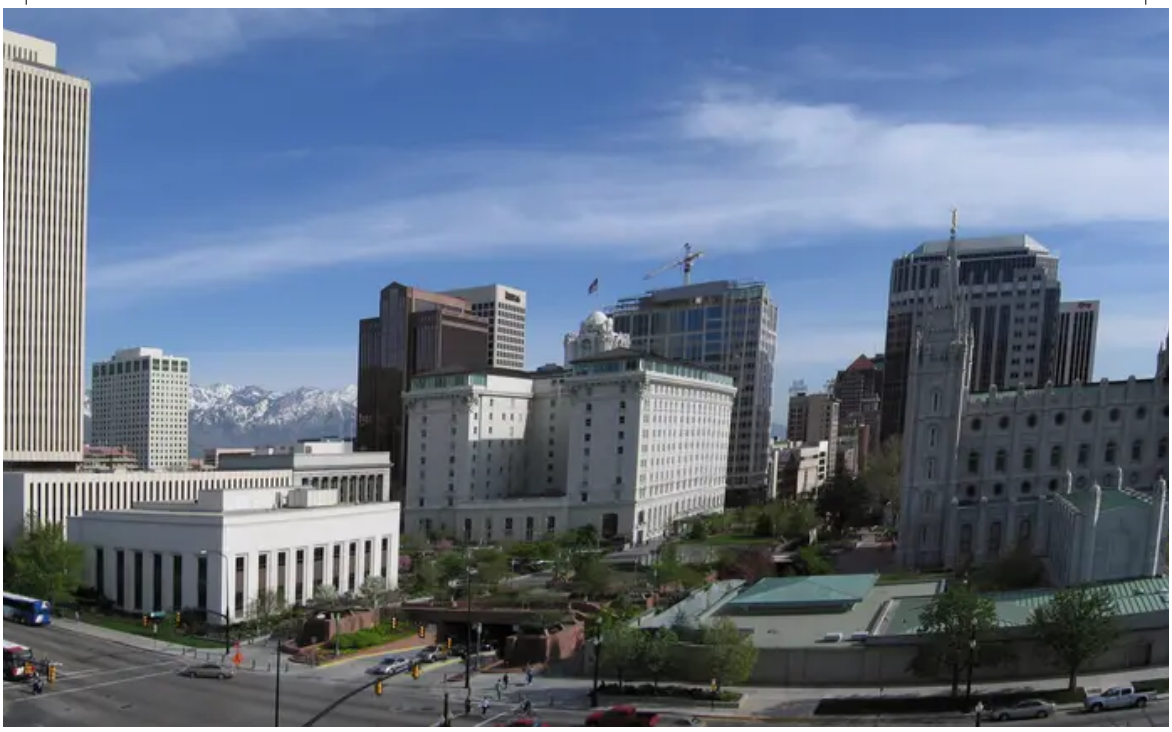
Fresh food, meat and fruit may not be brought in. Declare food you carry.

# Packing list

- [ ] Passport (valid for the whole trip)
- [ ] ESTA, printed
- [ ] Driving licence (and an international one)
- [ ] Credit card in the driver's name
- [ ] Travel and cancellation insurance
- [ ] Confirmations: flights, car, hotels
- [ ] America the Beautiful pass for the parks
- [ ] Plug adapter for type A/B (110 volt)
- [ ] Car charger and phone holder
- [ ] eSIM or offline maps
- [ ] Sunscreen, sunglasses and a cap
- [ ] Water bottles for the desert
- [ ] Hiking shoes
- [ ] Layers: the coast and the nights get cold
- [ ] Medicines, in your hand luggage
- [ ] A pen, for this booklet

**DON'T FORGET**

# Notes



DAY 1

# Salt Lake City UT

*After the flight*

Land at Salt Lake City (SLC), drive to Salt Lake City: about 10 km (10 mi), 20 min

**1 night**

SALT LAKE CITY · DAY 1

## HOTEL

- [ ] Hampton Inn & Suites Salt Lake City-University/Foothill Drive · 3★ — roughly €120
  1345 Foothill Dr
- [ ] SpringHill Suites by Marriott Salt Lake City Sugar House · 3★ — roughly €260
  2206 SOUTH 1300 EAST
- [ ] Crystal Inn Hotel & Suites - Midvalley · 3★ — roughly €90
  818 E Winchester St
- [ ] Hilton Garden Inn Salt Lake City Downtown · 3★ — roughly €100
  250 W 600 S
- [ ] Crystal Inn Hotel & Suites - Salt Lake City · 3★ — roughly €110
  230 W 500 S

## NOTES



DAYS 2–4

# Moab UT

*Arches and Canyonlands*

Salt Lake City, drive to Moab: about 380 km (230 mi), 4 h 40 min

**3 nights**

MOAB · DAYS 2–4

## HOTEL

- [ ] Downtown Cozy Home Base - Purple Sage 3 · 3★
  East 100 South 338
- [ ] Downtown Cozy Home Base - Purple Sage 6 · 3★
  East 100 South 338
- [ ] Downtown Kokopelli West 5 - Newly Remodeled Stylish Studio · 3★
  North 100 West 236
- [ ] Moab Springs Ranch · 3★
  1266 US HIGHWAY 191
- [ ] Wildhorse Canyon #14A3 · 3★
  3862 South Desert Willow Circle

## NOTES



DAYS 5–6

# Torrey UT

*Capitol Reef and Scenic Byway 12*

Moab, drive to Torrey: about 250 km (160 mi), 3 h 10 min

**2 nights**

TORREY · DAYS 5–6

## HOTEL

- [ ] Cowboy Cabin · 3★

- [ ] Skyview Hotel · 3★
  876 W SR 24
- [ ] Red Sands Hotel & Spa · 3★ — roughly €150
  670 E Highway 24
- [ ] Capitol Reef Resort · 3★ — roughly €110
  2600 E. Hwy 24
- [ ] The Noor Hotel · 3★ — roughly €120
  877 North State Road 24

## NOTES




DAYS 7–8

# Bryce Canyon City UT

*Bryce Canyon*

Torrey, drive to Bryce Canyon City: about 180 km (110 mi), 2 h 50 min

**2 nights**

## BRYCE CANYON CITY · DAYS 7–8

### HOTEL

Name, address, confirmation number:

### NOTES




DAYS 9–10

# Springdale UT

*Zion and the Narrows*

Bryce Canyon City, drive to Springdale: about 130 km (80 mi), 2 h 10 min

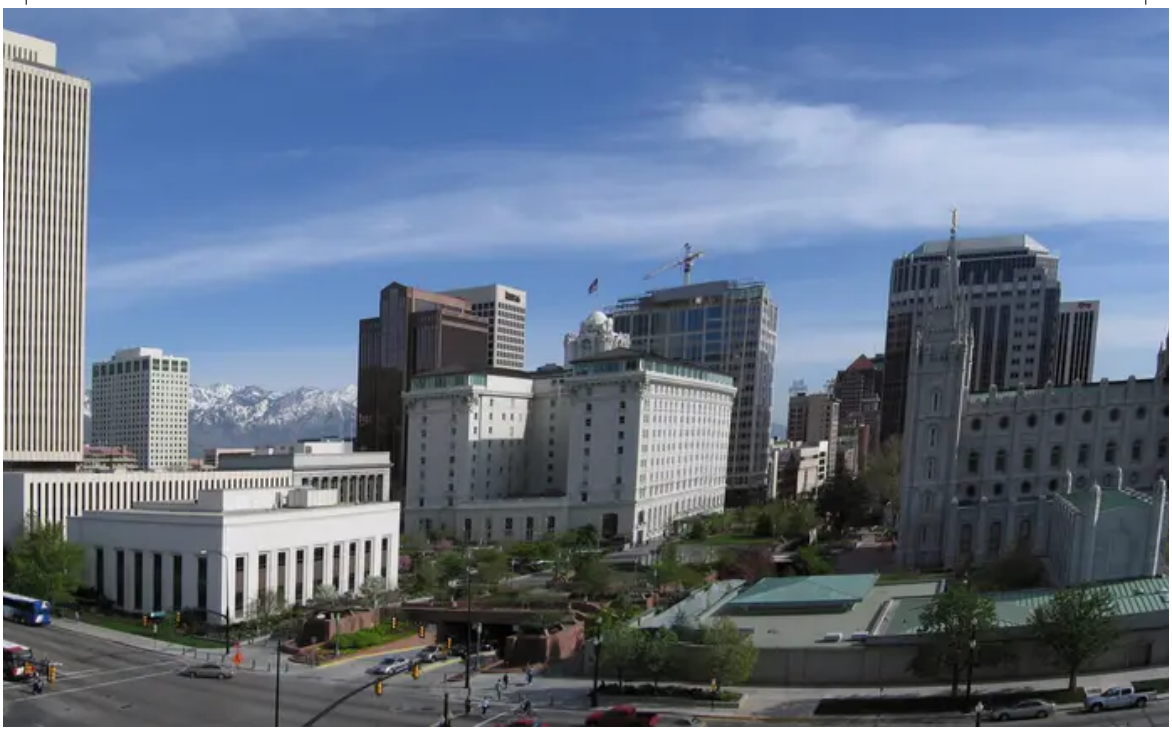
**2 nights**

SPRINGDALE · DAYS 9–10

## HOTEL

- [ ] Best Western Plus Zion Canyon Inn & Suites · 3★ — roughly €170
  668 Zion Park Blvd
- [ ] Desert Pearl Inn · 3★
  707 Zion Park Blvd.
- [ ] Canyon Vista Lodge · 3★
  2175 Zion Park Boulevard
- [ ] Cable Mountain Lodge · 3★ — roughly €180
  147 Zion Park Blvd.
- [ ] Hampton Inn & Suites Springdale/Zion National Park · 3★ — roughly €200
  1127 Zion Park Blvd

## NOTES



DAY 11

# Salt Lake City UT

*Before the flight home*

Springdale, drive to Salt Lake City: about 490 km (310 mi), 5 h 20 min

**1 night**

SALT LAKE CITY · DAY 11

## HOTEL

- [ ] Hampton Inn & Suites Salt Lake City-University/Foothill Drive · 3★ — roughly €120
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## NOTES

# What it costs

| DAY | PLACE | HOTEL | TOURS | CAR | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | Salt Lake City | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| **2** | Moab | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| **3** | Moab | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| **4** | Moab | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| **5** | Torrey | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| **6** | Torrey | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| **7** | Bryce Canyon City | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| **8** | Bryce Canyon City | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| **9** | Springdale | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| **10** | Springdale | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| **11** | Salt Lake City | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| **12** | Flight home from SLC | – | – | €60 | **€60** |

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|---|---|
| Flights | €1,700 |
| Hotels | €1,760 |
| Excursions | €0 |
| Car hire | €720 |
| **Total** | **€4,180** |
| | €2,090 a person |

*An estimate to plan with (prices of 2026-10): hotels, the ticked excursions, car hire and flights. No fuel or meals.*

# Notes

# About this booklet

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