

ROAD TRIP · UNITED STATES

Utah's Mighty Five

12 days · Salt Lake City

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All five national parks of Utah in one trip.

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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Salt Lake City	Day 1	**8**
Moab	Days 2–4	**10**
Torrey	Days 5–6	**12**
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Salt Lake City	Day 11	**18**

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

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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

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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

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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

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

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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:

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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

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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

HOTEL

- [ ] Hampton Inn & Suites Salt Lake City-University/Foothill Drive · 3★ — roughly €120
  1345 Foothill Dr
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What it costs

DAY	PLACE	HOTEL	TOURS	CAR	TOTAL
1	Salt Lake City	€160	–	€60	**€220**
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10	Springdale	€160	–	€60	**€220**
11	Salt Lake City	€160	–	€60	**€220**
12	Flight home from SLC	–	–	€60	**€60**

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.

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THE ROUTE

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