

Arizona Outlaws 356 Javelina Tour to Monument Valley, UT

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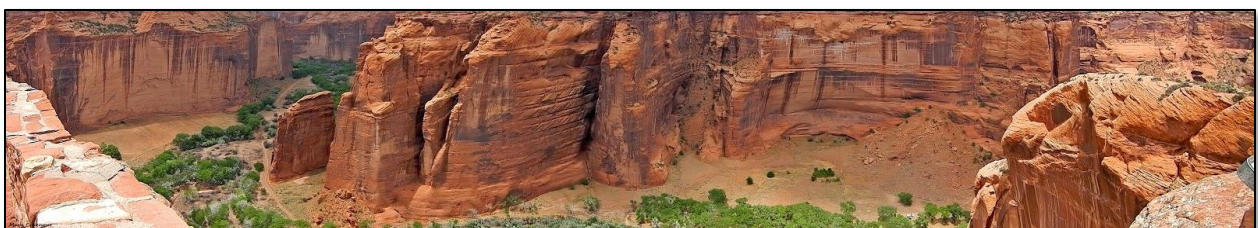


Come join the Arizona 356 Outlaws on another beautiful scenic drive through Arizona and into Utah's spectacular Monument Valley.

The Javelina Tour starts with a beautiful drive from Fountain Hills on highway 87 amidst the mighty saguaro cacti via Payson to Pine, AZ for a lunch stop in the cool pines. Our first overnight destination is a stay at the famous La Posada Hotel (www.laposada.org) in Winslow, AZ. The hotel was the last great Railroad Hotel built in 1929 by the Santa Fe Railway for the Fred Harvey Company. Welcome to architect Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter's Southwest masterpiece. The hotel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and includes an on-site art museum.



Photo ops in Winslow include of course, "Standin' on the Corner in Winslow Arizona". Off we go to the Navajo Nation Reservation with a stop in Chinle for lunch. Time Changes to MTN time on the reservation and in Utah. Following the lunch and fuel stop, we will divert onto a scenic drive to Canyon De Chelly at Spider Rock and Sliding House Overlooks.



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We then complete our last leg of the drive into Mexican Hat Utah, for our two night stay in Monument Valley. We will have a casual Wind-Down party Friday at the hotel pool area overlooking the San Juan river. The start time is 4:30 but depends on our arrival time. A large Charcuterie will be provided along with some beer, wine, and soft drinks. Friday night is dinner on your own with some suggestions listed below.

A no host group dinner on Saturday night is planned at the rustic Swingin' Steak restaurant just off the hotel premises, meet there at 6 pm. Some things you just can't explain... a relaxing fire in the outdoor Beer Garden, an atmosphere that encourages reflection and a chance to "breathe" while watching your steak or burger cook on their special grill.



Saturday morning will start with a drive to the View Hotel to catch a guided jeep tour. A 2.5 hour tour includes these six stops; West Mitten, John Ford Point, 3 Sisters, Totem pole (area), Artists Point (Eastern View), North Window. This special Outlaws tour also includes roads only allowed access by a tour company; Ear of the Wind, Eye of the Sun, and Big Hogan. **Please be at the Sacred Monument Tour pickup point at 9 am for a 9:30 launch.**



The Jeep tour returns us to the famous View Hotel for a group lunch. Back into the driver's seat for a drive up the infamous Moki Dugway. "Moki" is a local term for the ancient Puebloan people who inhabited the Colorado Plateau hundreds of years ago. "Dugway" is a term used to describe a roadway carved from a hillside. The Moki Dugway Scenic Backway is a stretch of Highway 261 in Utah where the blacktop turns into a graded gravel and clay road that drastically switches back and forth down the side of a cliff at an 11% grade.

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The 3 mile road is well maintained all year around and suitable for our 356's, weather permitting. We will stop and get an incredible group photo at the Muley Point overlook five miles from the top of the Moki Dugway.



From Muley Point, two driving options are suggested. Some may return to the hotel from Muley Point, or take the one hour Valley of the Gods scenic road, or continue on Highway 261 to the Natural Bridges National Monument for a look at one of nature's most majestic creations.

Valley of the Gods Scenic Road option

Turn off just past the bottom of the Moki Dugway onto the Valley of the Gods Scenic Road (17 miles). The road is unpaved but well maintained. The Valley of the Gods is a scenic sandstone valley that features stunning geologic formations. The statuesque formations are sculpted from Cedar Mesa sandstone dating to the Permian period, around 250 million years ago. Eroded by water, wind and ice over millions of years, the rock was carved into the unique buttes, monoliths

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(single massive stone or rock), pinnacles and other geological features as seen today. This geological masterpiece, though a quarter of the size of its celebrated neighbor, Monument Valley, boasts a royalty of rich colors and fantastic formations, and quite stunning.



The Valley of the Gods magic colors and shapes surprise visitors at every turn. It is truly a geological masterpiece, rightfully earning its reputation as “a photographer’s paradise”. The east access (our exit) is onto Highway 163 and provides a direct route south back to the hotel.

Natural Bridges National Monument option

Continue on Highway 261 to the Natural Bridges Monument. There are three natural bridges; Kachina, Sipapu and Owachomo, which honor the Native Americans that once made this area their home. There are ruins to see on the short hikes to each of the bridges. You should take your time to visit each bridge in its entirety. The return trip to the hotel is 47 miles via Highway 261 (including the Moki Dugway down).



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Rough Itinerary

Non-356 vehicles are welcome, but agree to run at the rear of the 356 parade.

Day 1: Fountain Hills to Winslow (2hr 37 min, 154 miles)

1. Depart Fountain Hills at 9:30am via Route 87 to Strawberry/Pine
2. Lunch in Pine at That Brewery.
3. Stay overnight at La Posada in Winslow.
4. Photo ops at the "Corner in Winslow Arizona".

Day 2: Winslow to Mexican Hat Utah (4 hr 16 min, 237 miles)

1. Depart Winslow 9 am to Chinle
2. **Note: Time Changes to MTN time on the reservation and in Utah**
3. Pit stop in Burnside. Head to Chinle, 2 hr 23 min (124 miles)
4. Lunch in Chinle at 12:30 pm local time (11:30 AZ time):
 - a. Junction Restaurant, 100 Main Street, Chinle, AZ 86503 928-674-8443
5. Quick Scenic Drive to Canyon de Chelly at Sliding House Overlook
6. Continue to Mexican Hat (1hr 53 min, 113 miles)
 - a. Two nights at the Hat Rock Inn, Mexican Hat, UT 84531
7. Wind-Down part at ~4:30 at the hotel pool deck area.
8. Dinner on your own options:
 - a. The Swinging Steak (has late night) 435-683-2222
 - b. San Juan Inn and Trading Post (open late night) 435-683-2220
 - c. Olde Bridge Grille Café 435-683-2322
 - d. The View Hotel 435-727-5568

Day 3: Monument Valley

1. Jeep tour into Monument Valley departs at 9:30 am. Please arrive by 9 am for check-in.
 - a. This 2.5 hour tour is 20+ miles in open air vehicle and includes these 6 stops; West Mitten, John Fort Point, 3 Sisters, Totem pole (area), Artists Point (Eastern View), North Window. Also includes roads only allowed to travel by the tour company; Ear of the Wind, Eye of the Sun, Big Hogan, and possibly 1 other stop. Bring water and sunscreen. Cost is \$75.00pp. This was one of the highlights of the 2016 event.
 - b. You must register for this jeep tour yourself, see details below.
2. Lunch at The View Hotel
3. Depart the View Hotel at 1 pm for an exciting drive to the Moki Dugway. Photo op at Muley Point at the top of the Dugway.
4. Optionally continue on to National Bridges National Monument
 - a. Drive the Bridge view drive, \$10pp. This is a 9 mile loop with short walks to each natural bridge. There are three plus Indian ruins at some of them.
5. Optionally take the Valley of the Gods scenic road (17 miles) exiting onto Highway 163, <http://bluffutah.org/valley-of-the-gods/> . The 17-mile road is unpaved, but the graded gravel and clay surface road is suitable for our cars when the road is dry. Use your discretion.
6. Return as you desire to Mexican Hat hotel
7. Group Dinner at Swinging Steak (on premises) at 6 pm.

Day 4: Return Home

There is no organized convoy back to Phoenix, we can discuss this at dinner Saturday night.

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Option 1:

Direct route using 160 to 89 to I-17 to the 101 freeway is 4 hrs 38 min, 302 miles. Add mileage to your home from there.

Option 2:

Return the way we came through Winslow and Payson. 412 miles, 6 hrs 43 min.

Please book your hotel rooms in advance and use the Group/Block rate.

Please also book the Jeep Tour directly.

Event Hotels:

La Posada Hotel (Thursday Night October 19th)

303 E. 2nd Street (Route 66)
Winslow, AZ 86047
928.289.4366
info@laposada.org

Hat Rock Inn (Friday & Saturday Night October 20-21)

120 East Hwy 163 Scenic
Mexican Hat, Utah 84531
Email reservations@hatrockinn.com
Web site hatrockinn.com

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Jeep Tour:

The tour starts and ends from the Visitor Center parking lot at the View Hotel. We have the 2.5hr tour reserved and the cost is \$75.00pp. **You** will need to call their office at (435) 727-3218 to book yourself on the tour. Tell them the Arizona Outlaws group at 9:30 am.

- Sacred Monument Tours
- Outlaws Group: Saturday October 21st at 9:30am
- (435) 727-3218 to book for a tour, <https://toursacred.com/>

Meals:

All meals are order from the menu and pay your own way.

- Thursday Lunch in Pine, AZ:
 - That Brewery
- Thursday Dinner Options in Winslow:
 - E & O Kitchen- 703 Airport Road, Winslow, AZ 86047 (lunch) 928-289-5352
 - Sipp Shop Diner 101 W. Second Street 928-289-2534
 - Mojo Café (coffee house) 1700 North Park Dr. 928-289-6656

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- Turquoise Room in La Posada 928-289-2888 (call for reservations)
- Friday Lunch in Chinle, AZ (11:30 AZ, 12:30 MTN):
Junction Restaurant, 100 Main Street, Chinle, AZ 86503 928-674-8443
- Friday Dinner Options in Mexican Hat
 - The Swinging Steak (has late night) 435-683-2222
 - San Juan Cafe and Trading Post (open late night) 435-683-2220
 - River Rat Pizza 435-683-2226
 - Duke's 4356722303
 - The View Hotel 435-727-5568
- Saturday Group Lunch
 - The View Hotel
- Saturday Group Dinner in Mexican Hat
 - Swinging Steak at 6 pm (on hotel premises)

Questions???

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Get out and drive that 356!