

# The 4-day EPIC

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## Utah's Best Kept Secret

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5 DAYS HORSE BACK RIDING • DELUXE CAMPING • TONS OF FUN • AMAZING HIKES •  
FISHING •

The Capitol Reef National Park area holds some of the most varied and interesting terrain in Utah. Part of the 100 mile long Waterpocket Fold, an abrupt thousand-foot ridge made out of twisted sandstone, this region makes an ideal playground. The adjacent Boulder Mountain provides the elevation necessary to offer respite from the mid-summer heat and creates a cool air mass that results in more rain than surrounding areas during summer months. The extra moisture ensures great fishing all summer long.

Traveling into the labyrinth of the Canyonlands Region, for the early settlers, was often done on horseback. Today, we enjoy the same benefit of this timeless form of exploration on these versatile animals. Saddle up with us, and do it the cowboy way! This ride is truly for the serious adventurer.

During the warm summer months, we will ascend the verdant Boulder Mountain where lakes and streams are interspersed amongst high mountain meadows and light, airy aspen groves. Once on top, we will explore the gently undulating terrain of the Boulder Mountain (actually more of a plateau). Boulder Top, as it is referred to by the locals, features stellar views of Capitol Reef, the Henry Mountains, Glen Canyon National Recreation area, and the Book Cliffs over 100 miles away! The option to extend your adventure with an extra day of fishing, biking, hiking, or horse riding make this the perfect adventure experience.

During the cool spring and fall months, we will warm up amongst the Sleeping Rainbow in the colorful desert red rock canyons of Capitol Reef, San Rafael Swell, or the Escalante Grandstaircase. Here we will take in the impressive views of the "Little Grand Canyon" where eons of water and wind have carved tirelessly into the rock creating convoluted sandstone pathways. The rim of the canyons can extend nearly 500 feet above the floor of the rim creating cool narrows that offer relief from the desert heat. Be sure the camera is loaded for viewing ancient rock art, Indian dwellings, and extraordinary slot canyons.

2007 dates

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*May Thru*

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**Day One:** Your adventure begins at Backcountry Outfitters' headquarters in Torrey, Utah. We will pack for the trip and shuttle to the trailhead with our expert horses in tow. The journey today is a full day ride, having lunch and site seeing on the way. Be prepared for stream crossings and stunning views. Our remote trail head ensures that you will probably not see another soul around. We will arrive to our deluxe camp, where we will enjoy a hearty camp dinner. The camp is comprised of old-fashioned canvas wall tents; each one has cots, pads, pillows, wood stove and sleeping gear. The heart of the camp is the cook tent, with a giant stove and oven, and ample room to gather, not to mention the fresh baked goodies. The cook tent is "the place to be" in tent city. The camp has all the amenities one would never expect in the backcountry, including a hot shower and a toilet. Come stay with us and we will show you what camping has been missing all these years.

**Day Two:** Wake up to great cowboy coffee and a skillet breakfast, as we prepare to continue on our adventure. We will explore the country offerings throughout the day, whether it be ancient Anasazi artifacts or fascinating views of rainbow-imbedded red rock canyons as far as the eye can see. Take pictures and short hikes discovering land unlike any other. We will return to our comfortable camp to stretch our legs and enjoy a Dutch oven dinner and some great backcountry storytelling around the campfire.

Option: Gone fishing...Ride to a remote lake or stream for a day of fishing. We can provide all equipment including flies or lures.

**Day Three:** Ride hard and long with us today. We will break for lunch and, of course, for the amazing hidden treasures of the land that only the best guides know where to look. Cozy up in camp tonight for re-fueling and relaxation. Today might be a good time to experience the luxury of a hot shower available right in camp.

Option: We can also spike camp out on this trip. That would mean instead of returning to camp we take pack horses with grub and sleeping gear and spend a night out.... And we mean *way* out. We would return to base camp via a loop route the next day. By taking this option we are able to explore further into the backcountry than a day ride allows, however we leave behind some of the plush accommodations the base camp offers.

**Day Four:** Rise and shine to another full day ride! You will certainly have made pals with your horse by this day. Enjoy another outdoor breakfast and prepare to set sail on another amazing voyage through this wonderland. Our professional and well-educated guides will give you the “low-down” on the land as you ride, telling stories about the land’s pre-history, recent history, geology, and archaeology. It is time to wrap up your extraordinary adventure. We will ride out of the wilderness on this leg of the trip where our shuttle will be waiting for us, but not before making sure you have had lunch and a ride that will guarantee you will remember us. We will take you back to our meeting place and there we will say our goodbyes.

*\*\*Note: Backcountry Outfitters reserves the right to relocate the destination of the journey depending on weather and flood threats.*

### *Make the Most of Your Adventure*

#### ***Day 5—Optional Extension:***

Make the most of your adventure by adding another day of fun, or exchange a day of your trip for another one of these activities. The following activities can elevate your experience to sublime:

*Guided Mountain Bike Ride*  
*Canyoneering in the Slot Canyons*  
*Day of Guided Fishing*  
*Extra day of Horse Riding*  
*ATV rental*  
*Guided 4X4 Tour*  
*Guided or Rental Mountain Bike*

**\*\*We work closely with all the local lodging facilities. Please allow us to help you book your accommodations for arrival and departure days. Our trips are generally FULL days. It is no fun trying to travel tired, so plan to stay at one of the many local facilities and travel at your leisure. Generally, we can get you a package price on your stay!!!**

#### Cost

\$999.00

Based on 6 or more participants

#### *Optional Extension*

Call for pricing.

#### *What's Included*

- ◆ expert leadership
- ◆ camping arrangements including camp meals, guides, and camping equipment
- ◆ all meals and non-alcoholic beverages starting with lunch the first day to lunch on the last day
- ◆ group ground transportation to and from head quarters

#### About The Guides

##### *Cody Clapp*

A native of Idaho, Cody has made his mark as a professional guide, leading fishing, hunting and horse trips throughout the American West, including Jackson Hole, Wyoming. A guide since 1994, Cody landed in the Capitol Reef region after he spotted the endless adventure opportunities in the area. He guides hundreds of adventurers through the mountains and canyons of the area every season using his string of ready to ride horses. Notorious for his stories, Cody has been known to keep his audiences enchanted for hours with tales of his adventures and mishaps. He is often accompanied by his dog, Stitch.

##### *Elizabeth Kleiman*

As a current resident of Jackson Hole, Wy, Elizabeth eagerly lives a double life as a part-time Registered Nurse in Wyoming, and a part-time guide for us here in Utah. An accomplished skier and avid fly fisherwoman, Elizabeth started her guiding career in 1998, when she moved from the new West of California to the Old West of Wyoming to help run pack trips. A graduate of Regis University in Denver with a degree in Nursing, her love of horses and the great outdoors has kept her close to the outfitting industry. Besides being a great horsewoman, she also rocks at nursing and cooking!

##### *Nate Flint*

Originally from Vermont, Nate has chosen to call Park City, Utah his home since 1992. Soon after moving to Utah his love of the outdoors manifested as a job guiding in 1993 and has been going strong since. His specialties are bike, raft, canyoneering and ski trips. His experiences have taken him halfway across the world and back with trips to Africa, Europe, Canada and Central America. His exploits notwithstanding, he is known especially for his backcountry chef skills which are regularly commented upon by his guests.

### *Brigid Saukaitis*

Aside from being an awesome mountain biker and river guide, Brigid brings a lightness and effervescence to all of her adventures. Born in Rhode Island, Brigid moved out West to attend school at Colorado College. Almost overnight, she fell in love with the West and endeavored to make it her home. She has been guiding bike and raft trips every summer since 2000 and working for environmental non-profit organizations, coordinating community programs and building initiatives to help keep our water, air and land pollution-free.

### *The next step*

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#### *Ready to go? Signing up is easy!*

Call us at 1-866-747-3973 and reserve a space with your credit card or a check. Frequent flyers with mileage-earning credit cards take note: you also have the option to make all your payments by credit card so you can rack up even more mileage for your next trip!

#### *Reservation/Cancellation Policy*

All reservations are on a first come first served basis. The only way to guarantee a spot on a trip is by placing a deposit on the trip or by paying in full. Unless otherwise noted, the amount of the first deposit is 50% of the total trip cost. A second deposit is required 90 days before launch date. If the trip is booked within 90 days of launch date then you must pay the balance in full to guarantee a spot on the trip.

#### *Cancellations*

If cancellations are made within 90 days of the launch date, the first deposit is nonrefundable. If you cancel your trip 30 days before the launch date all moneys will be forfeited to Backcountry Outfitters (herein referred to as BCO).

Should BCO cancel a trip due to lack of participants, we will reimburse the full amount of the trip cost. Should BCO cancel a trip due to safety considerations or unforeseen circumstances such as natural disaster or weather, it reserves the right to either relocate you to another trip or issue a credit for a future trip.

#### *Then, Leave the Rest to Us*

Before you go, we'll provide you with pre-departure information, including clothing recommendations and travel and lodging information.

#### *The Importance of Being in Good Physical Condition*

Be sure to start a moderate training program specific to the type of sport you will be participating in with us. The better shape you are in, the more you will enjoy your adventure. All of our guides are certified in CPR, First Aid, and Wilderness First Responder. We want you to have fun with us, so give us a call if you have questions about training or your ability level.

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The Epic Ride

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For information or reservations, call toll-free 1-866-747-3793