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UTAH ROCKS

... the land of the Mormons ...

We were always everywhere in the Southwest of the United States of America and plenty of times in the near vicinity of the Monument Valley, and finally we made it. Special places are reserved to special occasions. After a "small" fee to the Navajo tribe (the Code talkers in WW2), we set up our base camp right above the famous valley. What a view, the landscape is truly mesmerizing and not only a photographers dream but also for tourists. Our tour into the valley with our Jeep was impressive and everybody should make the trip. A hypnotic site were also the sunset as well as the sunrise the next day. Words can not express what we are privileged to experience, not only a holy site for the American Indians. And to think that we erect our patio here and when we look out the bedroom windows in the morning and can be amazed by everything. Totally worth the admission fee.





Next stop Utah. On our way north we stopped in a small community on the San Juan River called Bluff.

History Lesson:

In the year 1880, a few hundred “crazy” Mormons founded this place. After an unbelievable journey over the Colorado River. Picture this: Horse drawn carriages filled with women, children and all of the families’ belongings. No street to travel on, the path small and bumpy. To the right there is the deep drop hundreds of feet, at the bottom a river. I tip my head to the settlers who are the real hero’s off the Wild West.

For more information on this fascinating history you should stop at the museum in Bluff.



Jeeping

The art of getting dirty and going broke while slowly heading nowhere and taking all day to do it!

Next stop Moab, which is designated as the El Dorado for off road vehicles and mountain bikers. The trails are ranging from easy to how the hell is this possible. Thankfully we have a Jeep which lets us explore some of these trails and get us to places which are off the beaten path and almost undisturbed by tourists. And with a brave co-pilot, we will have more excursions and we extended our stay for three more days.





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OFF ROAD**



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At the end of all of it was a grand price: an oasis of the river. Unfortunately the Colorado does not have much water during the summer season. At some places you can cross the river on foot, but when the water is flowing than you can be wild water rafting down stream.





At this time I need to mention that this photographer was distracted during the sunrise in Monument Valley by a young lady from Germany. She unpacked her equipment to have her daily sport, even though she is on vacation she needs to keep fit. So she bought a dancing pole!!

The forest fires in California influence the air quality in east Utah. So the view is hazy, but it is supposed to get better.





Thanks for all the nice e-mails and telephone calls
we received over the last weeks!
Thank you and keep them coming!

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That's it for today. The first 22-days are over. We
are looking forward to the next.

Greetings

Beate, Rudy and Noah

