

Small Historic Towns across America.

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Brief History of Moab, Utah.

Moab, a town located on the southeast side of Utah, is a small town, but a big destination. In its earliest years, Moab was occupied by members of the Subuagana Utes and was also used as part of the Spanish Trail, mainly because of the river crossing it gave access to. Later, in 1855, 41 men from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, or otherwise known as the Mormon church, endeavored to carry out missionary work among the Indians. But, after suffering rejection, harassment, and even 3 casualties, they were forced to leave. It wasn't until 23 years later that the first permanent settlers arrived in 1878. However it was not officially recognized as a town until December 20, 1902.

Moab's economy was highly based on farmer and ranching until the uranium boom in the early 1950's. The uranium boom brought multitudes of miners, prospectors, and more, causing the population for go from 1,275 in 1950 to 4,682 in 1960. Today, Moab is most known for its breath-taking landscapes, grand vistas, and countless other outdoor tourist attractions. Moab's close access to two major national parks namely, Arches National Park and Canyonlands National Park, makes it an opportune destination for anyone wanting to explore the area.

Location and Driving Directions from closest major US Airport.

Moab is situated at about a 4 hour drive from Salt Lake City International Airport. Start by getting on I-80 from crossbar Rd. Then, take I-15 S and US-6 E to E Center St in Moab. Finally, just turn left onto E Center St.

Who was President when this town was founded? And, what was the political environment in America at that time?



In 1896 Utah became a state and 6 years later Moab would be recognized as a town, in 1902. 1903 would show the assassination of William Mckinley and the inauguration of President Theodore



Roosevelt as the 26th president of the United States. Theodore Roosevelt would soon begin construction on the Panama Canal and make a corollary to the Monroe Doctrine. Also it was during this time that Theodore Roosevelt would have his hands full with the Panic of 1907.

Oldest businesses today.

A newspaper, The Times Independent, is one of Moab's oldest businesses, being founded in 1896. It succeeded the Grand Valley Times and Moab Independent, which merged in 1919.

The Times - Independent

City government.

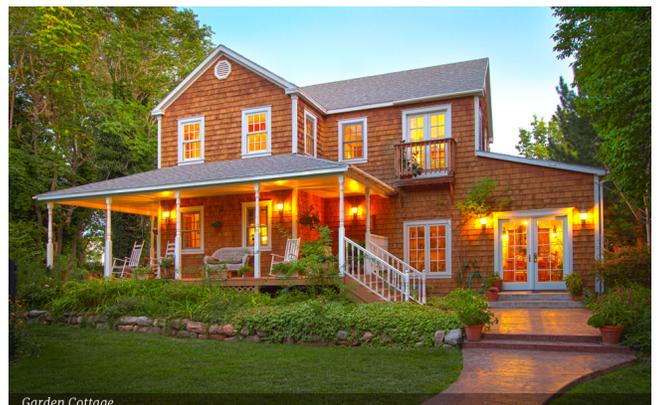
Moab has a mayor and 5 city council members at the top of the local governing body. The mayor and the council members both serve 4-year terms. City council meetings are open to the public. They start at 7:00 p.m. at the City Center, Council Chambers and are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Historic attractions in the area. Festivals and Events.

Moab has long been impressed by the annual Moab Music Festival held in the fall. Since 1992, The Moab Music Festival has brought world-class musicians and superior talent to Moab. With the breath-taking landscapes so apparent in the area, there could not simply be a more magnificent setting as music and nature combine to form unmatched combinations. For more information visit the Festival's website at: www.moabmusicfest.org

Where can we stay if we visit Moab?

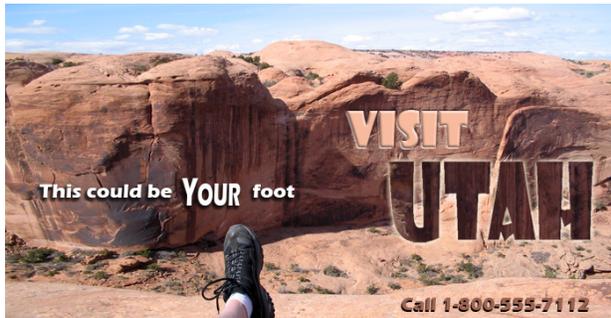
To top off your adventures throughout the day come to Sunflower Hill Bed and Breakfast. You won't be



disappointed. Located in a secluded neighborhood the Inn lends itself to a peaceful atmosphere. However, it is still only a short three blocks from all of the restaurants and shops on mainstreet that you would ever need. Luxurious rooms with a rustic-style elegance and superior amenities will ensure you comfort and satisfaction. It truly is an oasis in the desert. sunflowerhill.com

Why would I want to visit this historic small town.

From hiking under the shadow of grand arches and rock formations to rafting down the raging Colorado River, Moab is a must see. From the years of the uranium boom in the 1950's, Moab's



fame has grown until it has emerged as one of the greatest tourists destinations in the World. In addition to the uranium and other precious resources the land provides, it also lends itself to some of the most amazing sights and sounds one could ever see. You just haven't seen it until you have been there. Make your Moab, Utah your next adventure.

Links you may wish to visit.

www.moab123.com

www.moabcity.state.ut.us

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