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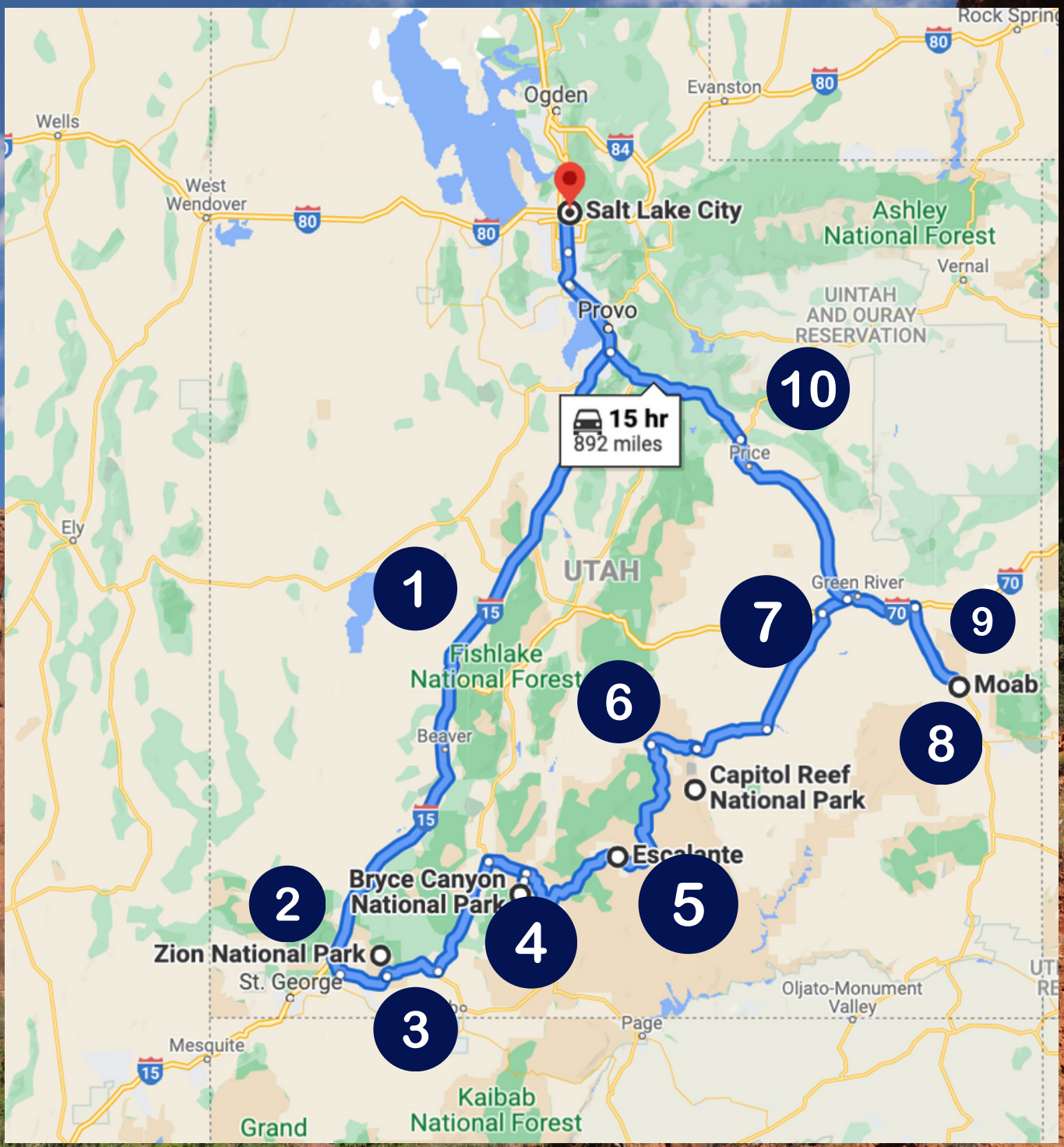
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10 DAYS ROAD TRIP ITINERARY

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The Salt Lake City Loop

892 miles : Salt Lake City - Mighty 5 - Salt Lake City



Red Rocks. Hoodoos. Amazing hikes. Natural hot springs. Mountain peaks.

DAY 1: Salt Lake City to Zion NP

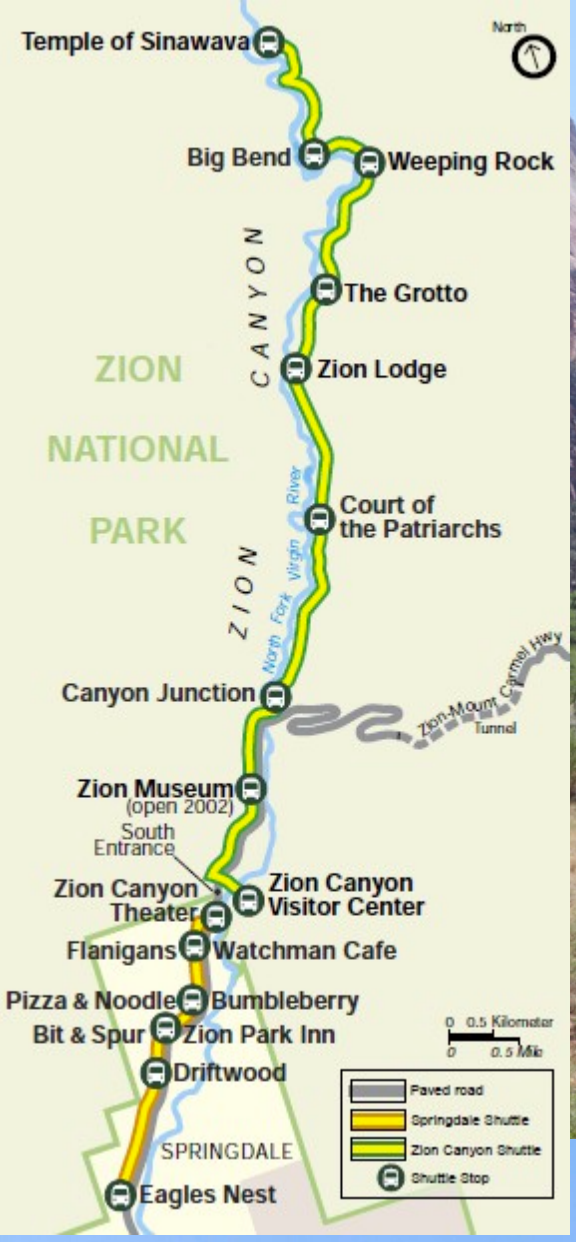
Distance: 308 miles
Route: I-15, UT-17 & UT-9
Stops: Meadows Hot Spring, Cove Fort, Cedar Breaks

- Leave Salt Lake City after breakfast
- *[157 miles]* Stop at Meadows Hot Spring for a morning Soak (Enjoy lunch on the desk at the first pool)
- *[32 miles]* Visit the Cove Fort Historical Site
- *[132 miles]* Settle in at the hotel (or campground) in Springdale

DAY 2: Zion National Park

- Take the shuttle to Zion NP early morning
- Stop at the visitor center to get your Junior Ranger Booklet and maps
- Start the day with the Riverside Walk - shuttle stop "**Temple of Sinawava**"
- Have lunch at the Zion Lodge
- Hike to the Lower Emerald Pool (optional: continue to the Middle & Upper Pools)
- Enjoy the hotel/campground amenities for the rest of the afternoon/evening





BONUS DAY: Zion NP

- Take the shuttle to Zion NP early morning
- Hike a section of The Narrows
- Stop at the visitor center to get some souvenirs
- Enjoy the hotel/campground amenities for the rest of the afternoon/evening

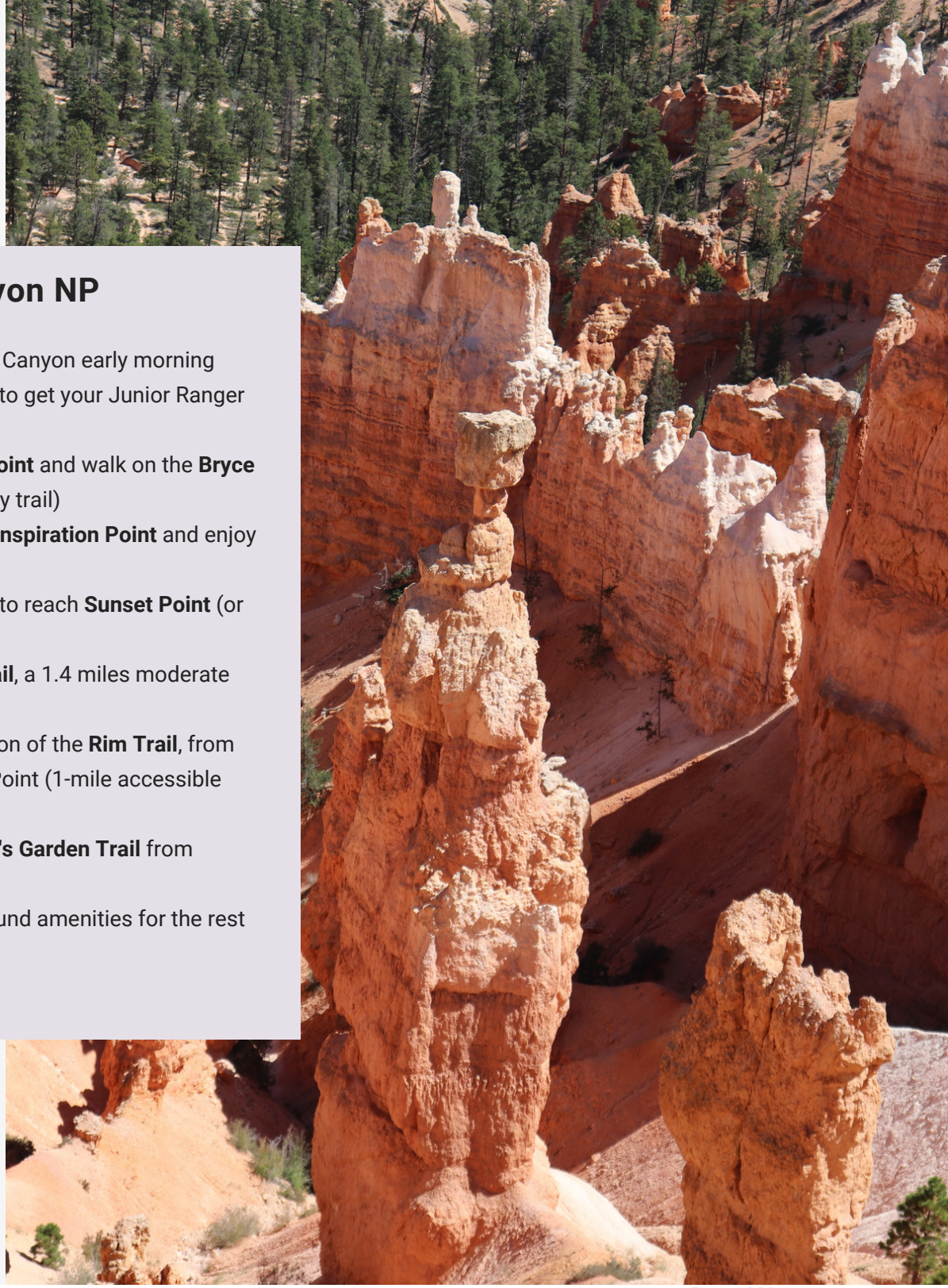
DAY 3: Zion NP to Bryce Canyon NP

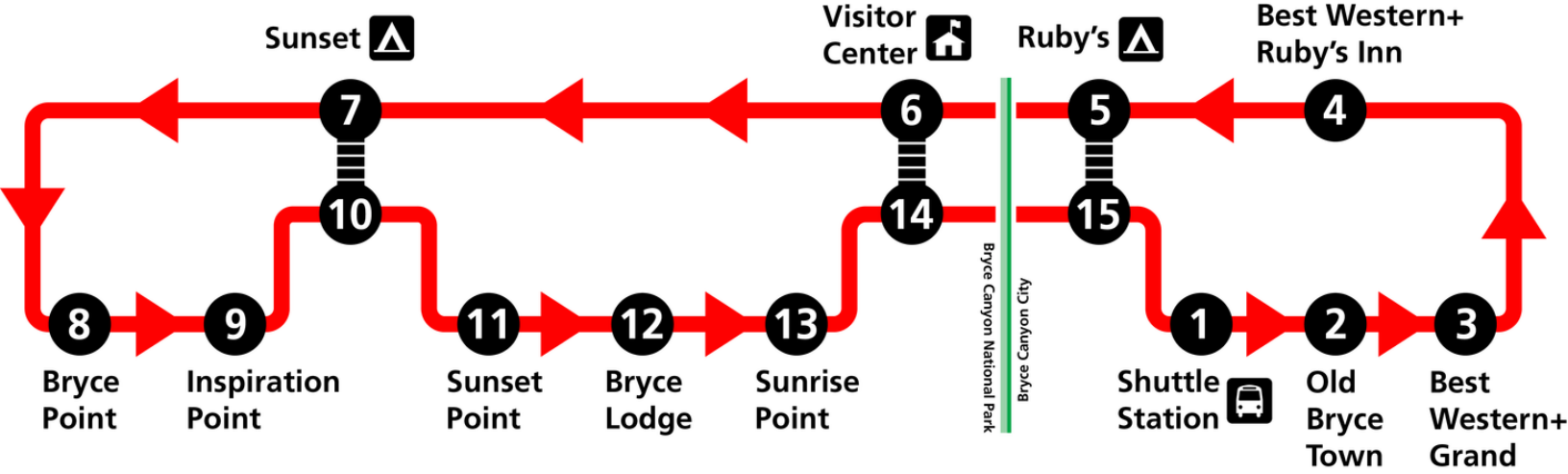
Distance: 73 miles
Route: 73 miles): UT-9, US-89 & UT-12
Stops: Red Hollow Slot Canyon, Red Canyon Arch

- Leave Springdale early morning
- [25 *miles*] Drive across Zion National Park and stop at a few vista point
- Enjoy the Zion-Mount Camel tunnel
- [*32 miles*] Hike the Red Hollow Slot Canyon (1.9 miles). Enjoy lunch at the trailhead
- [*44 miles*] Drive under the Red Canyon Arch and stop for some photos
- Hike the buckhorn trail (1.5 miles)
- [*14 miles*] Settle in at the hotel (or campground) in Bryce Canyon City

DAY 4: Bryce Canyon NP

- Take the shuttle to Bryce Canyon early morning
- Stop at the visitor center to get your Junior Ranger Booklet and maps
- Start your day at **Bryce Point** and walk on the **Bryce Point Trail** (0.2 miles easy trail)
- Use the shuttle to get to **Inspiration Point** and enjoy the views
- Hop on the shuttle again to reach **Sunset Point** (or walk on the Rim Trail).
- Hike the **Navajo Loop Trail**, a 1.4 miles moderate hike
- where you can to a section of the **Rim Trail**, from Sunset Point to Sunrise Point (1-mile accessible hike)
- Hike the 1.8 miles **Queen's Garden Trail** from Sunrise Point
- Enjoy the hotel/campground amenities for the rest of the afternoon/evening







DAY 5:
Bryce Canyon to Capitol Reef

Distance: 115 miles
Route: UT-12 & UT-24
Stops: Kodachrome Basin, Escalante Petrified Forest, Calf Creek Falls

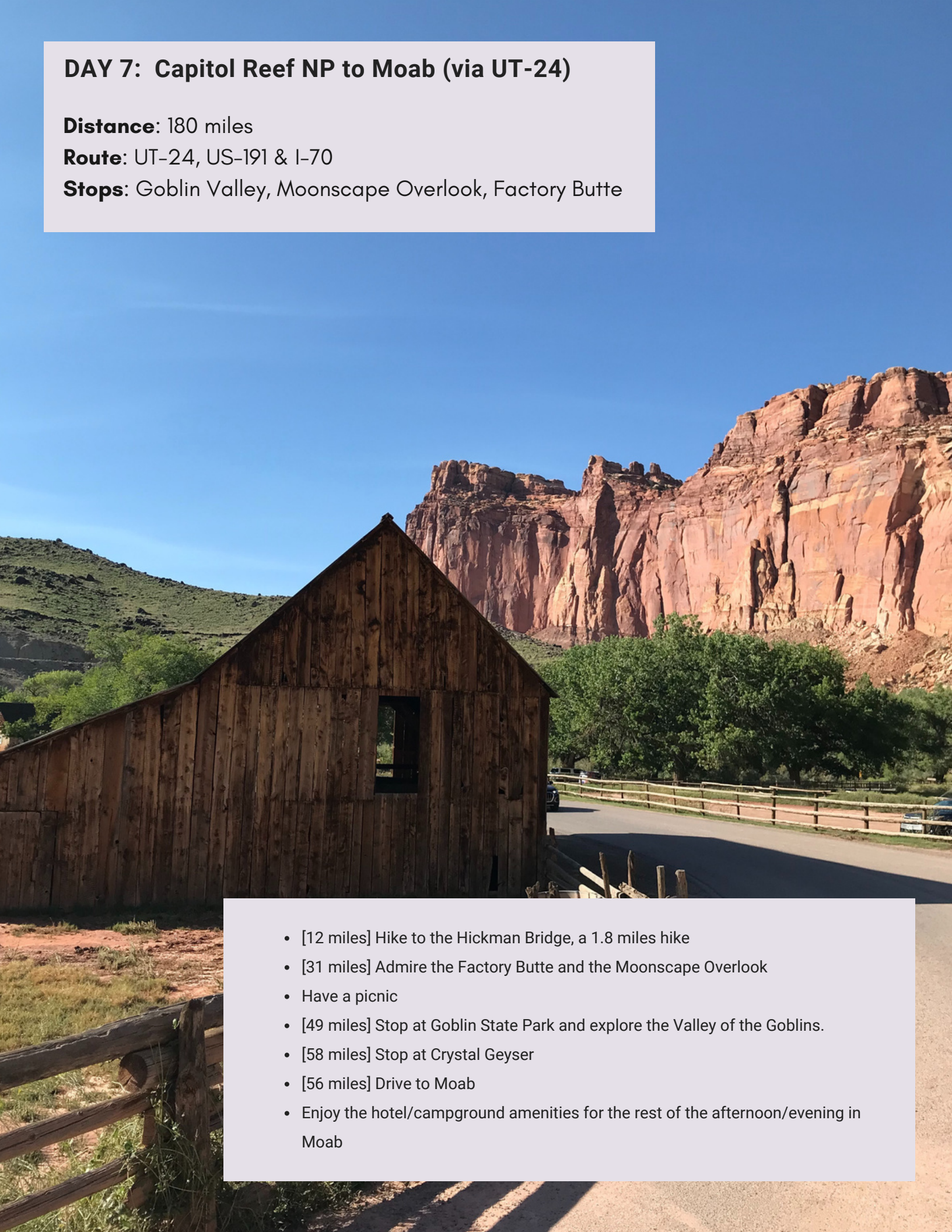
- Drive early morning to the Bryce National Park sign to take a few pictures
- [6.5 miles] Hike to Mossy Cave
- [22 miles] Stop at Kodachrome Basin State Park and walk to the Grosvenor Arch (0.2 mile)
- Have a picnic at the Escalante City Park & Playground
- [22 miles] Stop at Escalante Petrified Forest State Park to see petrified wood.
- [22 miles] Hike to the Lower Calf Creek Falls
- Enjoy the hotel/campground amenities for the rest of the afternoon/evening in Torrey

DAY 6
Capitol Reef National Park

- Stop at the Capitol Reef National Park sign for some pictures
- Walk around at Goosenecks Point to admire the view
- Stop at the visitor center to get your Junior Ranger Booklet and maps
- Hike to the Sulphur Creek Waterfall (a 1.8 miles trail) and enjoy the swimming holes
- Drive along the Capitol Reef Scenic Road and have a picnic somewhere along the way (16 miles round-trip)
- Pick some fruits to bring back to your hotel/campground
- Enjoy the hotel/campground amenities for the rest of the afternoon/evening

DAY 7: Capitol Reef NP to Moab (via UT-24)

Distance: 180 miles
Route: UT-24, US-191 & I-70
Stops: Goblin Valley, Moonscape Overlook, Factory Butte



- [12 miles] Hike to the Hickman Bridge, a 1.8 miles hike
- [31 miles] Admire the Factory Butte and the Moonscape Overlook
- Have a picnic
- [49 miles] Stop at Goblin State Park and explore the Valley of the Goblins.
- [58 miles] Stop at Crystal Geyser
- [56 miles] Drive to Moab
- Enjoy the hotel/campground amenities for the rest of the afternoon/evening in Moab

DAY 8: Arches National Park

- Stop at the visitor center to get your Junior Ranger Booklet and maps
- Drive along the **Arches Scenic Drive,** a 36 miles round-trip drive
- Stop at **Balanced Rock**
- Hike to **Landscape Arch** from Devils' Garden Trailhead
- Have a picnic along the way
- Hike to **Delicate Arch** in time for the sunset
- Enjoy the hotel/campground amenities for the rest of the evening

DAY 9: Canyonland NP
Island in the Sky District

- Stop at the visitor center to get your Junior Ranger Booklet and maps
- Drive to the **Grand View Point Trail** and hike the 2.1 miles trail
- Have a picnic along the way
- Hike **Mesa Arch trail,** a loop of .7 miles
- Enjoy the hotel/campground amenities for the rest of the afternoon/evening in Moab

BONUS DAY: Dead Horse

- Stop at the visitor center to get your Junior Ranger Booklet and maps
- Walk the **Dead Horse Point Short Loop trail,** a 1 mile hike
- Have a picnic along the way
- Hike **Big Horn Overlook trail,** a 3 miles hike
- Enjoy the hotel/campground amenities for the rest of the afternoon/evening in Moab



DAY 10: Moab to Salt Lake City

Distance: 234 miles
Route: 7US-191, US-6, I-15.
Stops: USU Eastern Prehistoric Museum, Bridal Veil Falls

- Leave Moab early morning
- [115 *miles*] Visit the USU Eastern Prehistoric Museum
- Have lunch
- [89 *miles*] Hike to the Bridal Veil Falls, a 1.4 miles hike
- [*45 miles*] Arrive in Salt Lake City