

Monument Valley Adventure Guided Tour

March 10 – 13, 2026

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The Enchanted Lens Camera Club (ELCC) will engage ***Carl Phillips Photography Tours***, a well-respected Dine' tour company in Monument Valley for many years, has partnered with Muench, Akari and Action Photo Tours among many others. They understand photographers and will strive to provide us with the best photo opportunities and experience.

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Proposed Two Day Itinerary

March 10th: Arrival Day

The adventure starts. This is a five-hour drive from Albuquerque, New Mexico with many options to stop along the way! Check into Hotel upon arrival.

6:30 PM: Evening group dinner at Goulding's Lodge. Orientation and meet fellow ELCC Club Members.

March 11th: Day One – Monument Valley Sunrise Photo Tour

Guiding serious photographers is one of our specialties. We have worked with many professional photographers and know the changing light of Monument Valley like no one else.

For sunrise photos of the Totem Pole, we leave the Visitor Center an hour before sunrise. After sunrise, we then move on to one of three sand dune locations, and depending on available time we might visit two arches. Of course, 3 hours is not enough to exhaust the photographic possibilities of Monument Valley. Cost \$99.00 per person.



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Return to The View or other lodging for lunch and rest. During the break there is the option to self-drive through the 17 miles of public access areas in your own car. Cost \$8.00 per person. Roads can be rough and best suited for a SUV.

March 11th: Day One – Monument Valley Sunset Photo Tour

If you have been on the sunrise photo tour and cannot get enough of the beautiful photographic locations, this evening golden- and blue-hour tour is for you! There will be additional locations to photograph.

You will visit arches such as Sun's Eye, Big Hogan, and Totem Pole with sand dunes in the foreground. Cost is \$99.00 per person

Dinner on your own but sharing tables encouraged

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March 12th: Day Two – Self Drive Morning Tours

Morning is free time. Self-driving through the Valley along the 17-mile public access loop. Cost \$8.00 per person. Roads can be rough and best suited for an SUV.

There is also a good option to drive 40-60 minutes to Goose Neck State Park (40 minutes from The View) and the Valley of Gods and Moki Dugway if you want a fun drive. It is an easy excursion over and then back in time for the evening Mystery Valley tour

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March 12th: Day Two – Mystery Valley Evening Photo Tour

This photography tour explores ancient ruins, petroglyphs, and pictographs left behind by Anasazi people who lived in the area 800 plus years ago. Leave at approximately 4:30 PM and there are stunning views as well. The tour will end with a visit to Tear Drop Arch. Cost \$99.00 per person.

March 12th: Day Two – ALTERNATE TOUR Hunt's Mesa for the Adventurous

This tour leaves around 11:00 AM so have lunch before leaving or bring snacks. Embark on an unforgettable adventure to one of Monument Valley's most spectacular viewpoints. Travel across rugged desert terrain of sand dunes, creek beds, rocky trails, and steep inclines as your experienced guide skillfully navigates toward Hunt's Mesa. After approximately two hours, you'll reach our scenic site near where panoramic views of Monument Valley stretch for miles across the valley floor.

As the late afternoon light transforms into golden hour and sunset, capture breathtaking images of the valley's most iconic formations—Totem Pole, Sun's Eye, Rain God Mesa, The Mittens, Merrick Butte, Stagecoach, Brigham's Tomb, and more—illuminated in rich desert hues. Cost \$265.00 per person.

Note: Due to the rugged terrain, this tour is not recommended for individuals with neck or back problems. This trip is two hours each way over rugged 4-wheel drive only terrain.



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March 13th: Day Three – Departure

Departure on your own time. Explore the 17-mile valley loop road on your own, or consider taking an extra day to see the area around Blanding and Bluff, Utah. There are some very nice areas to visit and some fun places to stay in either town.

