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Moab Celebrates the Holiday Season with Bridge Lighting and Brand-New Drone Show

This December, Moab invites residents and visitors to gather for an evening of holiday festivities under the high desert sky. On Friday, December 11, Moab Office of Tourism will host a free, family-friendly holiday celebration at Lions Park, located at 1850 N Hwy 191. The event will feature live music, free local food, seasonal treats and a drone show culminating in the annual bridge lighting.

"Late fall is a wonderful time to discover a different side of Moab," said Michael Soleta, director of the Moab Office of Tourism. "Cooler temperatures invite longer hikes, the changing light brings new depth and color to the landscape, and the desert takes on a different character as the seasons change. Our holiday celebration on December 11 is a reminder to visitors across the region that Moab is open for business, and it's an invitation to experience this beautiful time of year. Come for the celebration or plan a visit anytime in December. There's so much to see and do, and it's a wonderful way to close out the year."

Beginning at 5 p.m. MST, Lions Park will come alive with music and activities for all ages. Utah-based live band The Current, a six-piece high-energy pop, rock and party band, will perform two sets throughout the evening (at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.), while local food vendor El Local will serve free tamales, tacos and churros. Guests can also enjoy hot chocolate, cider, mulled wine, canned cocktails and a custom Winter Ale from Moab Brewery on tap, with a special appearance from the Grinch adding a little holiday mischief to the festivities. A photobooth will offer families a chance to capture the occasion.





The highlight of the evening begins at 6:30 p.m., when Open Sky Drones launches a 15-minute aerial display above the park, featuring winter-themed depictions of iconic Moab scenery and holiday characters. The display will serve as a countdown to the annual bridge lighting, expected to take place at approximately 6:45 p.m., illuminating the bridge for the holiday season.

The festive spirit will be carried throughout December, with additional community celebrations, local arts and seasonal traditions taking place across Moab.



• Tree Lighting Ceremony in Swanny Park | December 4: The community is invited to gather at Swanny City Park for the annual tree lighting ceremony, beginning at 6 p.m.

• Holiday Craft Fair | December 4-5: The Moab Arts Holiday Craft Fair brings together local artists and makers for an opportunity to shop for handmade goods and find one-of-a-kind holiday gifts.

• Electric Light Parade | December 5: A festive parade of illuminated vehicles will bring holiday lights to the streets of Moab.

• Cool Yule | December 13: Moab Music Festival continues the season's celebrations with its annual Cool Yule concert, featuring jazz and holiday classics by violinist Tessa Lark, pianist Peter Dugan and Grammy-winning clarinetist Mark Dove.

For overnight stays throughout this holiday season and the remainder of the winter, visitors can take advantage of Moab Office of Tourism's Should've Stayed Longer promotion, featuring special rates at more than 10 participating lodging partners. With discounts available for stays of two nights or longer, travelers have even more reason to extend their time in Moab.

For more information about visiting Moab for the holidays, visit discovermoab.com.

About Moab Office of Tourism

Moab Office of Tourism is a department within Grand County Utah's local government unit, and is the official Destination Marketing Organization of the area. Grand County has a population of 9,700 residents in 3,700 square miles. Its largest municipality is Moab, Utah (population 5,200), a gateway town to two national parks (Arches and Canyonlands), two state parks (Dead Horse Point and Utahraptor), over 3 million acres of public lands, and the Colorado River. The area sees an estimated 2.5 million visitors annually.

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