

# Two-Day Triumph

Rafting Cali's best white water, biking among bison, and eight other ways to make a weekend less ordinary BY JIM GORMAN

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**Explore a Lost Canyon** UTAH • Of the hundreds of canyons in Grand Staircase–Escalante National Monument, two see a majority of the visitors: Paria River and Coyote Gulch. But Rick Green of Excursions of Escalante hopes to change that. On a three-day canyoneering trip into Death Hollow (\$200; [www.excursions-escalante.com](http://www.excursions-escalante.com)), guests slither, swim, and rappel into tight slot canyons that haven't recorded a footprint in the seven years Green has been guiding in the area. Along the way, visitors explore caves filled with arrowheads and pictographs and retire to a lofty base camp, where the setting sun illuminates a sea of white-and-pink sandstone.

**EXTRA-FIRM MATTRESS:**  
A slickrock campsite near  
Death Hollow, in Grand  
Staircase–Escalante  
National Monument.

