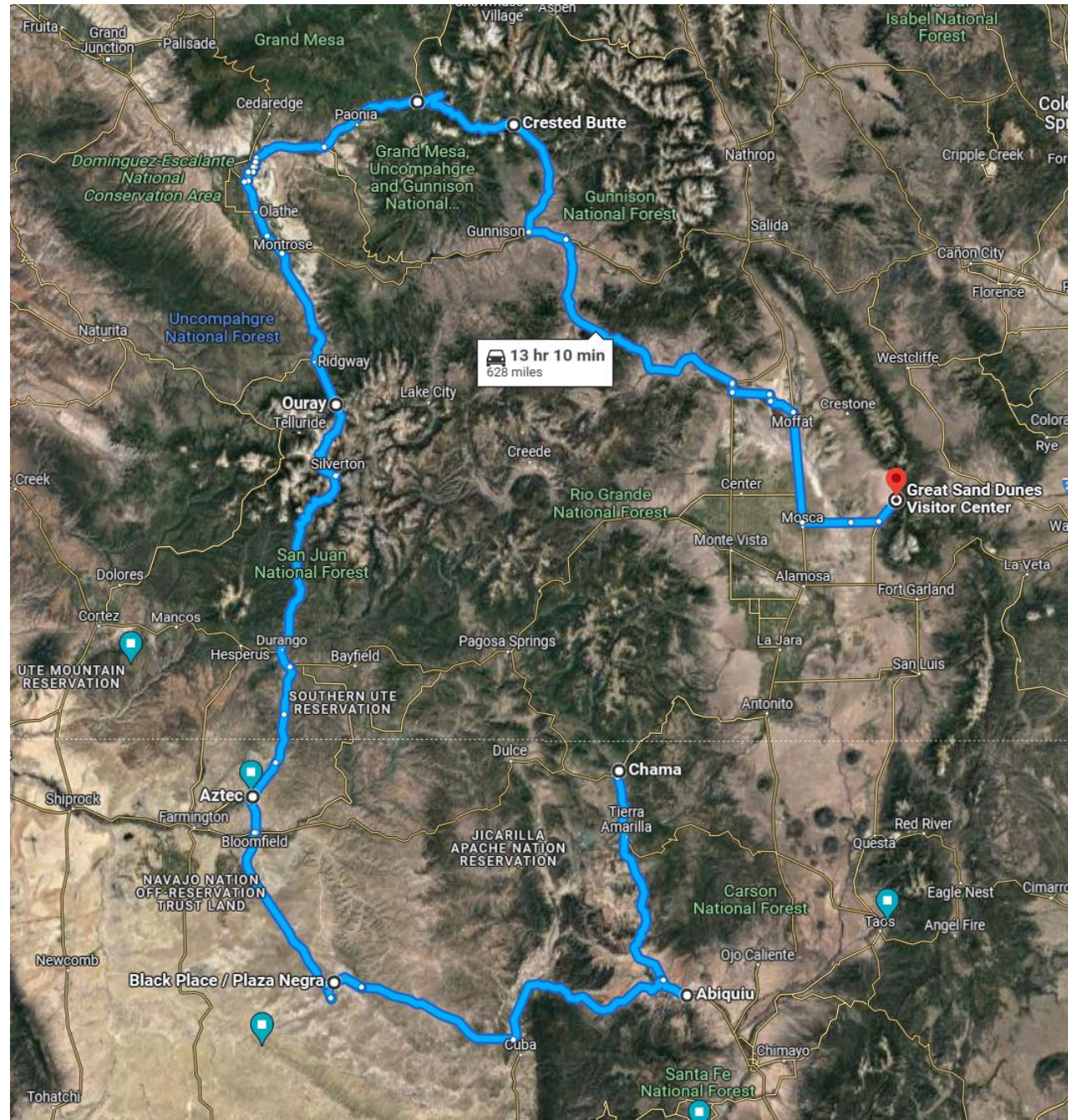


Supplemental Colorado Excursion with Option for Colorado/Utah

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Route Highlights

- Chama to Black Place
- Aztec Ruins National Monument – visit replica kiva
- Consider Side trip to Mesa Verde
- Ouray Colorado as base
 - Million Dollar Highway
 - Last Dollar Road
 - County Roads 5 and 7
 - Owl Creek Pass
 - Telluride (take gondola from Mountain Home)
 - Ironton Ghost Town

Continue

- Black Canyon on the Gunnison
- Crested Butte via Scofield Pass – renew for fall color if not too late
- Explore high meadows and passes around Crested Butte
- Return via Great Sand Dunes





This map illustrates a scenic route through the Four Corners region, connecting Moab, Ouray, Chama, Abiquiu, and Painted Desert. The route is marked with a blue line, and a callout indicates a travel time of 14 hours and 49 minutes for 804 miles. The map shows various geographical features, including the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area, Uncompahgre National Forest, Canyonlands National Park, and the Navajo Nation Off-Reservation Trust Land. Towns and landmarks such as Moab, Ouray, Chama, Abiquiu, and Painted Desert are labeled. The map also shows the boundaries of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Southern Ute Reservation, and the Navajo Nation. The route starts in Moab, goes north to Ouray, then east to Chama, south to Abiquiu, and finally west to Painted Desert. The map includes a scale bar and a north arrow.

Highlights Including Utah

- Ouray is best bet for fall color.
- From Ouray travel to Moab
- Around Moab
 - Arches National Park
 - Canyon Lands National Park
 - Mesa Arch
 - Grand View
 - Dead Horse State Park and Point
- Return through Monument Valley
- Canyon de Chelly
- Painted Desert/Petrified Forest

