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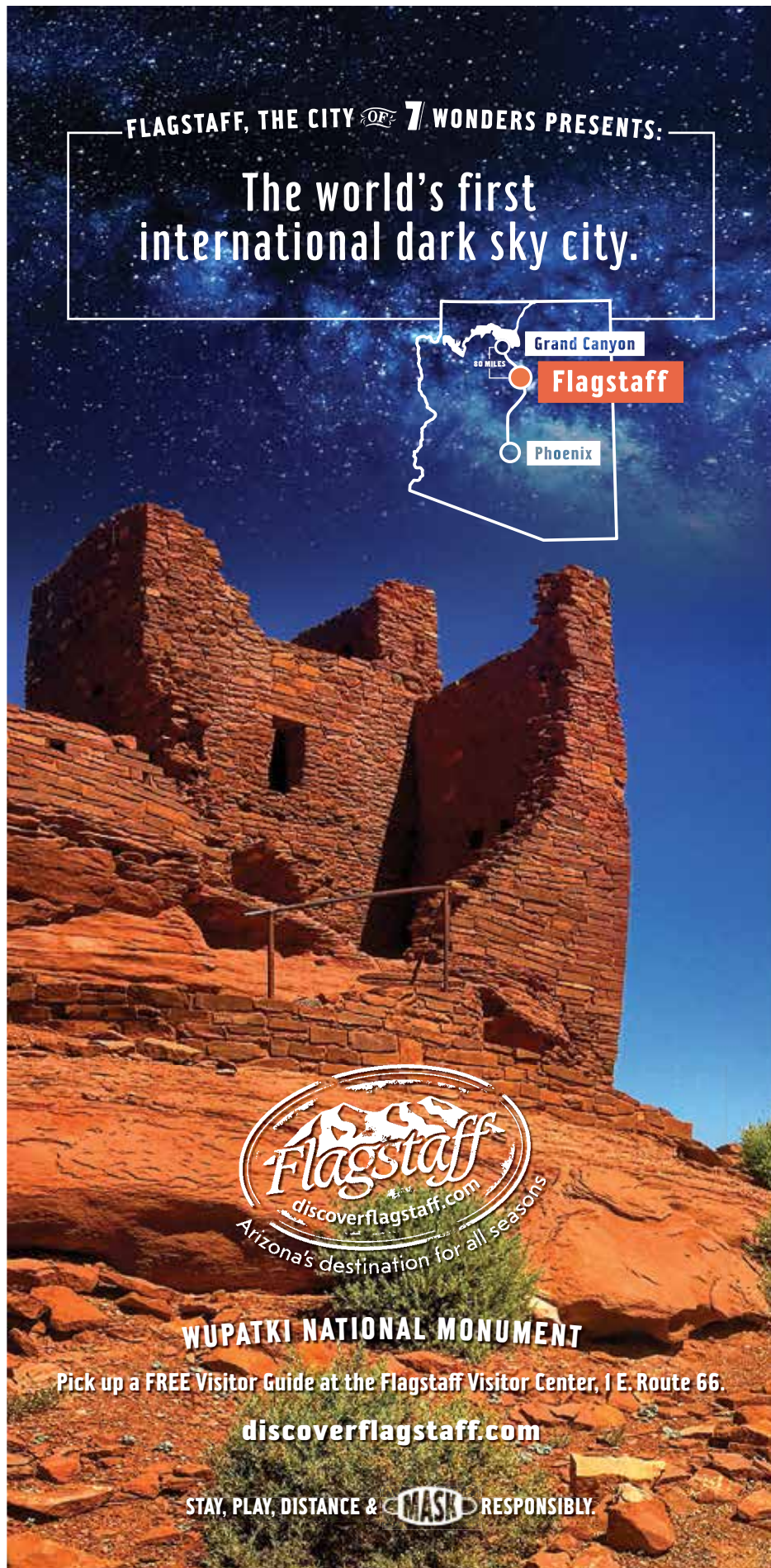
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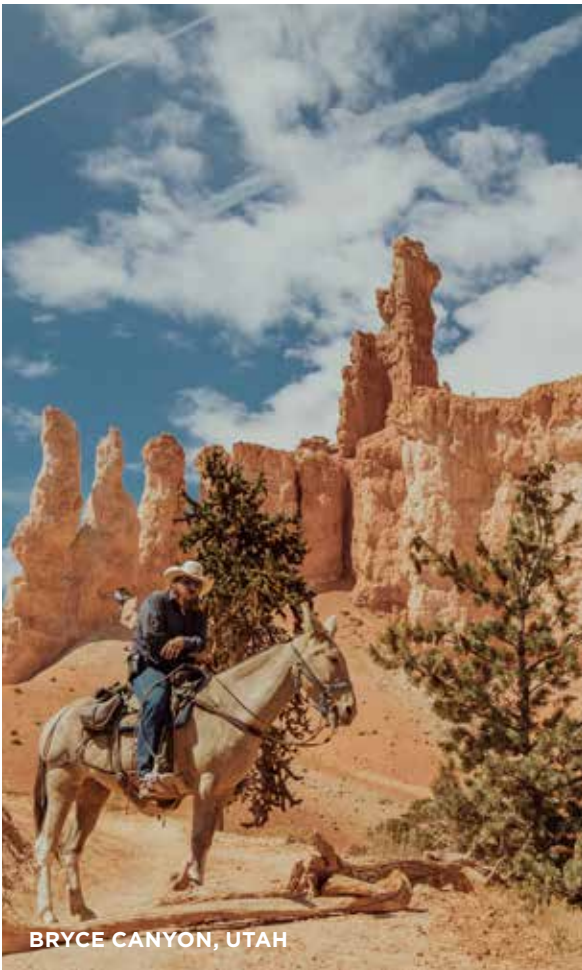
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Whether visiting for the first time or returning, we want to help you create the vacation of your dreams. The Grand Circle is pleased to help you with your travel planning. Please reach out to our members listed in this travel planner and scan the QR code to visit our website for itinerary ideas.

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CANYONS OF THE *Colorado River*

GLEN CANYON - PAGE, AZ



The Colorado River has carved a score of canyons, but none so awe-inspiring as Glen Canyon and, of course the most awesome of all, the Grand Canyon. They are a study in contrasts: to early explorers of the Grand Canyon, its tumultuous waters “work on the nerves, there is no repose in it, nothing that is soft.” Glen Canyon, though, was “almost absolutely serene, an interlude for a pastoral flute.”

That is still true today, especially with most of Glen Canyon sleeping below the surface of Lake Powell. However, the upper sandstone walls of Glen Canyon are as seductive as ever—and they are more approachable. Now we can boat, float, ski, fish, sail, or kayak amongst sheer cliff walls and billowing, towering domes. As for the Grand Canyon, most of us simply stare with incomprehension. It’s too vast, too old, too grand to grasp. But for those of us who do hike or ride or raft into its depths, the Grand Canyon truly can transform our lives.

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK: SOUTH RIM

Grand Canyon National Park is an awesome example of Mother Nature's finest engineering—ten miles wide, a mile deep. A silvery ribbon of water still relentlessly continues to slice through billion year old rock. From the best vantage points on the rim, you see less than a quarter of the Canyon, yet even this inspires us to silence. Hike down Bright Angel or Kaibab or Hermit Trail, and you'll begin to understand the enormity of these vertical walls. At 7,000 feet, the South Rim glistens with snow-clad buttes in winter, shimmers with heat mirages in summer. On the Canyon floor, temperatures can easily reach over 100 degrees in July and August. Hiking, riding mules to Phantom Ranch, and sightseeing by helicopter or small plane all offer unforgettable moments in the Canyon. Be sure to visit the Canyon View Information Plaza located at Mather Point to find out about shuttle schedules, interpretive programs, and hiking conditions. From the eastern entrance of the Park, a spectacular road winds along the rim, offering turnouts and scenic overlooks of the Canyon. The South Rim is open year-round. nps.gov/grca; for Park lodging and concessions grandcanyonlodges.com | visitgrandcanyon.com



PHANTOM RANCH CABINS

NEARBY COMMUNITIES: SOUTH RIM

Tusayan is just a few miles south of the Canyon's southern entrance and has a wide variety of hotels and restaurants. The National Geographic IMAX theater offers stunning and fascinating perspectives of the Canyon on its giant screen. Grand Canyon flightseeing, by helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft, is available from Tusayan's airport. At the Park's east entrance, the town of Cameron has lodging, restaurant, and a beautiful trading post. Williams has numerous hotels and restaurants, and is the origination point for the Grand Canyon Railway, a historic ride to the South Rim, complete with strolling musicians and a mock train robbery. grandcanyoncvb.org | williamschamber.com

Flagstaff has a great historic district, many accommodations and restaurants, and several additional attractions, including Lowell Observatory and the Museum of Northern Arizona. Vestiges of Historic Route 66 are found in both Flagstaff and Williams. To the south, eclectic and bustling Sedona is set amid tall red rock buttes. flagstaffarizona.org



GRAND CANYON, NORTH RIM

HISTORIC ROUTE 66

Stretching from New Mexico to Arizona, there are many reminders of the glory of the “Mother Road” across Northern Arizona. Winslow, Holbrook, Flagstaff, Williams, Peach Springs and Kingman all have vestiges of the motels, diners and gas stations that made Route 66 the epitome of highway travel.

WALNUT CANYON NATIONAL MONUMENT

South of Flagstaff, the monument offers a steep trail into the canyon to view the high limestone alcoves where the Sinagua built their homes from 1100 to 1250. nps.gov/waca

RED ROCK SCENIC BYWAY

Red Rock Scenic Byway winds through Sedona’s Red Rock Country, often called a “museum without walls.” Travelers are amazed by the high desert’s power, diversity, and sense of intimacy with nature. Inhabited for thousands of years, the stunning red rocks are alive with a timeless spirit that captivates and inspires.

Total distance: 7.5 mi / 12.1 km I-17 to Sedona.

SUNSET CRATER AND WUPATKI NATIONAL MONUMENTS

This area is part of a 2,200 square mile volcanic field near Flagstaff with more than 400 cinder cones. Sunset Crater is the youngest volcano; it exploded in AD 1065 and blanketed the entire region in thick, moisture-preserving ash. Different prehistoric societies moved here to take advantage of the suddenly rich soil, so the area became a trading crossroads. More than 800 ruins – the homes and villages of the Sinagua and Ancestral Puebloans – have been found in this immediate area and are now protected as Wupatki National Monument.

nps.gov/sucr or nps.gov/wupa

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK: NORTH RIM

A different world greets visitors to the other rim of the Canyon. Higher in elevation, lower in visitation, the North Rim offers splendid moments of solitude on the cool, green Kaibab Plateau. The vistas across the Canyon and into its depths still stun and inspire, and trails still beckon hikers down below the rim. Visitor facilities, including accommodations, are open from mid-May to mid-October. Once it snows, access to the North Rim is closed for the winter. nps.gov/grca; for North Rim lodging and concessions GrandCanyonForever.com

KAIBAB PLATEAU NORTH RIM PARKWAY

Travel through the Kaibab Plateau’s meadows and forests, with its dense ponderosa pine and mixed conifer, to the brink of the spectacular North Rim of the Grand Canyon, 1,000 feet higher than the South Rim.

Total distance: 42 mi / 68 km from Jacob’s Lake to the North Rim.

NEARBY COMMUNITIES: NORTH RIM

The closest community to the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park is Jacob Lake, located at the junction of Highway 89 and the Kaibab North Rim Parkway. Centrally located to visit many Parks, Kanab is the largest town north of the Grand Canyon. It offers dozens of activities—horseback and jeep tours, mountain biking, photography workshops, flightseeing, the world’s largest animal sanctuary, and an old west town created around Hollywood’s movie sets. kaneutah.com



There’s a place in Southern Utah that visitors and locals alike say is nothing short of magical. It’s a place called **KANAB**.

Surrounded by world-famous locations like Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Lake Powell, Coral Pink Sand Dunes, the Wave, and Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, Kanab has become a destination for those seeking small-town charm and the unspoiled beauty of the American West.

The town of Kanab was established in 1870 and remained a relatively tiny outpost until Hollywood discovered it as a location for western movies in the mid-20th century.

While Kanab has a rich history, it has also developed into a robust 21st-century city with the necessary amenities and infrastructure necessary for today’s workforce. Despite its location, Kanab is known for its high-speed internet, which makes working remotely an easy option.

So come to Kanab to see the beautiful surroundings and explore all there is to see. Just don’t be surprised if you may start thinking about spending a bit more time in this unique part of the world.

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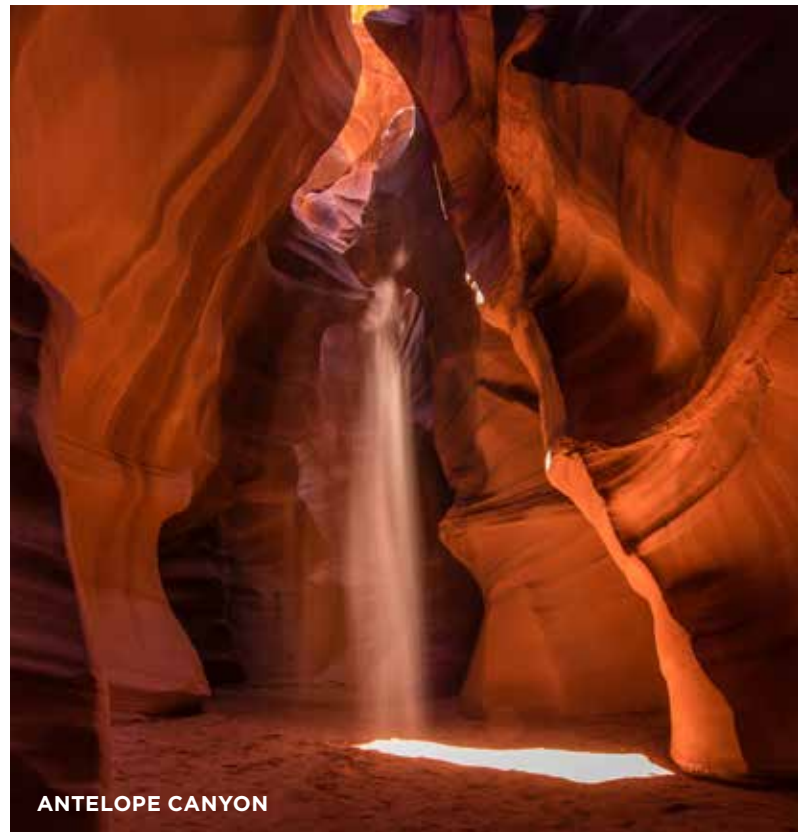
PIPE SPRING NATIONAL MONUMENT. Native Americans utilized this area for at least a thousand years before the Mormons arrived in the 1860s to begin cattle ranching. Made a national monument in 1923, it offers excellent living history demonstrations, an old fort, and interpretive trails that offer a glimpse of American Indian and pioneer life in the Old West. Located 15 miles SW of Fredonia, AZ. nps.gov/pisp

LAKE POWELL / GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

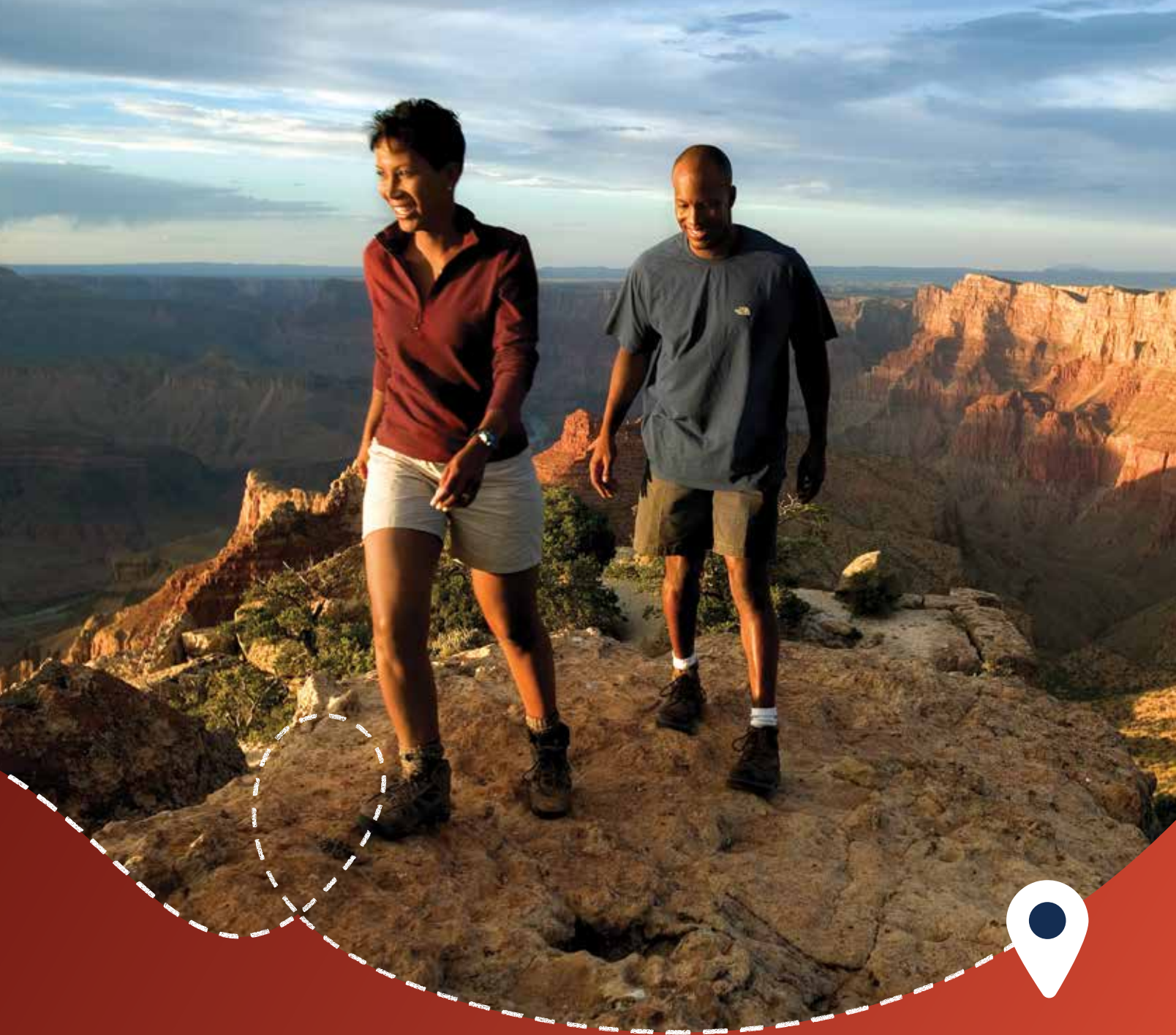
"Glen Canyon is for pure delight." So spoke explorer John Wesley Powell of this rare section of the Colorado River that did not terrify nor torment his men. They frolicked in its warm waters and gawked at its sculptured side canyons, just as people do today. Lake Powell is, without doubt, one of the most sublime places on earth. Blue waters lap at sculptured red sandstone. Water meets desert, the best of two worlds.

Millions of visitors now splash and play here in every conceivable way—houseboating, jet skiing, bass fishing, skin diving, kayaking, parasailing, and water skiing. Take a boat tour up lake from Wahweap Marina or Antelope Point Marina to Rainbow Bridge. Rent a houseboat for a week to explore the thousands of channels braced by high rock walls and lined with soft sandy beaches. Hike from the lake into Glen Canyon's magical backcountry, following undulating rock for miles. Tumble down sand dunes and lose yourself in slot canyons. Simply...enjoy. nps.gov/glca; for Park lodging, boat tours, or rentals, call 800-528-6154 | lakepowell.com or call 800-255-5561 | LakePowellHouseboating.com

ANTELOPE CANYON. Slot canyons are magical crevasses in rock, split and polished by water and time, a favorite subject of photographers. Guided jeep and photo tours are available from Page, AZ. The most expensive photograph ever sold was of Antelope Canyon. *Phantom*, by Peter Lik sold recently for \$6.5 million. For a relaxing alternative to hiking the canyon, take a leisurely one-hour boat tour through its towering cliffs. visitpagelakepowell.com | antelopepointlakepowell.com



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GLEN CANYON DAM. Construction began in 1960 and the gates closed in 1963, backing up waters that now lap 1,900 miles of shoreline. Informative tours of the dam typically are offered daily and float trips are offered below the dam in serene Marble Canyon. [nps.gov/glca](https://www.nps.gov/glca)

MARBLE CANYON. Icy waters gush into the Grand Canyon from below the Glen Canyon Dam, creating a flat stretch of emerald water perfect for mellow float trips and world class fly fishing. Call 928-645-2741 for rafting and guiding companies.

RAINBOW BRIDGE NATIONAL MONUMENT. "Sheer cosmic poetry" is how one writer describes the world's largest natural bridge. It is accessible by boat (half- and full-day tours from Wahweap Lodge & Marina and full days from Bullfrog and Halls Crossing Marinas) and via a strenuous trail from Navajo Mountain. The towering Bridge is a sacred site to neighboring tribes, so visitors are asked to treat the Bridge with the respect they would use in a cathedral. For tours: [nps.gov/rabr](https://www.nps.gov/rabr)



NEARBY COMMUNITIES:

Page, Arizona, on the shores of Lake Powell, was founded as the company town for construction of the Glen Canyon Dam. Today, it has grown into a tourism and recreational center offering great golfing, sightseeing and lake and backcountry access. It is a perfect base for exploring all of the attractions the area has to offer with lots of options for lodging, meals and entertainment. Visit Page Lake Powell can help with activity reservations. [visitpagelakepowell.com](https://www.visitpagelakepowell.com)

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JOHN WESLEY POWELL MUSEUM.

A small museum featuring the famed explorer of the Colorado and Green Rivers, canyon and river geology, and the making of Lake Powell. Located in Page, AZ. [powellmuseum.org](https://www.powellmuseum.org)

NAVAJO NATIONAL MONUMENT.

Three beautifully preserved cliff dwellings (only one is visible to most visitors) are protected here. Exhibits focus on Ancestral Puebloan and Navajo culture and uses for native plants. Between Page and Kayenta. [nps.gov/nava](https://www.nps.gov/nava)

PETRIFIED FOREST NATIONAL PARK.

Multihued badlands of the Painted Desert, 225-million-year-old fossils, and one of the world's largest and most colorful concentrations of petrified wood make this a fun side trip. Visitors often drive one way through the Park to connect between I-40 and Hwy 180. [nps.gov/pefo](https://www.nps.gov/pefo)

NEARBY COMMUNITIES:

Communities nearest Upper Lake Powell are Blanding and Hanksville, providing access to Bullfrog, Hall's Crossing and Hite Marinas. Each offers boat rentals. Bullfrog offers half-day tours to Rainbow Bridge and has a small lodge, restaurant and other amenities. [visitpagelakepowell.com](https://www.visitpagelakepowell.com)

BULLFROG & HALL'S CROSSING MARINAS.

A ferry crosses the lake daily, check schedules.



The Grand STAIRCASE

In the northwest arc of the Grand Circle, a wondrous geologic ladder steps from the bottom of the Grand Canyon to raised tablelands of southwestern Utah. This Grand Staircase—with chocolate, vermilion, white, gray, and pink cliffs—spans five different life zones from Sonoran desert to pine and spruce forests. It is a masterpiece of geological and biological diversity, encompassing Zion, Bryce, and Capitol Reef National Parks plus many other attractions.

Within the Grand Staircase, you travel between totally unique, contrasting landscapes. Zion's main canyon is a green oasis fed by waterfalls cascading down 2,000-foot sandstone cliffs. Bryce "Canyon" is actually one face of a plateau that is slowly eroding away, leaving behind amphitheatres with thousands of delicate spires and minarets. Vast oceans of red-gold rock undulate through both Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Capitol Reef. And enormous tracts of lush national forest weave among the Parks offering welcome respite from the heat of lower elevations.

This is one of the Grand Circle's finest year-round playgrounds. The National Parks offer hiking trails up icy streams and into slot canyons, through arid amphitheatres of crumbling stone and beneath fabulous arches, over geologic folds in rock and across bristlecone-studded forests. National forests and BLM lands offer other ways to explore these lands as well: mountain biking, backpacking, and ATV activities abound in summer; nordic skiing and snowmobiling in winter. Thin 'Scenic Byways' snake between these points, twisting up hogbacks, across alpine meadows, and plunging down into small communities along the way.



ZION NATIONAL PARK



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Nature at its most eloquent, Zion is a place of towering sandstone cliffs, narrow slot canyons, spectacular arches, intermittent waterfalls and seeping springs. Originally inhabited by both Ancestral Puebloans and Paiutes, Zion received most of its colorful place names from early travelers and settlers. Gentle strolls or strenuous hikes allow exploration of the main canyon, with its emerald pools and wooded valley, its upper reaches of sandstone and open desert, or nearby Kolob Canyon, where a 14-mile hike (round-trip) will take you to the world's second largest stone arch.

Zion is most definitely a photographer's paradise. Shuttles run into the Park from Springdale from April through November; private vehicles allowed off-season.

nps.gov/zion | for Park lodging: 303-297-2757 | zionlodge.com

CEDAR BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT

A miniature Bryce Canyon, this amphitheater spans some three miles, and drops 2,000 feet off the plateau toward the town of Cedar City. In summer, the high rim of the canyon is dazzling with verdant forests and brilliant wildflowers. Hiking trails along and below the rim. Open late May through mid October. nps.gov/cebr



GRAND STAIRCASE - ESCALANTE NATIONAL PARK, UT



BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

NEARBY COMMUNITIES:

SPRINGDALE is adjacent and surrounded by Zion NP. This scenic town offers excellent hotels, casual and fine dining, guided tours, spas, art galleries, unique shops and makes this town a comfortable base camp. A free shuttle runs throughout the town and into the Park much of the year.

ST. GEORGE. This resort community is only 45 minutes from Zion NP. Numerous hotels and restaurants, shopping, a wonderful historic architecture, outdoor theater are on the "to do list" besides golf, hiking, mountain biking and world class events. Only 90 minutes north of Las Vegas.

KANAB is a small, southern-Utah town located just north of the Arizona/Utah state line. The area became known as "Little Hollywood" for decades as producers and actors used it as the site of increasingly popular Western movies. kaneutah.org

CORAL PINK SAND DUNES STATE PARK. Red rock walls give way to a wide plain of bright reddish-pink sand dunes, dotted with wildflowers and wind-swept, low-clinging shrubs. There are hundreds of off-roading trails in the vicinity. 24 miles west of Kanab, UT. stateparks.utah.gov

CEDAR CITY, near Zion, is a bustling college town best known for its Utah Shakespearean Festival. Winner of the "2000 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theater," the Festival delights audiences with Shakespeare, Broadway, and more from mid-June-late October. scenicssouthernutah.com

BRIAN HEAD RESORT. Challenging mountain biking in summer and fun skiing in winter, Brian Head also offers some of the finest views in western Utah. For serious bikers, begin at the Brian Head Lookout Tower and bike down to Panguitch Lake, a descent of several thousand feet. Shuttles are available from bike shops in both Cedar City and Panguitch. scenicssouthernutah.com

SCENIC BYWAY 143: UTAH'S PATCHWORK PKWY

Utah's newest National Scenic Byway crosses the Dixie National Forest from Panguitch to Parowan, near Cedar City. Cresting the 4,500-ft (1,372-m) pass at Brian Head, the highway passes through six distinct life zones in 51 miles (82 km). By day, there are abundant outdoor recreational opportunities and, by night, some of the darkest star-filled skies found anywhere on earth. Total distance: 51 mi / 82.1 km

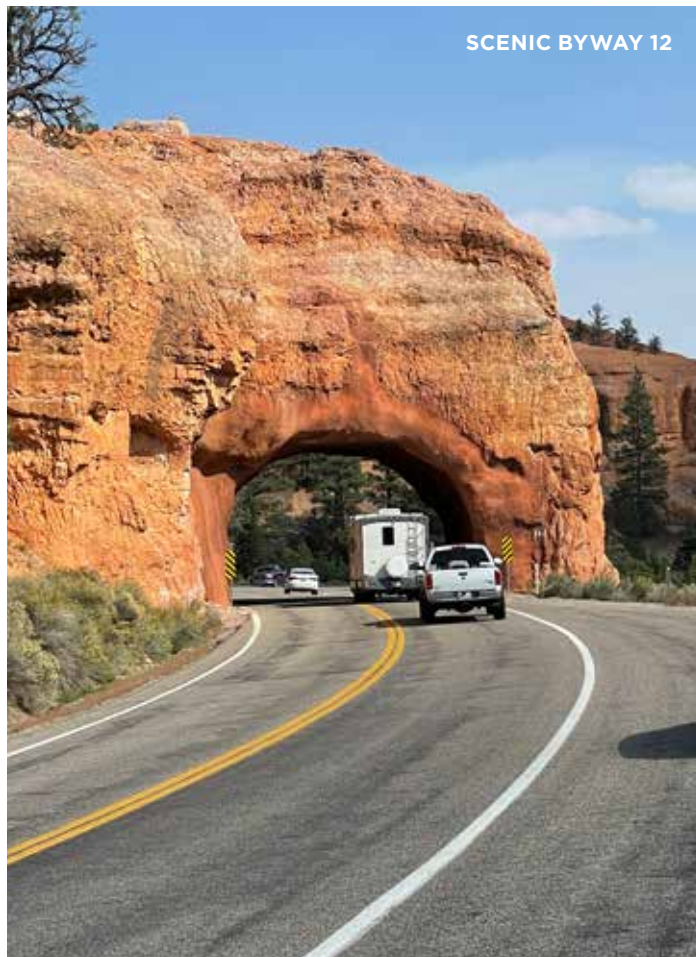


BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK. Bryce's original inhabitants, the Paiutes, believed that the rock figures here were people turned to stone by angry gods. Delicately colored spires, fins, and mazes haunt our imagination and beckon us to explore them more closely. Hiking and horseback trails wind through the Park, both along the rim and down amongst the towering rock formations called "hoodoos." A shuttle system (late May through mid-September) connects all major natural amphitheaters along the eastern rim; private vehicles are allowed off-season. There are also evening rodeos, flightseeing, mountain biking, and cross country skiing trails on outskirts of the Park. The Lodge inside the Park will reopen with limited services beginning March 6, 2020 - March 26, 2020 and November 3, 2020 - December 27, 2020. Limited Sunset Motel rooms available. brycecanyonforever.com

RED CANYON. Just minutes from Bryce, a new visitor center showcases the Dixie National Forest. It offers an excellent hiking and biking trail that loops from the top to the bottom of this Forest Service canyon. The trail runs along the recently designated Scenic Byway 12, an All-American Road. Shuttles, bike rentals are available nearby. fs.fed.us/dxnf/recreation/redcanyon | brycecanyoncountry.com

SCENIC BYWAY 12

Utah's first All American Road takes you to the heart of the American West. This exceptional 124-mile route negotiates an isolated landscape of canyons, plateaus, and valleys ranging from 4,000 to 9,000 feet above sea level. You'll encounter archaeological, cultural, historical, natural, recreational, and scenic qualities while driving this exhilarating byway. Total distance: 124 mi / 199.6 km Panguitch to Torrey.



Let imagination go.

Toadstool Hoodoos

Imagine a landscape full of infinite adventure: unbelievable red rock cliffs, rolling hills of sand, lush winding canyons – a spectacle to behold. In Kanab, Utah, you can let imagination go, because in this little town right outside Utah's national parks, the sights worth imagining are right before your eyes.

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Buckskin Gulch

NEARBY COMMUNITIES:

Tropic and Panguitch are friendly towns with motels, casual restaurants, and campgrounds, situated near Bryce National Park. brycecanyoncountry.com

KODACHROME BASIN STATE PARK. Red rock chimneys jut upward from the valley floor, perhaps originally springs which eventually filled in. As softer surrounding sandstone eroded, the chimneys remained. stateparks.utah.gov

GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT. Extending across a breath-taking 1.9 million acres, the Monument represents a unique combination of archaeological, geological, paleontological, and biological resources. These strikingly beautiful and scientifically important lands are divided into three distinct regions: The Grand Staircase, the Kaiparowits Plateau, and the Canyons of the Escalante.

NEARBY COMMUNITIES:

ESCALANTE and **BOULDER** border the sprawling National Monument and Dixie National Forest. They offer excellent access to both. Small and friendly towns, they each have motels, fine B&Bs and several restaurants. Torrey and Bicknell, right off Capitol Reef, are slightly more developed, with numerous hotels and fun dining.

Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, the Monument is a “multi-use area” allowing hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and backpacking/camping. Permits required for overnight use are available at offices in Cannonville, Escalante, Boulder, Big Water and Kanab. ut.blm.gov/monument

FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST. Located north of Dixie National Forest, Fishlake is particularly noted for hunting, fishing, and its 250-mile-long Paiute ATV trail. Richfield, UT offers easiest access for the trail. fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake

CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK. The Waterpocket Fold, an enormous wrinkle in the earth’s crust known as a monocline, forms the 100-mile-long backbone of this Park. Early explorers described it as an “impassable reef” of rock, coining the park’s name. The Park’s Visitor Center is located in an oasis enjoyed for millennia—pre-European rock art and early settlers’ orchards grace the area. Scenic driving, hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, and horseback riding are allowed in the Park. nps.gov/care | capitolreef.org



CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK

NEBO LOOP SCENIC BYWAY

From Nephi to Payson, this Scenic Byway has breath-taking views of the Wasatch Range and 11,877-foot Mt. Nebo, its tallest mountain. See flat bottomlands, high-alpine conifers, red rock formations, gray sandstone cliffs and salt flats all in the same day. Sights include Devil’s Kitchen, Walker Flat and Mt. Nebo Wilderness. Total distance: 37 mi / 59.5 km, Payson to Junction, Highway 132 (near Nephi).

NEARBY COMMUNITIES:

BICKNELL and **TORREY**, right off Capitol Reef, have numerous hotels and some fun dining. capitolreef.org

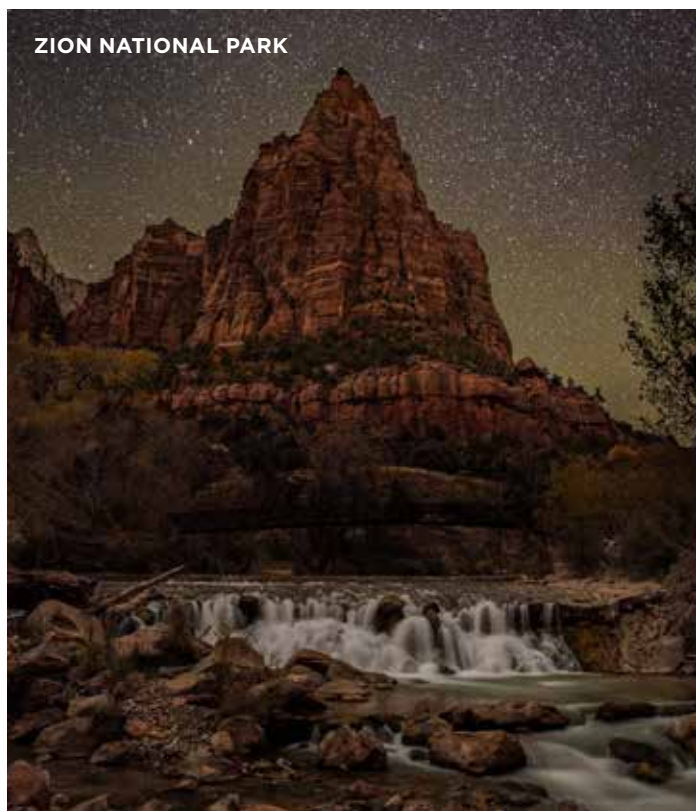
ANASAZI STATE PARK MUSEUM. One of the largest Ancestral Puebloan communities west of the Colorado River, the site was occupied from A.D. 1050 to 1200. The village remains largely unexcavated, but many artifacts have been uncovered and are on display. Boulder, UT. stateparks.utah.gov

GOBLIN VALLEY STATE PARK. Whimsical rocks eroded into what appear to be “goblins,” and these and other fanciful creatures greet visitors in this vast sandstone bowl. Near Canyonlands National Park. stateparks.utah.gov

GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK. Located west of the Grand Circle in Nevada, the Park offers incredible diversity: 4,000-year old bristlecone pines; 13,063-foot Wheeler Peak; star-studded night skies. (*astronomy programs May-Sept.*); *the spectacular Lehman Caves (year-round tours). 775-234-7331* | nps.gov/grba | greatbasinheritage.org

LAS VEGAS STRIP

A trip down the Strip is an all-inclusive way to experience the heart of Las Vegas—an adventure that captures 75 years of history, glitz, and roadside charm. Total distance: 4.5 mi / 7.2 km



ZION NATIONAL PARK



GATEWAY TO WONDER



Whether it is the thrill of live theater, the rush through fresh powder on the slopes, or breathtaking views of scenic wonder, Cedar City is the center of it all. Cedar City is home to a thriving arts scene with the Southern Utah Museum of Art, SimonFest, and the Utah Shakespeare Festival and only 40 minutes from Utah's highest base elevation ski resort, Brian Head. Cedar City is also the gateway to Utah's National Parks with Zion, Bryce, and Cedar Breaks all within a 90 minute drive.

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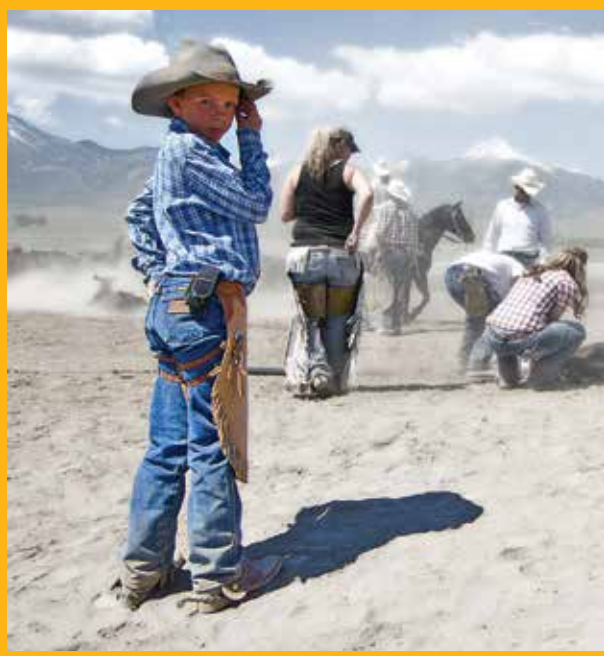
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The Grand Circle

ALL YEAR LONG

In the Grand Circle, there is no reason to pick one season or one vacation over another—you can do it all. Combine skiing outside Denver or Salt Lake City with biking in Moab or Grand Junction. If the South Rim is chilly in winter, hike into the Grand Canyon for a springtime paradise. If canyons seem too warm in summer, drive up into the mountains for cool green escapes. Fall, Winter and Spring are when crowds ease in the Grand Circle's most popular attractions and prices may ease, as well.

Fall brings a riot of color as portions of the Grand Circle see leaves turn from green to gold and red. Cedar Breaks National Monument, Capitol Reef and Zion in Utah, Grand Junction and the San Juan Mountains in Colorado, Flagstaff, in Arizona all offer dazzling displays. Days are warm and the Grand Circle's dark skies are crisply studded with a myriad of stars and views of the Milky Way.

When it snows, we celebrate. Our mountains become comforted in deep powder, while our canyons are sometimes blessed with dustings of glitter, most often gone by midday. It's a true gift for the lucky who catch the beauty. Photography at this time of the year is exceptional. Scenery takes on a new look as bands of snow streak canyon walls and rock spires are capped in white. All National Parks in the Grand Circle are open, except the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Yet, in winter you can golf in St. George, UT or hike in mild temperatures amidst the red rocks of Sedona, AZ.





GRAND CANYON, AZ

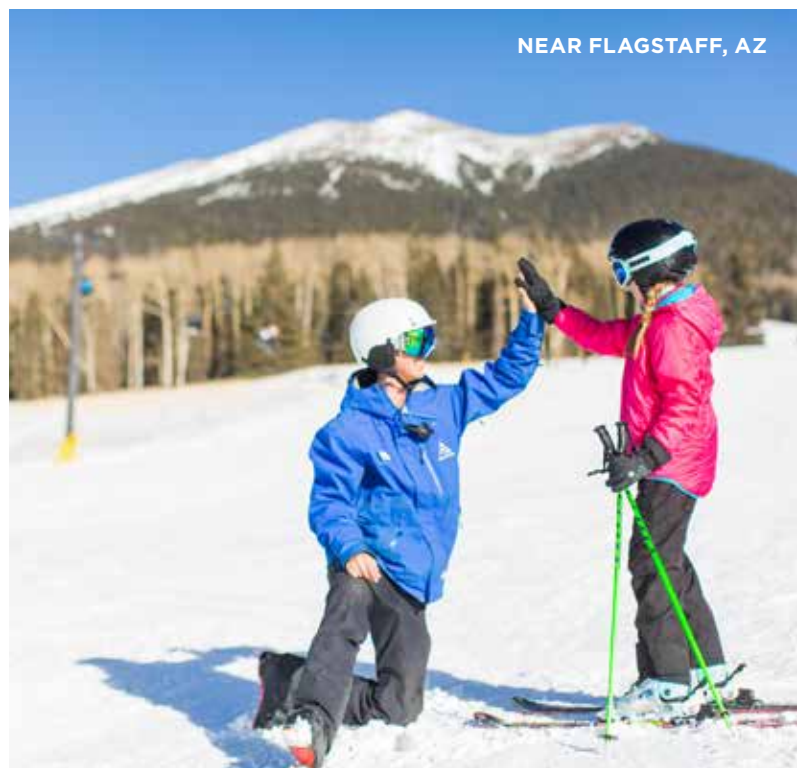


NEAR SANTA FE, NM

It doesn't snow often in the low elevations, so you can plan a relatively chill-free vacation—tour Chaco Canyon, watch balloons rise over Valley of the Gods, jeep through Canyon de Chelly and explore vivid pastel slot canyons near Page. In winter, you can ski or ride at Brian Head Resort or at Snowbowl near Flagstaff.

In Spring, the Grand Circle bursts with wildflowers and the promise of the seasons to come. Rivers rush with melting snows and days are warm and dry. Biking, hiking, and touring National Parks are in prime time from April through June. Mountains and monuments awaken from winter, ready for summer's bounty.

Throughout the year, communities across the Grand Circle host fantastic and unique special events. From the Fire and Ice Festival in Ely, Nevada to Colorado Mountain Winefest in Grand Junction to the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, NM, The Grand Circle is filled with celebrations throughout the year. Visit grandcircle.org to find out about the hundreds of events that add to your Grand Circle experience.



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100 miles
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- = INTERSTATE
- = INTERSTATE SCENIC BYWAY
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Monuments AND MESAS

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Extending from Colorado's Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Colorado National Monument on the Grand Circle's eastern fringe through Utah's famed Parks—Canyonlands, Arches, Monument Valley—is an empire of astonishing cliffs and canyons, mountains and mesas. It is a land that invites us to wander and wonder, hike, bike, boat, float, jeep, ride, fly, climb, ski, photograph, or just sit and absorb its timeless beauty.

Each canyon and season offer unique treasures—graceful cottonwoods blazing yellow in the autumn months, canyon wrens calling in spring. Sitting quietly on a smooth sandstone ledge next to a centuries old site and absorbing the afternoon sun (hot in summer, welcomingly warm in winter), you'll understand how people felt a thousand years ago: completely at peace. Bike across slickrock, testing your nerves and muscles, continuing on for miles because it's just too beautiful to turn back. Join a dinosaur dig. Jeep into the cool green mountains of the La Sals or the Abajos, or onto Grand Mesa. Visit a vineyard. Raft the rivers—splash and play under the Grand Circle's stunning blue skies.

COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT is a natural wonder of deep canyons and miraculous sandstone rock spires. Rim Rock Drive winds through spectacular scenery and accesses over forty miles of uncrowded hiking trails. nps.gov/colm | visitgrandjunction.com/areas/colorado-national-monument

GRAND MESA NATIONAL FOREST, the largest flat-top mountain in the world, encompasses over 300 lakes and hundreds of miles of hiking, biking and riding trails. In winter, there are ample opportunities for cross-country skiing. 45 minutes northeast of Grand Junction. fs.fed.us/r2/gmug | visitgrandjunction.com/areas/grand-mesa

NEARBY COMMUNITIES:

GRAND JUNCTION makes a wonderful central point from which to explore these monuments, mesas and museums. It's known as a paleontologist's playground, home to the greatest diversity of prehistoric bones ever recovered. Full of restaurants, accommodations, shops, even vineyards. Dinosaur Journey Museum is a wonderful stop for adults and kids alike—robotic dinosaurs, bones and skeleton casts, a working lab, a kids' quarry, and 1-3 day adult digs. visitgrandjunction.com

DINOSAUR DIAMOND PREHISTORIC HIGHWAY

The Dinosaur Diamond runs through the best land in the world to learn about dinosaurs. Numerous sites are available to the public where bones and tracks are still visible in the ground. Many museums along the way add to the opportunities to see and learn about dinosaurs. Total Distance: 480 mi / 772.5 km Circle - Grand Junction, CO to Moab, UT to Grand Junction.

GRAND MESA SCENIC AND HISTORIC BYWAY

This "playground in the sky" climbs from the rugged Plateau Canyon floor to the cool evergreen mesa forests, 11,000 feet up. Featured are hundreds of sparkling lakes, wildflower meadows and forests of shimmering aspen and pine. Take a side trip to Lands End Overlook where the Grand Junction area unfolds below. Total distance: 63.0 mi / 101.4 km I-70 to Cedaredge with spur to Lands End.



MONUMENT VALLEY, NAVAJO TRIBAL PARK

RIDGWAY, also near the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, serves as a great base-camp for exploring the heart of Southwest Colorado and incredible outdoor recreation.

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BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON NATIONAL PARK, one of our newest national parks, was formed slowly by water and stones scouring down through hard, dark crystalline rock. No other canyon in North America combines the narrow opening, sheer walls, and startling depths offered by this gorge. There are rim drives and hiking trails with scenic views; trails to the bottom are only for the very experienced hiker. 15 miles east of Montrose, CO, off US 50. nps.gov/blca

The small, friendly town of Montrose is close to the Black Canyon and has more than a dozen motels to choose from. There is also an excellent small Ute Museum with information about this indigenous Western Slope tribe.

970-249-5000 | visitmontrose.com

GUNNISON NATIONAL FOREST was named for Captain John Gunnison, a man who came through this area in 1853 in search of a feasible route across the Continental Divide for a railroad. The present Forest consists of over 1.7 million acres of public land and over 100,000 acres of private land within its boundaries. There are two peaks over 14,000' and another 20 that are over 13,000' in elevation. People are also still finding undiscovered Anasazi ruins in the Forest. If you come across ruins, please leave them undisturbed and report your discovery to the appropriate Forest Service personnel. In this area, we are learning much about our Native American heritage through the study of previously unknown and undisturbed sites and artifacts. nps.gov/azru



HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT



DELICATE ARCH, ARCHES NATIONAL MONUMENT

ARCHES NATIONAL PARK. More than two thousand natural sandstone arches, including the world-famous Delicate Arch, frame this area of Utah's amazing beauty. In some areas, faulting has exposed millions of years of geologic history. An 18-mile paved loop road introduces visitors to a brilliantly colored landscape littered with fins, pinnacles, faults and fossils, hiking trails wind under arches and around windows in stone. 5 miles north of Moab on Hwy 191. [nps.gov/arch](https://www.nps.gov/arch)

CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK. Countless canyons, mesas and buttes comprise the three separate districts of this Utah Park—Island in the Sky, the Needles, and the Maze (very difficult access). Each is special. Near Moab, short hiking trails loop through Island in the Sky as raft trips float thousands of feet below to the confluence of the Green and Colorado Rivers. Grand View Point, about 30 miles from Moab, offers a 360 degree panoramic view of the deep canyons below. Off road vehicles and bikes are permitted on the 100-mile White Rim Trail. The Needles District north of Monticello offers a very different beauty with remote loop hikes to spectacular red rock gardens. [nps.gov/cany](https://www.nps.gov/cany)

DEAD HORSE POINT STATE PARK. On the same mesa as Canyonlands' Island in the Sky, 2,000 feet directly above the Colorado River, Dead Horse Point provides a breath-taking panorama of Canyonlands' sculptured pinnacles and buttes. stateparks.utah.gov



DEAD HORSE POINT STATE PARK

The largest city between Denver and Salt Lake, Grand Junction is a mecca for people who define themselves by the amount of time they spend outdoors.

The Grand Junction area is known for world-class single-track mountain bike trails including Lunch Loops, Kokopelli and 18 Road. Unparalleled hiking in Colorado National Monument, the Grand Mesa, and along the Book Cliffs provides uncrowded hiking trails. Enjoy kayaking, rafting, or stand up paddleboarding with easy access to over 40 miles of calm waters on the Colorado River.

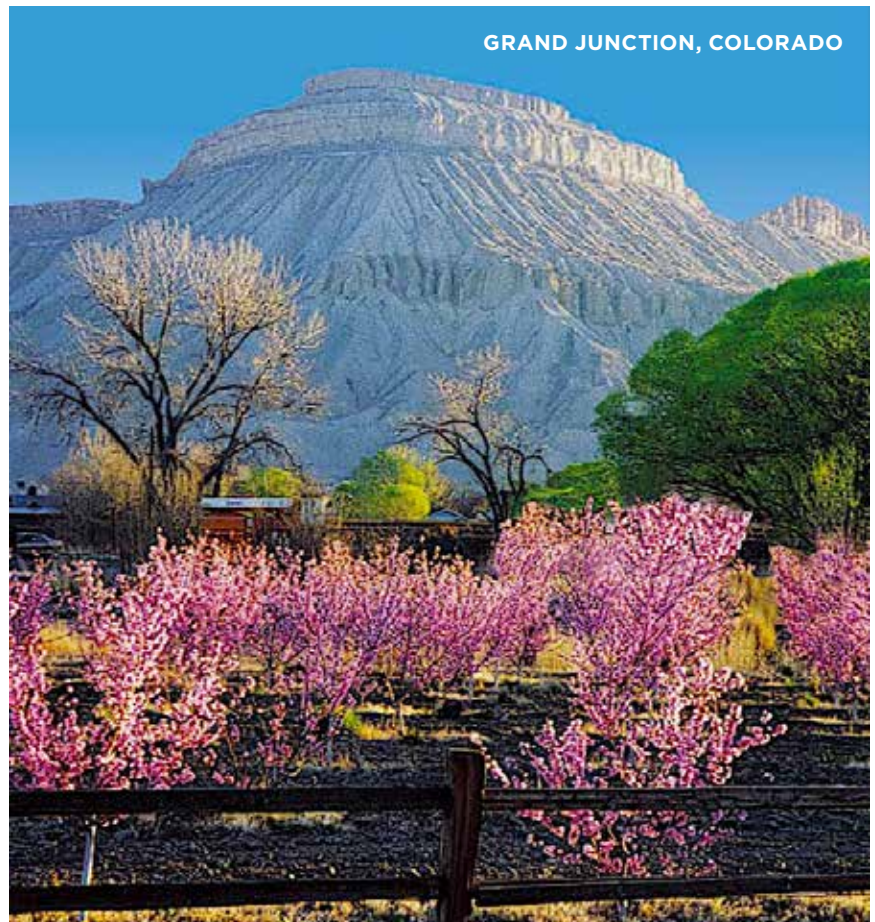
More than just an outdoor playground, Grand Junction is brimming with culture. Downtown is known for farm-to-table restaurants, art galleries and boutiques. Over 100 sculptures line Main Street, part of the award-winning Art on the Corner program, one of the largest outdoor art displays in the country. Three museums, an arts center, and a botanical garden all add to the diversity of activities.

Grand Junction's temperate climate makes for warm summers and mild winters, which create the perfect condition for award-winning vineyards, supplying over 28 wineries in the area and also the world-famous Palisade peach.

It's also home to a rich paleontological history, including the excavation of some of the biggest dinosaurs ever discovered. Today you can visit a working paleontological lab or participate in a live dig site.

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WHERE LIFE LEADS

MANTI-LA SAL NATIONAL FOREST. Home to the La Sal (near Moab) and Abajo (near Monticello) Mountains, this Forest offers outstanding recreation in cooler temperatures. Wonderful scenic drives snake through these two different ranges, offering views of the surrounding desert floor.

NEWSPAPER ROCK NATIONAL RECREATION SITE. One fabulous wall of Ancestral Puebloan and Ute petroglyphs (art chiseled and pecked into stone) is located on the road into Needles District of Canyonlands.

NEARBY COMMUNITIES:

GOOSENECKS STATE PARK. A stunning overlook views an “ancestral entrenched meander,” deep, looping S-curves carved by the San Juan River. 18 miles south of Bluff, UT off Hwys 191 & 261. stateparks.utah.gov/parks/goosenecks

BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT. Divided into two tracts of SE Utah, Bears Ears National Monument has numerous natural rock formations and valleys. Abundant rock art, ancestral dwellings, ceremonial sites and other assets of cultural significance to Native American peoples are found through the monument. bearssearsmonument.org

VALLEY OF THE GODS. A landscape that rivals Monument Valley, but is more accessible for driving, hiking, camping, and biking (managed by BLM) 12 miles south of Bluff, UT.

MOAB is a vibrant town known for its world class slick rock mountain biking. But there’s more—rafting, boat tours, flight seeing, golf, and glorious, solitary hikes, and one of the best breweries in Utah. Lots of lodging and restaurants, some campgrounds. For the southern entrance to Canyonlands’ Needles District, Monticello is close and is nestled at the foot of the lovely Abajo Mountains. It has a visitor center, motels, & restaurants. In addition, there is a golf course, mountain bike and ski trails and a hands-on learning center. discovermoab.com | utahscanyoncountry.com



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National Park

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NATURAL BRIDGES NATIONAL MONUMENT Unlike arches, bridges are formed when streams cut through canyon walls. Three lovely bridges in one canyon, all accessible by short, steep hiking trails, are protected here. 36 miles west of Blanding, UT, off Hwy 95.

nps.gov/nabr

MONUMENT VALLEY NAVAJO TRIBAL PARK

Perhaps the most photographed landscape in America, this valley of monoliths and buttes has been a favorite Hollywood backdrop for 80 years. Still a traditional Navajo homeland, the valley is accessible by private vehicle and guided tours on limited roads. Horseback tours are also available. No backcountry hiking or biking is allowed. Goulding's, the area's first trading post, has a fine small museum on early trading days.

utahscanyoncountry.com | navajonationparks.org

HISTORIC GOULDING'S LODGE, known as a western fort or town setting of many John Wayne movies, is one mile from the rim of Monument Valley. It offers accommodations, a restaurant, campground, a museum, grocery store, fast food, and flightseeing. Twenty-five miles south of the valley is Kayenta, AZ, on the Navajo Reservation, with several hotels and small restaurants. North of the valley, in Utah, are Mexican Hat, Bluff, and Blanding. Blanding is the largest town with several motels and restaurants. Their visitor center offers much area information. Bluff, though small, is charming with historic Mormon homes, lots of outfitters and rafters and a few trading posts. It has a wide range of accommodations from motels to cabins and B&B's. Located on the San Juan River, Mexican Hat has several motels and restaurants. Monticello, sheltered by the Abajo Mountains, has several hotels and motels and a full range of dining options. southeastutah.org

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MESA ARCH, CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK





Land of THE ANCIENTS

MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

Human history seeps from the pores of this land—generations of nomads, farmers, builders, warriors, explorers, traders, miners, and ranchers have traipsed the Colorado Plateau and called it home. Nowhere is this more evident than in the southeast corner of this Grand Circle where remote canyons have nurtured civilizations for hundreds of years.

Tens of thousands of people once lived here, building villages along every creek and near every small, life-giving spring. Travel for a day in this part of the Grand Circle and you will see their traces: small granaries tucked inconspicuously up under rock outcroppings, circles of sunken stones still noting kivas, places of ceremony. Remnants of their homes litter sage-covered plains and mesas. But time and water—those same sculptors of the canyons—wreak havoc on ancient walls. One of the Grand Circle's newest national monuments, Canyons of the Ancients, was recently created to help protect some of these fabulous sites.

The best-known treasures here are Mesa Verde, Chaco Canyon, and Canyon de Chelly. Mesa Verde first caught explorers' attention because it's so well preserved: whole towns protected from weather because they were built in high, dry cliff alcoves. Brooms and sandals, grinding stones and dog-hair weavings capture images of life 800 years ago. Archaeologists thought for years that Mesa Verde was this society's nucleus but, as it turns out, that high plateau was merely a satellite of a far more organized, far more powerful community: Chaco. Apparently the trading and religious center of the Ancestral Puebloan world, Chaco's trade spread from the Pacific to the Mississippi to Meso America. Over hundreds of years, Chacoans created enormous villages and ceremonial structures, as well as precise solstice markers and elaborate irrigation systems. On the western side of the Chuska Mountains, Canyon de Chelly was less developed, less

populated during Puebloan times, but has been occupied since by other native peoples. The Navajo still farm and raise sheep in this magical canyon through a unique partnership with the National Park Service.

Where did the builders of these sandstone cities go? It appears that, by 1300, all the Ancestral Puebloans of this area had migrated south to join with other communities of kin—the Rio Grande Pueblos, the Acoma, Zuni and Hopi peoples—possibly forced from this area by cooling weather and dwindling resources. Their traditions live on today though, in the arts and rituals spread throughout New Mexico and Arizona.

Sixty-five miles west of Albuquerque is **ACOMA PUEBLO** and the **SKY CITY CULTURAL CENTER**. Dating to the 13th century, Acoma Pueblo is the oldest continuously inhabited settlement in North America and the 28th Historic Site designated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Its rich history is on display at the Haak'u Museum and features a wide array of art and artifacts of the Acoma and other puebloan tribes of the area. Native American jewelry and the work of contemporary Pueblo artists who create world-renowned pottery are available at the museum. acomaskycity.org | officialbestof.com/features/newmexico/2013.php

ZUNI—thought to be the famed city of gold, Cibola, the Spanish searched for in 1539—is a simple town surrounded by fields tended for centuries. a unique blend of Catholicism and Pueblo beliefs. Two additional National Monuments are near these villages: EL MALPAIS, with wonderful volcanic lava flows and cinders and EL MORRO, which commemorates Inscription Rock - centuries of rock art and European explorers' signatures. nps.gov/elmo

Learn more about **NATIVE NEW MEXICO** through the New Mexico Tourism Department/Indian Tourism Program. newmexico.org/nativeamerica



NAVAJO DANCER



ACOMA PUEBLO

The **HOP**I live furthest west, isolated on the southern rim of the enormous Black Mesa, the driest place chosen by any Pueblo people. Able to coax corn and beans out of parched earth, ecologists call them “environmental wizards.” One is not born Hopi, one aspires to become Hopi. Being Hopi is a state of being, of grace, peacefulness, and honesty. Their sacred dances invoke the rains, but also pray for peace and happiness for the entire world. Today, visitors are still allowed to view some dance ceremonies, should you be lucky enough to attend. No photography or recording devices are allowed.

Arts are a part of life for the different Pueblos. The Hopi Arts Trail allows visitors to connect with the wonderful artists and galleries on the Hopi mesas in northern Arizona. Visitors are welcome to drive across the Hopi reservation using the Arts Trail map as a guide to visit the galleries and contact artists. hopiartstrail.com | hopiculturalcenter.com



ANCESTRAL PETROGLYPHS

Utes were undoubtedly the contemporaries of the Ancestral Puebloans, though their small clan, hunter and gatherer style left only scant traces of their centuries old habitation of the southwest. After the Ancestral Puebloans moved away, Utes continued to live along the western slope of Colorado and in the San Juan River basin. In the mid-1600s, after they acquired horses from the Spanish, Utes flourished, becoming fearsome warriors, raiders, and buffalo hunters. But by 1880, the group now known as Southern Utes were only 500 people; the Ute Mountain Utes numbered 650. Today both tribes earn revenues from oil and mineral leases, casinos, and tourism.

THE UTE MOUNTAIN TRIBAL PARK, wrapped around the base of Mesa Verde, contains world-class archaeological sites for visitors to tour with Ute guides. utemountaintribalpark.info

Of all the tribes, the **Navajo** dominate the political and physical landscape. With more than a quarter million tribal members, and more than seven million acres of reservation land spread across three states, the Diné are a powerful nation. Relative newcomers to the southwest—they are believed to have migrated here in the 1400s—the **Navajo** language is similar to Canadian-Athabaskan. Masters of adaptation, the **Navajo** quickly picked up agriculture, sheepherding, and weaving for profit from traders. Unlike the Pueblos though, most traditional Diné families choose to live apart from their neighbors. Hogans—one roomed earthen structures that originally served as homes—often sit next to modern houses, but they're still used and appreciated. Notice how every hogan faces east, to greet the dawn.

The traditional arts of the **Navajo**—sand painting, basket weaving, silversmithing, pottery and rug weaving—have experienced a revival in recent years and are valued by visitors and collectors. Today the Nation has its own unified government and a strong view of the future.

discovernavajo.com

MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK. Repeatedly cited as one of the world's top cultural attractions, Mesa Verde was home to the Ancestral Puebloans for more than 700 years. Many of the best-preserved dwellings were built high on cliff walls in alcoves, well-protected from the elements. Complete homes and entire villages have survived with many artifacts amazingly intact, providing visitors a unique and thought-provoking glimpse into America's pre-European past. Self-guided interpretive trails on the mesa's surface, ranger-guided tours of some cliff dwellings, concessions-guided tours and lodging. visitmesaverde.com | nps.gov/meve | mesaverdecountry.com

CORTEZ CULTURAL CENTER. A forum for arts, education, and Native cultures, the Center offers free Indian Dances and Cultural Programs, or the outdoor drama Black Shawl during the summer months. The Center also features exhibits of pre-historic and contemporary Native tribes, as well as rotating art exhibits. cortezculturalcenter.org

TRAIL OF THE ANCIENTS NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY - EAST

On the East side, Trail of the Ancients traverses a landscape filled with traces of the long occupation of the region by ancestral Native American peoples. The archaeological heartland of the Southwest, the Scenic Byway travels across stark and beautiful landscapes. Explore world-renowned Mesa Verde National Park, Monument Valley Tribal Park, Four Corners Monument, Chaco Canyon, Zuni Pueblo, Bisti Badlands and Aztec Ruins National Monument. The Trail of the Ancients is a loop route that may be started at any point along its length. On the east you can begin the loop in Cortez, CO, Farmington and Gallup NM. Total distance: 480 mi / 772 km



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CANYONS OF THE ANCIENTS MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER.

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CANYONS OF THE ANCIENTS NATIONAL MONUMENT. Newly designated to protect thousands of unexcavated archaeological sites, this Monument still lacks significant infrastructure. So far, there is just one interpretive site and two hiking trails. Lowry Pueblo, just north of Cortez, is a self-guided tour. Sand Canyon, off McElmo Canyon Road, has a nice canyon hiking trail that passes several cliff dwellings and Painted Hand Pueblo, a backcountry site, has a beautiful standing tower and pictographs. For information on how to reach these hiking trails, visit the Anasazi Heritage Center. co.blm.gov/canm

FOUR CORNERS MONUMENT. Four states meet at this Monument, surrounded by the Ute and Navajo Nations. Here you can have your photo taken touching four states at one time. 38 miles southwest of Cortez, CO, off Hwy 160.

SAN JUAN SKYWAY

Travel the "road to the sky" which offers views of the towering 14,000-foot San Juan Mountains to rolling hillsides speckled with ancient Indian pueblo ruins. Victorian towns offer both excitement and relaxation. Soak in hot springs, ride the narrow-gauge railroad, and sleep under the stars or in a cozy lodge. This byway can be traveled in a loop.
Total distance: 236 mi / 379.8 km

DURANGO & SILVERTON NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD. In the 1880s a narrow rail line was strung along the Animas River, a twisting river gorge, to connect Silverton and Durango. Authentic coal fired steam engines still pull passengers in narrow gauge cars on an incredibly scenic journey through Durango, CO. [970-247-2733](tel:970-247-2733) | durangotrain.com

HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT. Five beautifully built ancient towers cluster at the heads of spring-fed canyons in this small, undeveloped park. Their use is still unknown – was it for storage? Solstice observation? Defense? Facilities include a Visitor Center and self-guided interpretive and hiking trails. Travel three miles south of Cortez, CO. on Hwy 160, then west 39 miles on County Road G (McElmo Canyon Road). [970-562-4282](tel:970-562-4282) | nps.gov/hove



MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

NEARBY COMMUNITIES:

Sizeable towns nearest Mesa Verde are Cortez and Durango, Colorado. **CORTEZ** (eight miles west of Mesa Verde) makes a wonderful base for exploring more of the area's archaeology and offers free Indian dances nightly. **DURANGO** (36 miles east) offers the historic silver boomtown feel with the famous Durango & Silverton Railroad, and Victorian architecture. Both have numerous hotels, restaurants, and other entertainment. mesaverdecountry.com | durango.org

CHACO CULTURE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK.

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PETROGLYPH NATIONAL MONUMENT. Although traces of Native American culture can be found throughout the Monument, it is of course best known for the over 20,000 petroglyphs (images pecked or carved into rock) that can be viewed there. Five volcanic cinder cones on the West Mesa of Albuquerque produced the basalt boulders that were the rough canvas for these amazing petroglyphs. The Visitors Center, once a homestead-era traditional adobe home, is the best place to start your visit.

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BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT.

Bandelier's human history extends back for over 10,000 years when nomadic hunter-gatherers followed migrating wildlife across the mesas and canyons. Around 1150, Ancestral Pueblo people began to build permanent settlements here, but by 1550 the Ancestral Pueblo people had moved from their homes to pueblos along the Rio Grande (Cochiti, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo). Reminders of these past times are still evident in the monument.

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NEARBY COMMUNITIES:

The small town of Chinle, and the capital of the Navajo Nation, Window Rock, both in Arizona, have several motels and restaurants for visitors. Window Rock serves as the seat of government for the Navajo Nation and a base for its' touring council meetings. The Navajo Nation Museum and the Navajo Nation Code Talkers World War II memorial are located here. Gallup, NM, located on I-40 about 100 miles south of Canyon de Chelly, is a busy trading center for all southwestern arts, particularly silversmithing. It is estimated that 80% of Navajo and Pueblo jewelry passes through Gallup's wholesalers.

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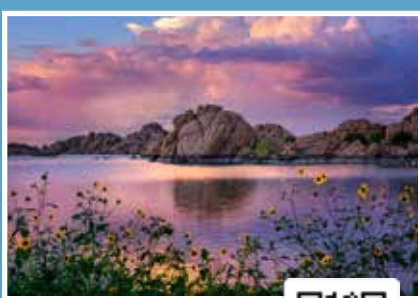
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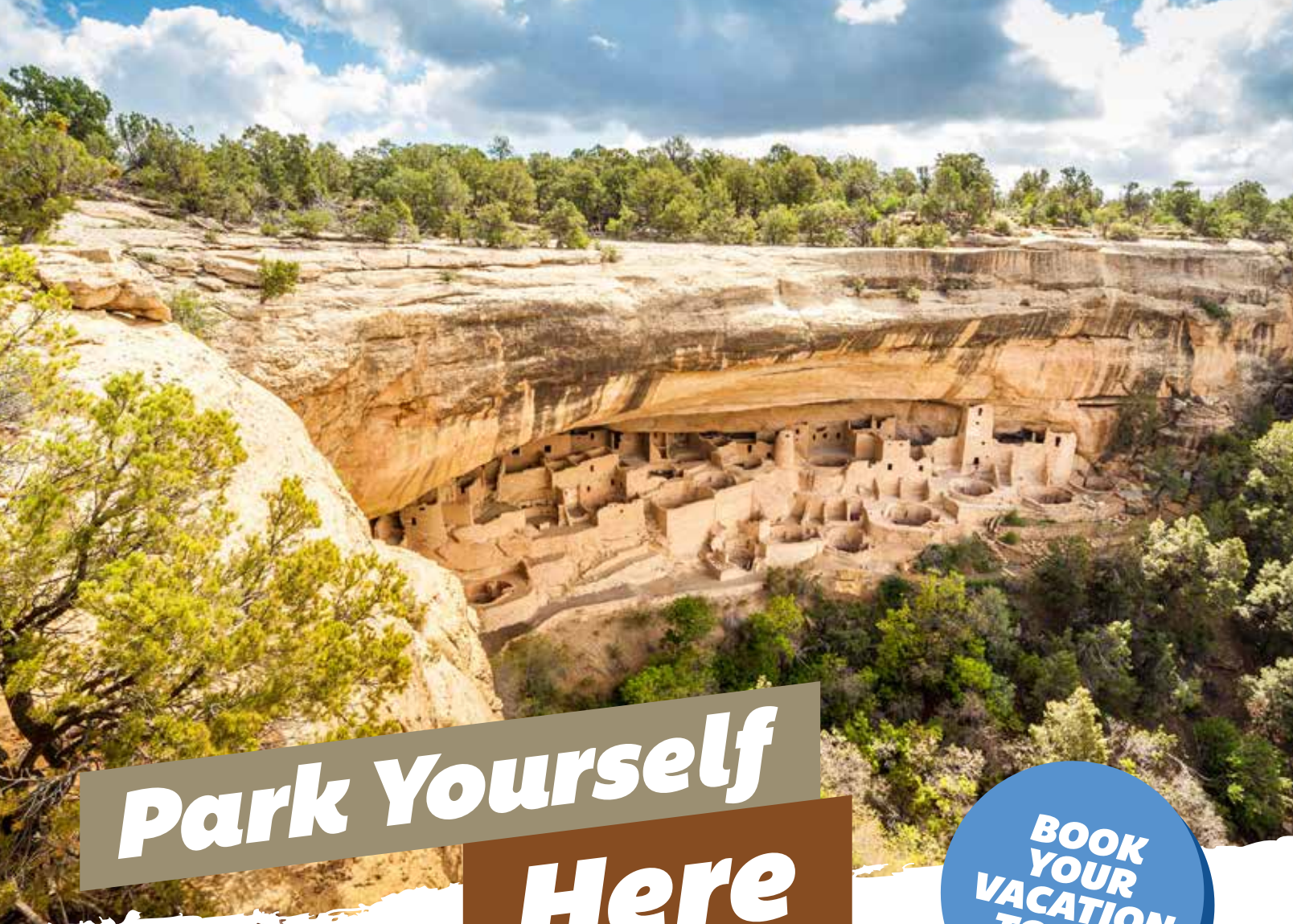


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