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もうすぐ春ですね。ゴールデンウィークなどそろそろ旅行の計画をお考 えの方もいらっしゃるのではないでしょうか。今回は盛岡校ホセ先生が、 アメリカの南西部を紹介します。

A s the famous America song says, "*I've been through the desert* on a horse with no name..." I have been through the dessert but not on a horse, it was a bus. Also, if I were to cross the desert on a horse I would name him and make some stops along the way; if I were lucky enough to be crossing the southwestern desert area of the United States. The southwest consists of five states, but we will focus on the southern most two.

Arizona's <u>breathtaking</u> geography and culture make it a popular place to visit and none more than the Grand Canyon. Interestingly enough the Grand Canyon has a new glass walkway named the Skywalk. After reading some review sights however, it seems that the price is not worth the experience. The good old fashion way, many believe, is a better way to enjoy the canyon. Next, we have the city of Sedona, which is <u>rarely</u> known by people outside of the United States; <u>nonetheless</u> this city is a <u>gem</u> in the desert. Known as a kind of a mystic place, Sedona was <u>dubbed</u> "Arizona's little Hollywood" due to the fact many western films were shot there in the past. The unique red and orange sandstone formations—that are a must see at <u>dusk</u> or dawn—make a perfect backdrop for the numerous festivals and events held in Sedona. These range from film and music festivals to New Age retreats and marathons. Though it is not close to the Grand Canyon it is more than worth the trip.

The other <u>predominantly</u> desert state in the southwest is New Mexico. One of the least populated states in the U.S. it's easy to get lost in the great wide open, either on purpose or by accident. The states capital Santa Fe is a beautifully old city. The architecture is traditional Mexican mixed with modern styling. Santa Fe is the oldest capital in the U.S. Originally it was many Pueblo Indian villages dating somewhere in the early 1000's. The city's evolution is a long historical one; its deep roots make a great place to visit.

"...There is nothing in the desert and no man needs nothing", to <u>quote</u> *Lawrence of Arabia*, but there *is* plenty in the desert and everyone should want to see it.

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セドナ(Sedona)は、アメリカ合衆国アリゾナ州中北部、州都フェニックス より北に車で2時間に位置する都市。古くからネイティブ・アメリカンの聖 地とされ、近年ではボルテックスと呼ばれるパワースポットが点在する "癒しの町"として人気があり、年間に約400万人の観光客が訪れる観 光地・保養地です。

もちろん、「全米で最も美しい町」(USA WEEKEND Magazine2003)に選 ばれたことがあるこの町は、スピリチュアルなことに関心がなくても、十 分に楽しめるところです。他では見られない景色と個性的な自然美で 多くの人々を魅了するセドナで、大

自然やスピリチュアルに触れる体験 をしてみてはいかがでしょうか。



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