



Road Trip to Sedona, Arizona

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Cindy Castillo & Rosie, Candy and Hattie Penix & Roscoe



CA Central Valley to Flagstaff AZ

I left the Bay Area in the rain heading south through almond orchards, maguey fields, and orange groves. Skies were dramatic. Grass was green and lush. Tehachapi had snow and eerie landscapes. The Hualapai Mountains and San Francisco Peaks in Arizona also had snow. Semi trucks were my constant companions!





Oak Creek Canyon

Heading south from Flagstaff, Oak Creek Canyon was dusted with recent snow.



Sedona Arriving by Slide Rock Park the mountains are red and dramatic.

Thunder Mountain from Candy's balcony and living room. It changes color throughout the day.





Bell Rock Trail Hiking with Rosie and Roscoe. Sedona rock is red from iron minerals within the rock, mostly hematite.





Sunset with Mexican dinner



Lots of cactus!





Jerome is a very small old copper mining town with fewer than 500 residents. Known now for tourism it has lovely shops and restaurants along with historic buildings.



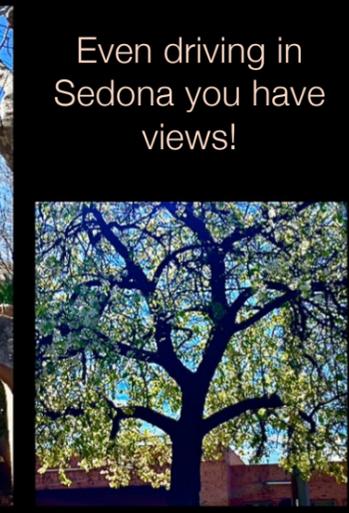


Crescent Moon Ranch Cathedral Rock, Oak Creek

Sycamore and cottonwood trees, and a vortex!



Chapel of the Holy Cross



Even driving in Sedona you have views!





Garland's specializes in Navajo rugs, both new and vintage.

Grabbing a treat at Big Park Bakery in the Village of Oak Creek.



Adios
Saying goodbye and heading north through Oak Creek Canyon again on a clearer day with just a little snow.







Highway 5, Pacheco Pass, San Luis Reservoir





My rock collection from Oak Creek many years ago on a family vacation still on display in my living room.