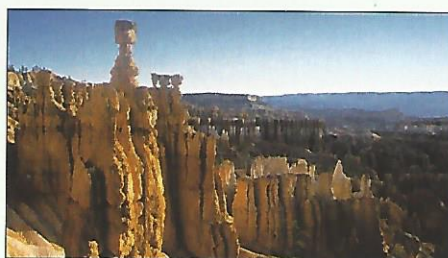
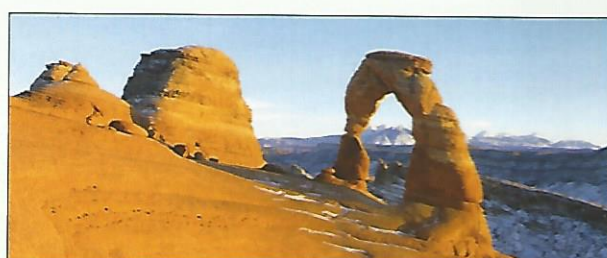




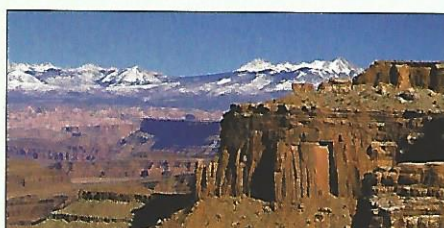
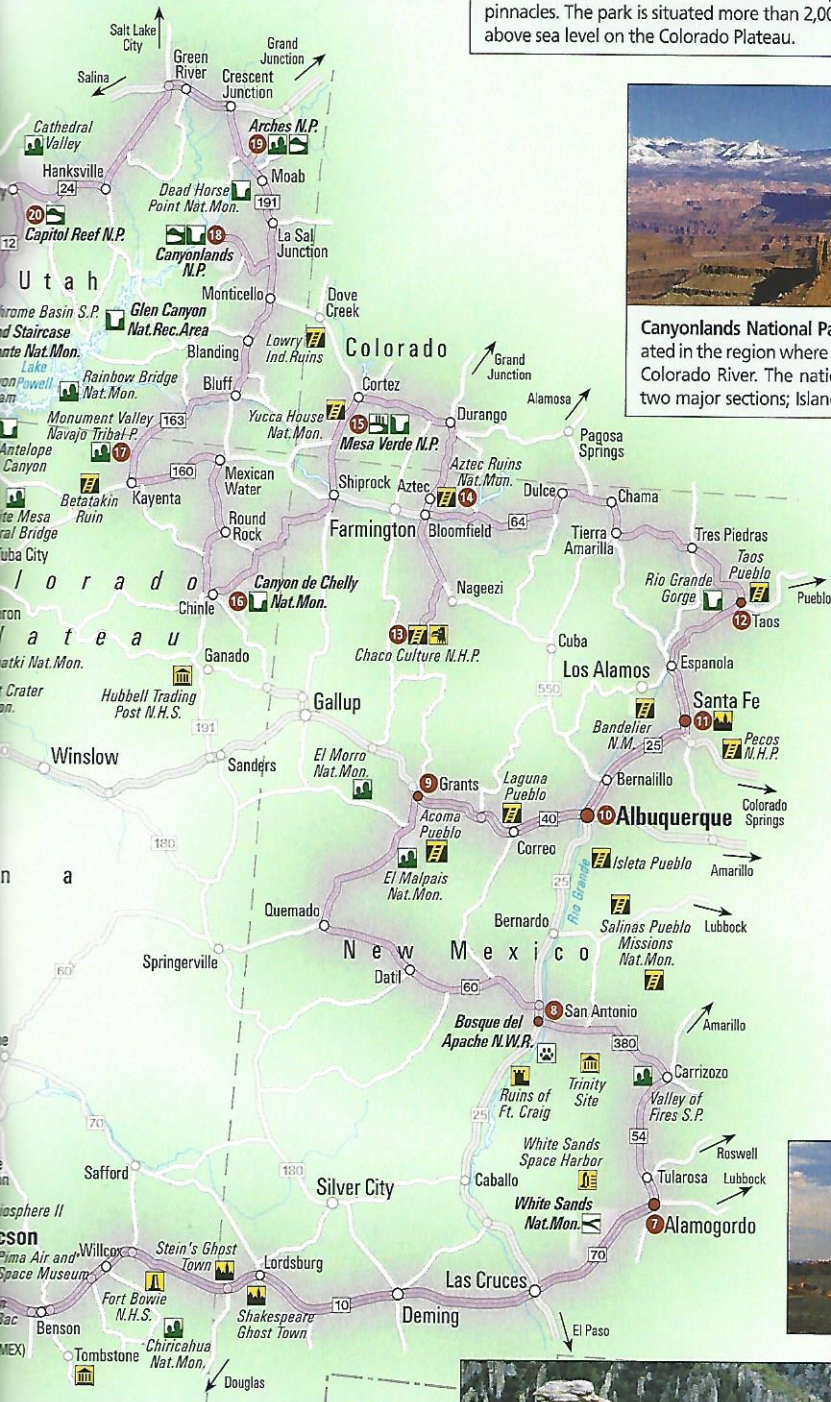
**Marble Canyon** Visitors can enjoy spectacular views of the multicolored stone walls in this Arizona canyon along the Colorado River during sunrise and sunset.



**Bryce Canyon** The national park in Utah features numerous striking and bizarre stone towers, spires, and pinnacles. The park is situated more than 2,000 meters above sea level on the Colorado Plateau.



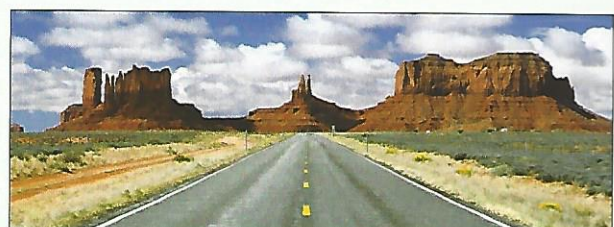
**Arches National Park** More than 1,000 natural stone arches in this park form the largest group of natural arches in the world. Other interesting stone formations include towers, pinnacles, and slickrock domes. Delicate Arch and Double Arch are two of the most spectacular sights in the park.



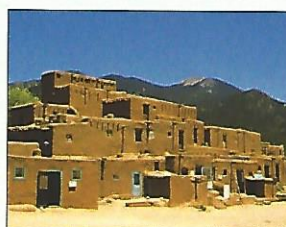
**Canyonlands National Park** The national park is situated in the region where the Green River flows into the Colorado River. The national park is also divided into two major sections; Island in the Sky and the Needles.



**Mesa Verde National Park** The national park's ancient cave and cliff Pueblo Indian dwellings are now protected historic monuments. Many of the 40 pueblo structures in the park are open to the public.



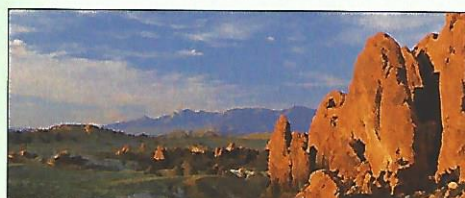
**Monument Valley** The twins buttes – East Mitten and West Mitten – in this park have become famous natural attractions often depicted in films and photographs. The valley is located in a Navajo reservation.



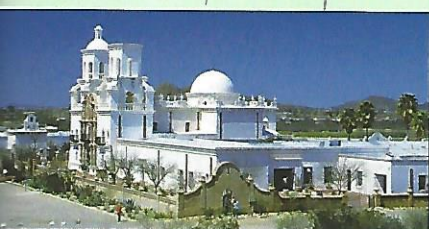
**Taos Pueblo** The Pueblo Indians have built traditional settlements consisting of multi-storied adobe buildings for centuries.



**Acoma Pueblo** This historic settlement of adobe buildings and narrow alleyways is situated at the top of a plateau.



**Valley of Fire State Park** This nature reserve is located 80 kilometers northeast of Las Vegas and encompasses canyons with beautiful stone formations. Wind and water erosion created most of the park's natural attractions.



**San Xavier del Bac Mission** This mission church near Tucson in Arizona was founded by Spanish priests and is now located on a Native American reservation.



**Chiricahua National Monument** This wilderness near the border with Mexico features colorful stone formations and was a hunting ground of the Apaches.



**White Sands National Monument** The desert landscape has an area of 600 km<sup>2</sup> and is covered by fine white gypsum sand. The large sand dunes in the park constantly change their shapes. On July 16, 1945 the United States Army detonated the first atomic bomb in the northern section of the park.