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Left Sedona via US 89A through Oak Creek Canyon. We didn't mind that the control freaks had us down to one lane or that a tour bus was in the lead.



At the end is a viewpoint at which Navajo traders set up long tables of jewelry and pottery. They have learned Sedona pricing. Busloads from England and Japan were snapping up \$300 pots and \$50 silver pendants on the way to their next stop. Banzai! Jolly Good!

We stopped at Petrified Forest. Actually we stopped before Petrified forest. The first time was to get another picture of our favorite motel.



Yes, each room is a wigwam. With phone and color TV. And probably a Brit.

The next stop was at a gift shop just outside the park. They had petrified wood everything!. They had petrified wood bookends. They had petrified wood tables. They had petrified wood sconces. They had petrified wood charms and necklaces and amulets. What we weren't prepared for was the petrified wood potty.



Here's a picture to email home to Tokyo.

Petrified Forest is home to one of the most copied and published petroglyphs of the American southwest, "The Cougar". It was part of a petroglyph panel that was broken up by road construction, so the cougar was brought inside and put into storage. That was

useful. It's out now and actually on display. This is ancient cool:



Of course the Park Service has given it this elegant setting. Better than storage.

We ate lunch at one of our favorite places, the Chinde viewpoint at Painted Desert.



Rained coming into Albuquerque. Kansas tomorrow.

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