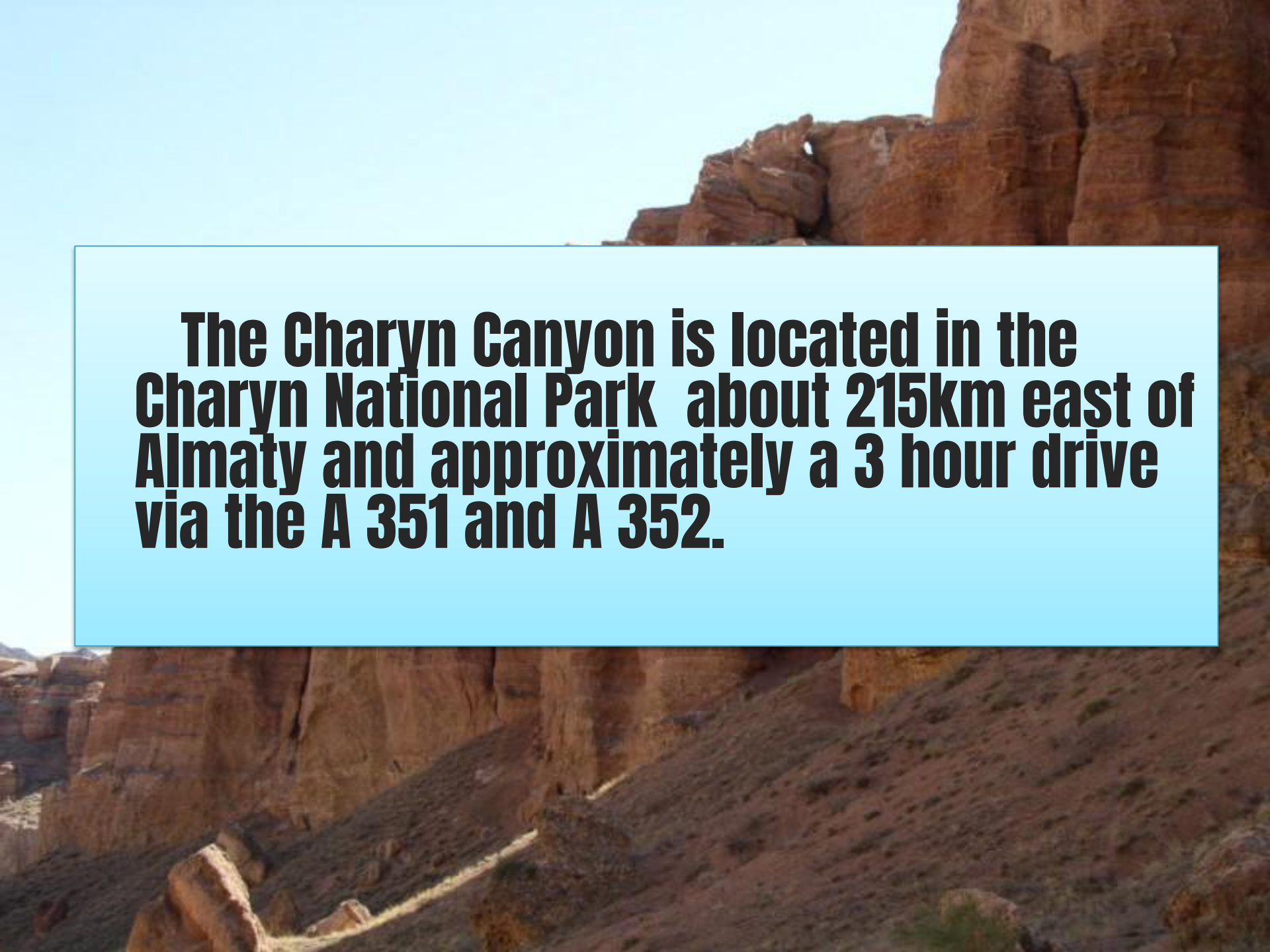
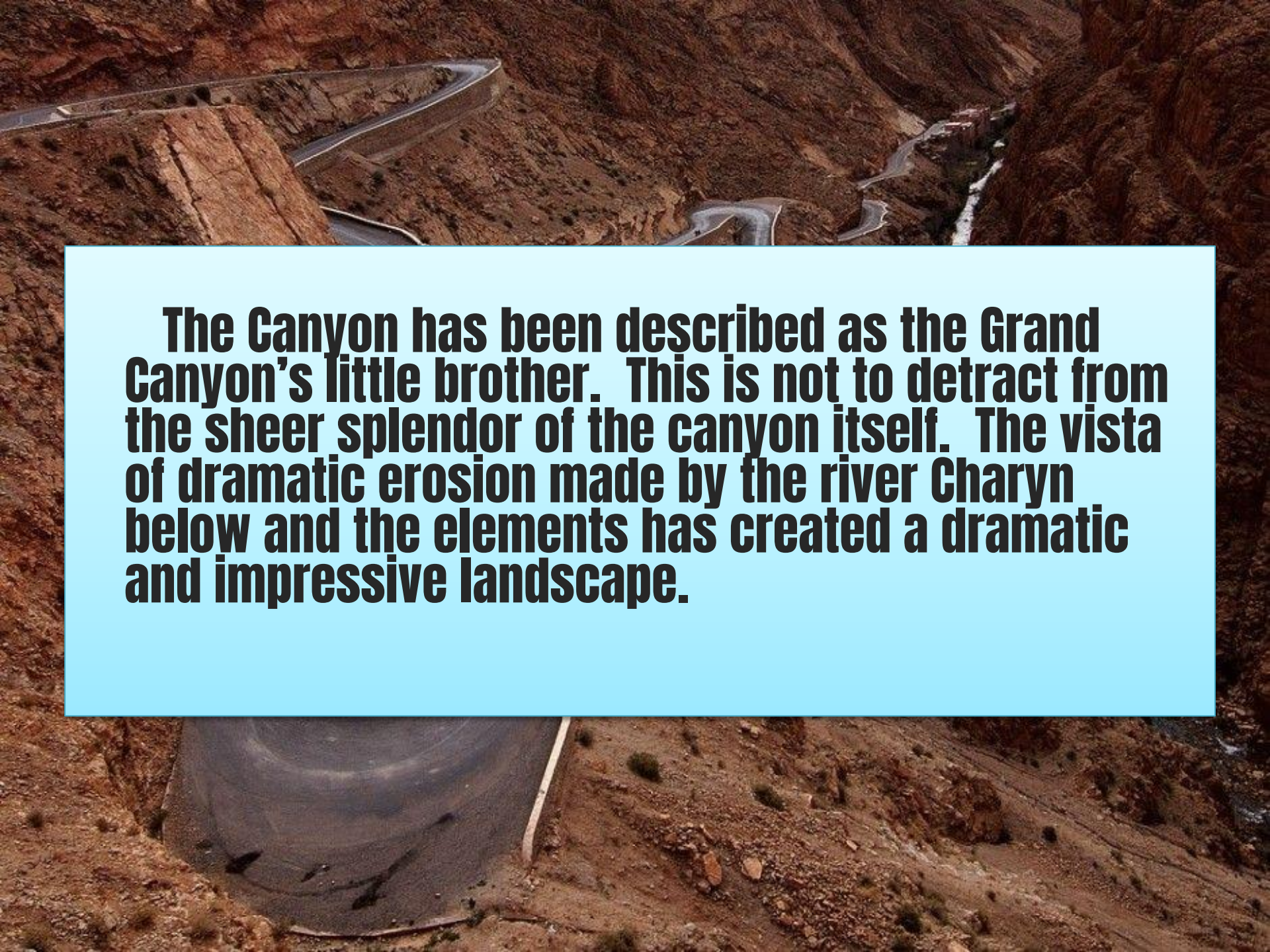


A photograph of Charyn Canyon, showing towering, reddish-brown rock formations with intricate textures and shadows. A light blue rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text "Charyn Canyon" in a bold, dark blue font. The canyon walls are steep and rugged, with some sparse green shrubs visible at the base.

Charyn Canyon



The Charyn Canyon is located in the Charyn National Park about 215km east of Almaty and approximately a 3 hour drive via the A 351 and A 352.

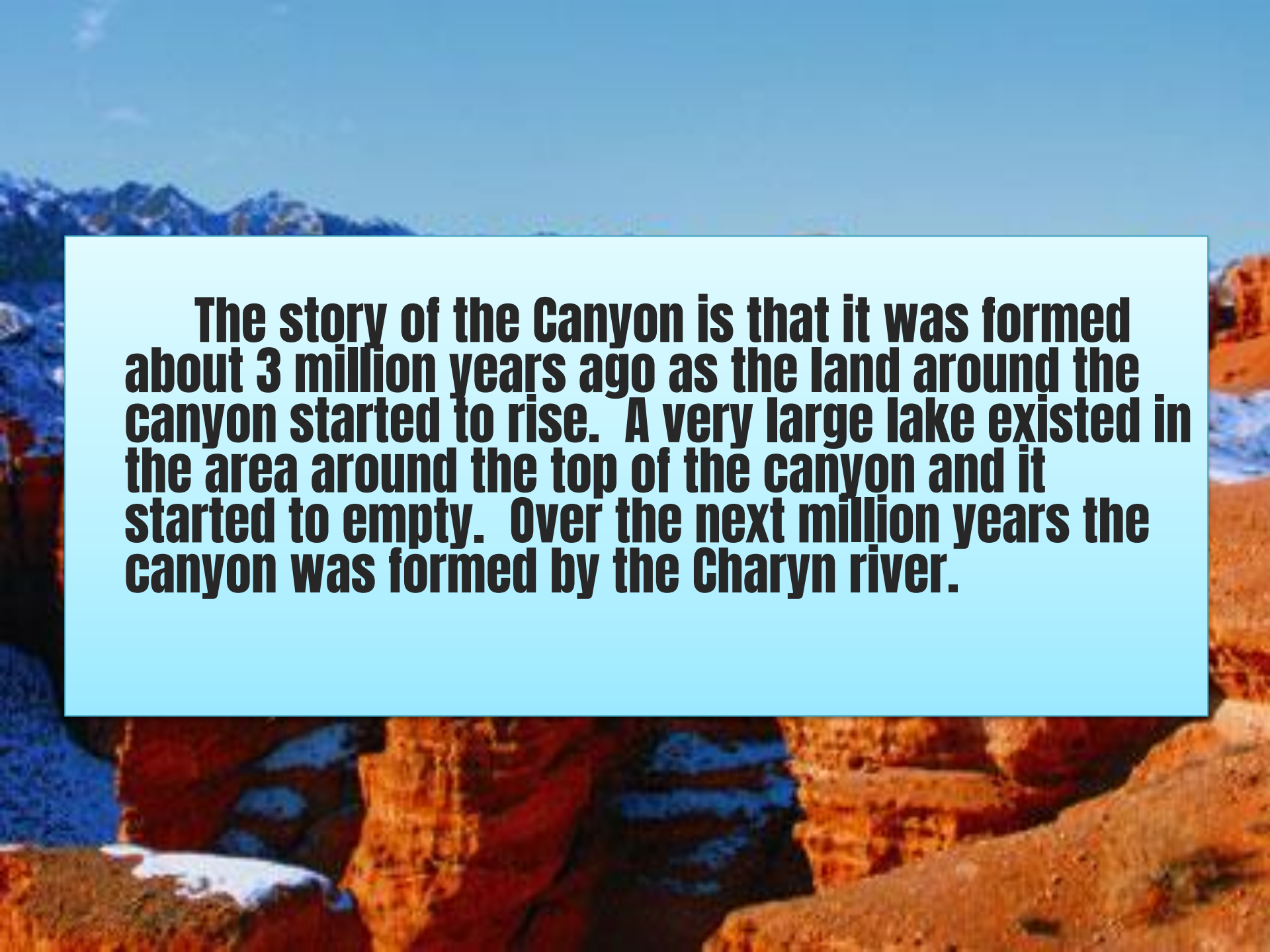
An aerial photograph of a desert canyon. A paved road winds through the rugged, reddish-brown rock formations. The canyon walls are steep and show signs of erosion. In the distance, a small cluster of buildings is visible near a river. The overall scene is dramatic and scenic.

The Canyon has been described as the Grand Canyon's little brother. This is not to detract from the sheer splendor of the canyon itself. The vista of dramatic erosion made by the river Charyn below and the elements has created a dramatic and impressive landscape.



The Canyon itself is approximately 150 km long, and, in places up to 300 meters deep.

One area of particular interest, is an area of 2km called the Valley of Castles, due to the pillars and rock formations forming imposing, almost man made structures.

The background image shows a canyon with prominent red rock formations in the foreground and middle ground. In the distance, there are blue mountains under a clear blue sky. A small patch of snow is visible on a rock in the lower left.

The story of the Canyon is that it was formed about 3 million years ago as the land around the canyon started to rise. A very large lake existed in the area around the top of the canyon and it started to empty. Over the next million years the canyon was formed by the Charyn river.







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