

14 DAYS
-from-
\$2,449*
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Route 66, Arizona

HISTORIC ROUTE 66

Chicago • St. Louis • Branson • Oklahoma City • Amarillo • Albuquerque •
Flagstaff • Las Vegas • Los Angeles • Santa Monica

Get your kicks on a tour of the Mother Road, historic Route 66. America's most famous road connected the country using miles of concrete, unique attractions, and an identity built on the ideals of freedom and individuality.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Stand at the official start and end points of Route 66 in Chicago and Santa Monica
- Visit the 8 states that comprised historic Route 66
- Photo ops at roadside oddities including Cadillac Ranch, Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch, and "the world's largest catsup bottle."
- See the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, and Grand Canyon
- Travel to the top of St. Louis' Gateway Arch
- Enjoy a guided tour of Chicago, including the Chicago River Boat Architecture Tour

INCLUDES

13 nights hotels, 13 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

Note: (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE



Day 1 • Arrive in Chicago

The intersection of E. Adams and S. Michigan in Downtown Chicago is the official starting point of Route 66—look for signs during your stop at the place where millions of people have set off down the Mother Road since 1926. Take a seat and enjoy an included pizza welcome feast. Connect with your new travel companions over big slices of Chicago's famous deep-dish pizza at one of the Windy City's pizza parlors. (D)

◆ *Hampton Inn Magnificent Mile or similar*

Day 2 • Chicago

Enjoy an educational architecture tour on the Chicago River where you will learn about Chicago's colorful past from a unique vantage point. Expert docents will explain the history of more than 50 buildings, and how they played a part in Chicago's thrilling story. Spend the afternoon at leisure. (B)

◆ *Hampton Inn Magnificent Mile or similar*

Day 3 • Chicago, Pontiac & St. Louis

Today you hit the open road. Travel west to Pontiac, home of the Route 66 Hall of Fame & Museum. Enjoy the nostalgic exhibits, then have lunch on your own. Enjoy the quick stop in Collinsville, home of the Brooks Catsup Bottle Water Tower. Pull into St. Louis late this afternoon. (B)

◆ *Drury Inn & Suites Convention Center or similar*

Day 4 • St. Louis to Branson

This morning you will ride a tram 630 feet up to the top of the St. Louis' Gateway Arch, located at Gateway Arch National Park, then set off for Branson, the "Live Music Capital of the Universe." Relax on your own this evening or join us for an optional. (B)

◆ *Fairfield Inn & Suites or similar*

Day 5 • Branson to Oklahoma City

Travel from Branson to Oklahoma City by way of Galena, Kansas. Route 66 goes right through Galena's historic district. Oklahoma City, known locally as OKC, is renowned for its cowboy culture and excellent barbecue. (B)

◆ *Wyndham Garden Hotel Oklahoma City Airport or similar*

Day 6 • Oklahoma City to Amarillo

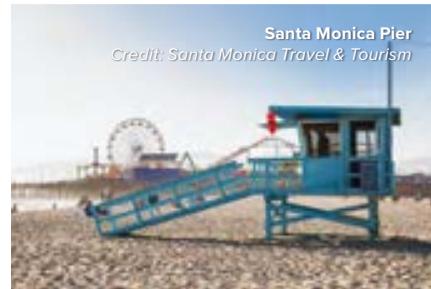
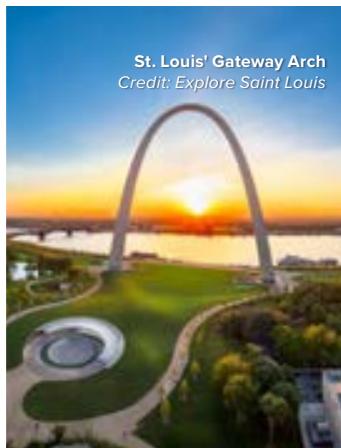
Continue to Elk City, where you will see the National Route 66 & Transportation Museum. Enjoy lunch on your own in the charming town, then pull into Amarillo, TX for an included dinner at The Big Texan Steak Ranch. (B, D)

◆ *Sleep Inn - West Medical Center or similar*

Day 7 • Amarillo to Albuquerque

Stop by Cadillac Ranch, one of Route 66's stranger art exhibits. Cadillac Ranch consists of ten graffiti-covered Cadillacs buried nose-deep in the hard dirt. After a short pit stop in Adrian, Route 66's halfway point, walk through the Tucumcari Historical Museum. Enjoy lunch on your own in town before heading to Albuquerque. (B)

◆ *Best Western Plus Rio Grande or similar*



Day 8 • Albuquerque to Flagstaff

Enjoy lunch on your own in Gallup, home to the flamboyant Hotel El Rancho that hosted many Golden Age movie stars while they shot classic westerns in the surrounding desert. Continue to the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest National Park. The landscape is full of windswept buttes, barren mesas, and breathtaking vistas. (B)

♦ Days Hotel or similar

Day 9 • Grand Canyon National Park

The beauty of the Grand Canyon is the complex and breathtaking result of billions of years of geographic tumult. It is a dramatic, dynamic display of earth's power. Spend most of the day exploring the Grand Canyon on your own. Return to Flagstaff in the evening. (B)

♦ Days Hotel or similar

Day 10 • Flagstaff to Las Vegas

Your first stop today is Seligman, the "historic birthplace of Route 66." Kingman, Arizona, is full of murals dedicated to Route 66, and is a great place to grab lunch en route to Las Vegas. Arrive in Sin City this afternoon, and enjoy the evening at your leisure. (B)

♦ Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino or similar

Day 11 • Las Vegas

This morning enjoy a photo op at the Las Vegas sign followed by a tour of the Las Vegas Strip. Then, enjoy an optional tour or spend the day at your leisure. Perhaps explore the reinvigorated downtown, or spend some time at the world-famous Strip. (B)

♦ Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino or similar

Day 12 • Las Vegas to Los Angeles

After lunch in Barstow, visit Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch—one of Route 66's quirkiest roadside attractions. Elmer Long created over 200 trees and cacti—artful eye-catching when illuminated by the hot desert sun. (B)

♦ Holiday Inn LAX or similar

Day 13 • Santa Monica

Today we take a guided tour of Los Angeles and Hollywood, seeing many of the highlights of the City of Angels, including the Sunset Strip and Hollywood and Highland. Enjoy an included farewell lunch on the Santa Monica Pier, the end point of Route 66. Celebrate your trip by looking out at the ocean and up to the sign marked, "End of the Trail." (B, L)

♦ Holiday Inn LAX or similar

Day 14 • Depart for Home (B)

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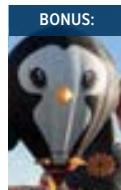
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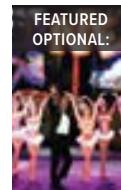
BONUS: DAY 8 - ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA

Oct 2, 2022 & Oct 1, 2023 departures will visit Albuquerque during the Balloon Fiesta. This morning, witness hundreds of balloons slowly rise to float into the clear blue New Mexico sky.



BONUS: DAY 8 - ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA SHAPES RODEO

On October 5, 2023 departures you will witness the Special Shapes Rodeo™ in the morning and the Shapes Glowdeo™ in the evening at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.



FEATURED OPTIONAL: DAY 11 - VEGAS! THE SHOW & DINNER

Vegas! The Show tells the musical story about Las Vegas, featuring the greatest entertainers who took residence in the entertainment capital of the world. \$159 p/p. Please add this option at time of booking. On select dates.