

# ROUTE 66

OCT 8-21 (LA TO CHICAGO) 2026

Cruising across eight states, Route 66 is an iconic symbol of American freedom and adventure that shaped the nation's history and culture. Known as "The Mother Road," it was one of the first continuous paved highways in the U.S., stretching 2,448 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles and serving as a major route for westward migration. Commissioned on November 11, 1926, Route 66 remains a treasured national landmark, with states dedicated to preserving its legacy. In 2026, Route 66 will celebrate its **100-year anniversary**, making it an epic, **bucket-list road trip** for travelers seeking a historic American adventure.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Los Angeles
- San Bernardino
- Winslow
- Albuquerque
- Amarillo
- Oklahoma City
- Tulsa
- St Louis
- Springfield
- Chicago



## MAP AT A GLANCE



**Wednesday, Oct. 8** - Fly into sunny California and transfer to your hotel. Take some time to unwind after your journey, then head over to the iconic **Santa Monica Pier**. It's a fantastic spot for photos, ocean views, and soaking up the laid-back California vibe. **(D)**

**Thursday, Oct. 9** - After breakfast, get ready to kick off your Route 66 adventure! Your first stop is **Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch** in Oro Grande—a magical outdoor gallery bursting with colorful bottles and quirky art that's perfect for some unforgettable photos. Next, dive into the vintage charm of **Barstow Station**, where you can browse unique shops and soak up that classic Mother Road spirit. Then, snap your iconic picture at **Roy's Motel & Café** in Amboy, a true Route 66 legend. After a scenic drive past the Essex Rest Area, you'll arrive in Kingman, AZ. Don't miss the wild burros roaming freely in Oatman—it's like stepping back into the Old West. Before settling in for the night, swing by **Cool Springs Station** for some fun souvenirs. **(B, D)**

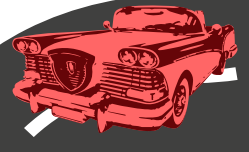
**Friday, Oct. 10** - Start your day exploring the **Route 66 Visitor Center and Museum** in Kingman, where you'll uncover fascinating stories about this legendary highway. A quick stop at the **Kingman Railroad Museum** lets you soak up some railroading history. You can learn about the important role trains played in this region's development—it's a perfect spot to snap some cool photos. Next, you'll head to Seligman, a vibrant town known as the birthplace of the Route 66 revival. Here, you can grab a bite at Westside Lilo's Café and check out **Delgadillo's Snow Cap Drive-In**, run by Angel Delgadillo—the legendary "guardian angel" of Route 66 who helped save the highway from obscurity. Take some time to explore the quirky shops, nostalgic signage, and friendly vibe that make Seligman a must-see on your journey. Later, you'll arrive in Williams, your base for the night and a charming town that perfectly captures the spirit of Route 66. Stroll the historic downtown or relax at your hotel as you prepare for tomorrow's big adventure to one of the world's most breathtaking natural wonders. **(B, L, D)**

**Saturday, Oct. 11** - All aboard! Get ready for an unforgettable experience aboard the **Grand Canyon Railway**. You'll board the train right from the Williams Train Depot, where a little Old West drama unfolds daily with the Cataract Creek Gang and the Marshal—keep your eyes peeled for a playful train robbery! Settle into your seat, enjoy the rolling scenery, and savor lunch on board as you journey toward the **Grand Canyon**. Take in the awe-inspiring views of this immense geological masterpiece—perfect for photos and quiet moments of wonder. Whether you stroll along the rim, visit lookout points, or just soak up the atmosphere, the Grand Canyon will leave you speechless. After your visit, the train will carry you back to Williams, where you can reflect on your day and enjoy a relaxing evening in town. **(B, L)**

**Sunday, Oct. 12** - Your Route 66 adventure continues in Flagstaff and beyond. Start with a visit to the **Flagstaff Visitor Center**, where you can choose a guided walking tour or listen to a pre-recorded guide that reveals fascinating stories about the Mother Road's legacy here. Be sure to check out the **Amtrak Station Mural** and learn about the town's role in Route 66 history, including the legacy of the Green Book, a travel guide for African American motorists in the mid-20th century. Later, it's time to channel your inner bowler at **Starlite Lanes**, one of Arizona's oldest bowling alleys still rolling since 1957. Enjoy this nostalgic setting, complete with classic vibes and friendly competition. From there, make your way to Winslow, where you'll visit the famous **Standin' on the Corner Park**—an homage to the Eagles' iconic song "Take It Easy." Before heading to Holbrook, stop at the **Wigwam Motel**, known for its teepee-shaped rooms and colorful Route 66 Americana. You'll then journey to Gallup, New Mexico, where the day ends with an authentic **Native American dance performance**, giving you a deep cultural experience you won't soon forget. **(B, L, D)**

**Monday, Oct. 13** - Begin your day with a unique photo opportunity at the glowing **Neon Drive-Thru Sign** in Grants, NM—a retro roadside icon perfect for your Route 66 collection. Then, visit the historic **San Jose Mission** in New Laguna, one of the oldest missions in the Southwest. Its beautiful adobe architecture and centuries of cultural history offer a peaceful and inspiring stop along the way. You'll arrive in Albuquerque, where a themed Route 66 city tour awaits. Explore iconic sites and stories that highlight the Mother Road's influence on this vibrant city. For a change of pace, hop on the **Sandia Peak Aerial Tram** to enjoy spectacular panoramic views from above. Your evening in Albuquerque will give you time to soak in the local charm and perhaps enjoy some casual exploring or relaxing before the next day's adventures. **(B, L, LS)**

**Tuesday, Oct. 14** - After breakfast, we visit the **Musical Highway** near Tijeras, NM—a cleverly engineered stretch of road that plays "America the Beautiful" through vibrations under your tires when you hit just the right speed. It's a quirky and totally unique way to experience the road. Next, car enthusiasts will love the **Santa Rosa Auto Museum**, a treasure trove of classic cars and Route 66 memorabilia. Afterward, shop for one-of-a-kind souvenirs at **Teepee Curios** in Tucumcari, soaking in the local flavor and vintage charm. Don't miss the iconic **Blue Swallow Motel**, where you can snap photos of its neon-lit façade before continuing on to the Midpoint Café in Adrian, TX—the exact halfway point between Chicago and Los Angeles. It's a great spot to reflect on your incredible cross-country adventure and capture some iconic photos. Finish your day in Amarillo with a stop at the **Cadillac Ranch**, a famous art installation featuring vintage Cadillacs buried nose-first in the ground—grab some spray paint and add your own creative touch! Then settle in to your hotel, ready for whatever the road brings next. **(B, L, D)**



**Wednesday, Oct. 15** - Start your morning with a delicious breakfast to power up for a day packed with iconic Route 66 stops! You'll head to Shamrock, TX, where the legendary **U-Drop Inn** awaits—a quirky 1936 Conoco Tower Station shaped like a giant nail stuck in the ground. Next up is Elk City, OK, home to the **National Route 66 Museum**. Here, you can check out a fantastic collection of classic cars and dive into fascinating tours that bring the history of the Mother Road to life. After lunch, explore the **Route 66 Museum** in Clinton, OK to soak in even more roadside Americana. Then, stretch your legs at the **El Reno Mother Road Monument**, a proud symbol celebrating Route 66. In El Reno, take a ride on the charming **Heritage Express Trolley**—a relaxing way to see the town—then enjoy dinner at Johnnie's Grill, a classic spot where the atmosphere is as legendary as the food. You'll end your day relaxing at the hotel, ready for more adventures tomorrow! **(B, L, D)**

**Thursday, Oct. 16** - Get ready for some fizzy fun at **Pops 66 Soda Ranch** in Arcadia, OK! Everyone gets a free soda here, and the colorful, giant soda bottle sculpture is a great photo op. Right nearby, you'll see the quirky and unique **Round Barn**—the only round barn on Route 66—and it's a must-see for your photo collection. Next stop: the **Route 66 Interpretive Center** in Chandler, OK. This place is packed with interactive exhibits that bring the road's stories to life. Tulsa has a full day in store for you: visit the Route 66 Historic Village for a nostalgic stroll, then swing by the **Mother Road Market 66** for some local treats and souvenirs. Don't miss **Buck Atom's Cosmic Curios**, a fun spot full of out-of-this-world Route 66 collectibles. Finally, enjoy a **Tulsa city tour** featuring landmarks like the Cyrus Avery Plaza Route 66 Sculpture, the Route 66 Rising Sculpture, and the towering Golden Driller statue. Tonight, rest up at Tally's Hotel in Tulsa. **(B, D)**

**Friday, Oct. 17** - Kick off the day with a photo stop at the famous **Blue Whale in Catoosa**—a colorful, quirky Route 66 icon perfect for your travel album. Then, head to **Totem Park in Chelsea**, home to the world's largest concrete totem pole. Definitely snap some photos here! Lunch awaits at Casper's Diner on 66 in Springfield, MO, where you'll enjoy classic diner vibes and delicious comfort food. Springfield is the birthplace of Route 66, so don't miss the **Route 66 Car Museum**. You'll learn about the day in 1926 when the road was officially named. Your afternoon includes a surprise guided trip through **Devil's Elbow**, a scenic and historic stretch full of stories. Spend the night at the cozy and welcoming Wagon Wheel Motel in Cuba, MO. **(B, L)**

**Saturday, Oct. 18** - Time to take it easy and explore St. Louis! Enjoy a **guided city tour** followed by lunch at a local spot. Then spend some time soaking up the views and history at the **stunning Gateway Arch**. Next, get ready for some neon magic at the **Neon Museum** with a guided tour showcasing fabulous vintage signs that light up the city's history. Wrap up your day with a delicious dinner and some well-earned rest. **(B, D)**

**Sunday, Oct. 19** - After breakfast, explore the IL **Route 66 Experience at the State Fairgrounds**—a self-guided spot full of fun exhibits and history. It looks especially cool when the lights come on! Visit the **Ace Sign Museum** next, where neon signs and classic Route 66 art dazzle. **Take a city tour** that includes stops at the Cozy Dog Drive-In, Route 66 Drive-In Theater, Mahan's Filling Station, the Lauterbach Giant, and the newly restored Sunrise Donuts Sign, then relax back at the hotel after dinner. **(B, L, D)**

**Monday, Oct. 20** - Start your day exploring the **Route 66 Hall of Fame Museum** in Pontiac, IL, where you'll see iconic pieces like Bob Waldmire's bus and the largest Route 66 shield mural—perfect for snapping photos. Grab a sweet treat at **Rich & Creamy** in Joliet, then stop by the **Welcome Center** for any last souvenirs or info to wrap up your Route 66 adventure. Enjoy dinner nearby and settle in at your hotel for the night. **(B, D)**

**Tuesday, Oct. 21** - Your final day is packed with unforgettable Chicago highlights! Experience the thrilling **Fly Over Chicago**, then relax on a beautiful **boat cruise along the Chicago River**—perfect for taking in the city skyline and reflecting on your epic Route 66 journey. Enjoy a classic breakfast or brunch at Lou Mitchell's, a Chicago institution known for welcoming travelers just like you. Before you head home, snap a photo at the iconic **Route 66 sign**, a perfect final memory of the Mother Road. **(B, L)**

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