

JOIN YOUR FELLOW IPA MEMBERS AS WE EXPLORE

ROUTE 66



Call **USA River Cruises** to book your Route 66 adventure today:
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DAY 1 ARRIVE CHICAGO

Welcome to the starting point of Route 66! Your Tour Director is at the hotel this afternoon to answer any questions. At 6 p.m., gather at the hotel with your Tour Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception.

Hotel: The Palmer House Hilton (MD)

DAY 2 CHICAGO - SPRINGFIELD

After an introduction to the Windy City, including elegant Lakeshore Drive and the Magnificent Mile, hit the road for a good, old-fashioned American road trip. Just outside Chicago, see several of Route 66's original gas stations. Explore the history and cultural impact of America's Mother Road at the Route 66 Association Hall of Fame & Museum. Roll on southwest to Springfield, where you visit the last resting place of Abraham Lincoln.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast) Hotel: Hilton Springfield (F)

DAY 3 SPRINGFIELD - ST LOUIS

Starting with viewing the great city from atop the famed St. Louis Gateway arch, get ready for a real taste of America's Midwest today. Take a break at Ted Drewes Frozen Custard, a Route 66 favorite since 1929. Then, experience another American favorite with a guided tour of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery — from the stables of the Clydesdales to the tasting room. And what goes better with beer than barbecue? Learn to mix up your own sweet and spicy barbecue sauce with a team of master barbecue chefs and enjoy a rib-sticking Be My Guest Barbecue Dinner, hot off the grill.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast / Be My Guest dinner) Hotel: Omni Majestic Hotel (MD)

DAY 4 ST LOUIS - MERAMEC CAVERNS - BRANSON

Go underground in Meramec Caverns, a former hideout of Jesse James, for a glimpse of some outstanding subterranean formations. Then it's onward to the Ozarks and the lively American musical mecca of Branson. Explore Branson Landing, a shopping, dining and entertainment hub on the shores of Lake Taneycomo. Tonight, perhaps get your kicks at an optional dinner show.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast) Hotel: Hilton Promenade at Branson Landing (F)

DAY 5 BRANSON - WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL - OKLAHOMA CITY (2 NIGHTS)

Roll on through historic Joplin, Missouri right into Oklahoma to visit the opulent Coleman Theater. In Eastern Oklahoma, an especially scenic part of the Mother Road, Route 66 is also known as the Will Rogers Highway; stop to visit a museum dedicated to this famous American humorist who once said, "I never met a man I didn't like." Tonight, enjoy a Highlight Dinner in the vibrant warehouse district of Bricktown.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast / Highlight Dinner) Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Oklahoma City (MF)

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DAY 6 OKLAHOMA CITY SIGHTSEEING - FREE TIME

Get a taste of the Old West at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum with its collection of Native American art and outstanding display of antique firearms. After lunch, visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, honoring the 1995 bombing victims. The rest of the day is yours to explore historic Bricktown. **Meal(s): (Full Breakfast)**

DAY 7 OKLAHOMA CITY - ROUTE 66 MUSEUM - AMARILLO

In Clinton, explore a classic collection of Route 66 history, memorabilia and culture. Crossing into the Texas Panhandle, return to Old Route 66 for a scenic drive before stopping at Amarillo, the “yellow rose of Texas.” **Meal(s): (Full Breakfast) Hotel: The Ambassador Hotel (F)**

DAY 8 AMARILLO - ALBUQUERQUE (2 NIGHTS)

Yes, those are 10 classic Cadillacs buried nose down in the dirt, the famed Cadillac Ranch pop art installation just outside Amarillo. Travel on to Albuquerque where the spirit of Route 66 still thrives; tonight, don your poodle skirt or leather jacket for a Highlight Dinner at the 66 Diner with its 1950s jukebox and blue-plate specials that have hardly changed since the heyday of the “Main Street of America.”

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast / Highlight Dinner) Hotel: Albuquerque Marriott (SF)

DAY 9 ALBUQUERQUE SIGHTSEEING & FREE TIME

While Albuquerque didn't boom until the coming of Route 66, the city has been here for more than 300 years. Take a tour of the Old Town and old adobes and enjoy some leisure time to explore on your own. Visit one of the many museums, relax in a cafe or perhaps opt to visit southwestern arts-filled Santa Fe.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast)

DAY 10 ALBUQUERQUE - SKY CITY ACOMA PUEBLO - FLAGSTAFF

Perched on a sandstone bluff, the Acoma pueblo is the longest continuously inhabited community in North America. With your Native American guide, walk through nearly 1,000 years of history and culture. Crossing into Arizona, watch the sun play over the changing colors of the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest National Park before arriving in Flagstaff with its quaint downtown and pine-forested hills.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast / Dinner) Hotel: Radisson Woodlands Hotel (F)

DAY 11 FLAGSTAFF - NAVAJO RESERVATION - GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

As the morning sun gilds the desert landscape, visit the traditional land of the Navajo people. Stop at Cameron Trading Post to browse through handicrafts and maybe enjoy some tasty fry bread. This afternoon, wind along scenic Desert View Drive before arriving at the Grand Canyon. Spend the night inside the park, allowing plenty of time to explore this natural world wonder. For more stunning views, take an optional plane or helicopter trip to see the canyon from the sky. **Meal(s): (Full Breakfast) Hotel: National Park Lodges (NP)**

DAY 12 GRAND CANYON - SELIGMAN - KINGMAN - LAS VEGAS

Hit the road again, breaking in Seligman and Kingman, Route 66 hotspots that have kept the old culture alive. Driving the Mother Road in these desert oases is like time traveling to see the well-preserved motels, diners and gas stations of a simpler era. Then, it's full speed ahead to glittering Las Vegas. The afternoon and evening are yours to hit the Strip, catch a show or try your luck at the slots.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast) Hotel: Paris Las Vegas (SF)

DAY 13 LAS VEGAS - HOLLYWOOD - LOS ANGELES

Travel from the City of Broken Dreams to the City of Angels today, with one last jaunt on Route 66 near the town of Barstow. Upon arrival in Los Angeles, see the sights, including Grauman's Chinese Theater, Beverly Hills, Sunset Boulevard and the place where the road comes to an end, Santa Monica and the great Pacific. This evening, celebrate your journey at a festive Farewell Dinner.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast / Farewell Dinner) Hotel: Renaissance Los Angeles Airport Hotel (SF)

DAY 14 DEPART LOS ANGELES

Say good-bye to the road and take flight. A complimentary transfer is provided to Los Angeles International Airport. **Meal(s): (Full Breakfast)**

*Hotel Class Key: D: Deluxe SF: Superior First Class F: First Class

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What's Included

Sightseeing Highlights

- **Chicago** Enjoy an orientation tour of this beautiful lakefront city.
- **Pontiac** Visit the Route 66 Association Hall of Fame & Museum
- **Springfield** See the tomb of President Lincoln.
- **Meramec Caverns** Explore the one-time hideaway of legendary Jesse James.
- **Branson** Kick your heels up in an all-American musical extravaganza destination.
- **Tulsa** Visit the Will Rogers Memorial Museum.
- **Oklahoma City** Visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial and the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.
- **Clinton** Stroll through decades of history and culture at the Route 66 Museum.
- **Amarillo** See iconic Cadillac Ranch, one of America's most striking outdoor art installations.
- **Albuquerque** Spend two nights in this major Route 66 outpost; visit Old Town and cruise down Central Avenue.
- **Sky City Acoma Pueblo** Tour this amazing settlement with a Native American resident.
- **Petrified Forest National Park** Wonder at this ancient desert landscape.
- **Flagstaff** See the charming historic downtown and the world's largest Ponderosa Pine forest.
- **Grand Canyon National Park** Travel along the canyon's Desert View Drive.
- **Las Vegas** Visit the "Entertainment Capital of the World."
- **Los Angeles** Enjoy an orientation tour of this exciting city.

Dining Highlights

- Welcome Reception with your Tour Director in Chicago.
- 13 full breakfasts.
- 1 three-course dinner.
- 2 Highlight Dinners with wine in Oklahoma City and Albuquerque.
- Be My Guest Dinner with drinks in St. Louis.
- Farewell Dinner with wine in Los Angeles.

First Class Travel Highlights

- Includes all First Class features.
- Airport transfers are provided on Day 1 and Day 14.
- Capture treasured memories of your trip with a complimentary group photo taken at a landmark location.

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