



DAY BY DAY PROGRAM

Route 66 USA

Chicago - Los Angeles/Hollywood

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On this and the following pages we give you a detailed overview of what to expect when traveling with www.route66usa.info on 20 day (19 nights) road tour that includes 14 days on a Harley-Davidson bike or in a car.

Day by day - general information

We start on time in the morning after breakfast, and will finish our destination around 5 PM in the afternoon if there are no unforeseen delays. We have hotels that are already booked so you can enjoy a nice meal and the swimmingpool if you like.

We ride approximately 4-7 hours a day on good roads with alot of great sites to see along the way. Older people have no problem with our trips as we will take breaks for a couple of days at certain places.

Day 1

Arriving in Chicago

For those who booked flights through us, there is public transport from the airport to the hotel, where we will stay for two nights. Those who arrange to fly on their own will have to get to the hotel themselves.

Upon arrival at the hotel, the guide will hold a short meeting and briefing about the program during their stay in Chicago. We must also fill out the rental papers this evening. This saves us a lot of time on the day of departure.

Those who want to, can end the evening with dinner in the hotel restaurant or in the bar with an ice-cold refreshment.

Day 2

A day in Chicago

After breakfast (*included in the "Food and entertainment"*), we will go downtown to walk around. There is transport from the hotel.

Suggestions of places we can visit:

- Willis Tower
- Millennium Park
- Michigan Ave
- Tribune Tower
- Chicago River

- *Wear good shoes* -

Day 3

Chicago - Millwaukee Harley Davidson Museum

(Roundtrip approximately 260 km)

We meet early in the morning at the reception of the hotel where we take transportation to Eagle Riders Rental in Chicago:

- We do all paperwork for the bikes.
- We pick up the bikes and we will also have time to purchase accessories such as helmets, jackets etc.
- The store employees go over everything you need to know about your bike.

When everybody is ready we start our riding adventure heading to the Milwaukee Harley-Davidson Museum. (HOG members have free entrance into the HD museum)

The evening can be spent at a wonderful blues club called The Kingston Mines in downtown Chicago, where you can also have dinner. Transportation can be arranged by the tour guide at your own expense. Bring the business card from the hotel as well for discounts.

Day 4

Chicago - Springfield Illinois

(approximately 330km)

Today we start our riding adventure at Route 66. Most of this will be through flat green countryside and many small Route 66 towns.

Towns we will go through:

- Romeoville
- Joliet
- Gardner
- Lincoln
- Atlanta
- Pontiac
- Lexington

Day 4

Chicago - Springfield Illinois

Today's highlights:

- Polk a Dot Route 66 Restaurant
- Dwight
- Pontiac Museum

We'll have dinner at the hotel in Springfield in the evening

- *Laundry facilities available here* -

Day 5**Springfield, Illinois - St Roberts, Missouri**

(approximately 440 km)

We will continue riding on Route 66 after breakfast. After driving through St Louis we will stop at the Jessie James Meramec Caverns in Stanton, where we will get a guided tour of the caves.

Today's highlights:

- Meramec Caverns
- Devil's Elbow
- Fanning Outpost

We will check in at a hotel in St. Roberts in the evening, where we can jump in the pool and have a beer. We will also order pizza to the hotel.

- *Laundry facilities available here* -

Day 6**St Roberts, Missouri - Clearmore, Oklahoma**

(approximately 437 km)

Today we will go through the 3 states Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. We will be riding mostly on the older Route 66 roads, and also travel through Amish Land.

Today's highlights:

- Garys Gay Parita (Gas Station)
- Cars on the Route, Galena Kansas
- Vintage Iron Miami Oklahoma

We stop for the night in Clearmore, Oklahoma where we also have dinner at Rib a Crib, a restaurant across the street from the hotel.

- *Swimming pool is open seasonaly (on all hotels, put everywhere in day program)* -

- *Laundry facilities available here* -

Day 7**Clearmore - Weatherford, Oklahoma**

(approximately 340 km)

We start the day driving through Tulsa before heading on Route 66 towards Stroud, where we stop for coffee at the legendary "Rock Café". We head on to Arcadia where we visit the "Round Barn" and have lunch in a very special gasstation/café close by.

Other places we drive through:

- Oklahoma City
- Bethany
- Yukon
- El Reno

Today's highlights:

- Rock Cafe
- Round Barn
- Pawney Bridge

After arrival in Weatherford we will enjoy some drinks, a nice swim in the pool and have dinner at a local restaurant nearby.

- *Laundry facilities available here* -

Day 8

**Weatherford, Oklahoma - Amarillo, Texas
(approximately 310 km)**

After breakfast, we set course for Clinton. Then we head towards Elk City and the National Route 66 Museum. We have lunch at a chinese buffet restaurant in Elk City.

We continue to Erick and visit the world's most crazy redneck with the name of Harley. (There is no cost but a tip donation of 10 dollars is a nice gesture).

We head on to Amarillo (The Yellow Rose of Texas), mostly on Route 66 roads but sometimes on Interstate 40. In Amarillo, we check in at the hotel for the night. In the evening, we eat at famous Big Texan Steak Ranch where they serve steaks up to 72 ounces (2,04 kg).

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Day 9

**Amarillo, Texas - Santa Rosa, New Mexico
(approximately 300 km)**

Exclusive visit to a real cowboy ranch

After a big texan breakfast we visit Cavender's Boot City. the world's largest boots store.
(Check the store online at <http://www.cavenders.com>)

We ride on, passing Cadillac Ranch before we come to the Midpoint of Route 66 at the small town of Adrian (Midpoint of Route 66). We will stop at Midpoint for coffee and photos. We have now come halfway on Route 66. We cross the border into New Mexico by the ghost town of Glenrio.

Day 9

Amarillo, Texas - Santa Rosa, New Mexico

Our next stop is in Tucumcari at the Blue Swallow Motel where we also enjoy a light lunch. Then we continue to our hotel at Santa Rosa where you can also relax by the pool.

Late in the afternoon we head onward to Curt's Cowboy Camp where we see how cattle are lassoed on horseback. You can try lassoing yourself if you like on lasso dummies, before being served a real homemade cowboy dinner. After dinner we hang around together at the campfire together before heading back to the hotel.

Today's highlights:

- Cavenders Boot City
- Cadillac Ranch
- Midpoint, Adrian
- Blue Swallow Motel
- Curts Cowboy Camp

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Day 10

Santa Rosa, New Mexico - Albuquerque, New Mexico

(approximately 330 km)

After breakfast we ride through the wild west. We start by riding Route 66 for 70 kilometers on the highway before heading towards the mountains and the small town of Villa Nueda. Then we head on to the town of Pecos for a lunch, passing by Santa Fe down to the small town of Madrid, where most of the scenes of the movie *The Wild Hogs* were filmed.

We stop in Madrid for about an hour for coffee before heading on to Albuquerque where we will enjoy a cold beer in the swimming pool at the hotel where we will spend the night. We have dinner at a local restaurant nearby.

- *Laundry facilities available here* -

Today's highlights:

- Villa Nueva
- Pecos
- Madrid

Day 11

Albuquerque, New Mexico - Gallup, New Mexico

(approximately 350 km)

We start out in Albuquerque after breakfast. Today we will ride through the dry warm desert. We head through Dead Man's Curve before reaching Laguna and then we will ride to Acoma Sky City, the oldest city in the U.S.

We park at the visitor center and go on the guided tour, which lasts for about 40 mins. We also make some stops for photos and video at Acoma Sky City.

Day 11

Albuquerque, New Mexico - Gallup, New Mexico

We have lunch at Acoma City Casino before heading to El Morro where we make a coffee stop. Then we head to Zuni Pueblo and the private home of a Zuni indian family. We will be served homemade indian food and also local entertainment. We are the only tour operator that can offer this special experience.

We will check in for the night at El Rancho Motel aside of El Rancho Hotel in Gallup. El Rancho Hotel has been used for many old movies. We will stay the night in Gallup, and the evening can be spent at the 49ers Lounge inside El Rancho Hotel.

Today's highlights:

- Acoma Sky City
- Zuni Indians
- El Rancho Hotel

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Day 12

Gallup, New Mexico - Williams, Arizona

(approximately 400 km)

We have an early breakfast at El Rancho Hotel before crossing the border into Arizona, where we will visit Petrified Forest and Painted Desert National Park. We drive slowly through the park with stops to take photos.

Painted Desert is one of the locations on the tour which has been featured in many western films. We eat lunch in the town of Holbrook at Joe and Aggie's diner from 1943. Then we head to Winslow, where we stop at Standing On A Corner, which is featured in the hit song Take It Easy with the band Eagles.

We head through Flagstaff on our way to Williams, also known as "The Gateway To The Grand Canyon". In the evening, we go to Wild West Junction for food and some country music entertainment.

We will stay in Williams for 2 nights as we will be going to the Grand Canyon. Williams is also the most lively Route 66 town we will visit on the tour. You'll wait - you'll see..

- *Laundry facilities available here* -

Day 13

Williams Grand Canyon - Williams

(approximately 200 km roundtrip)

We start with an early breakfast before a 1 hour drive to the Grand Canyon. First after arriving, we will take the spectacular ride over Grand Canyon with a helicopter. Make sure to book this activity in advance when you book the trip. After the helicopter tour we will have lunch next to the visitor center of the Grand Canyon. There is also a a Imax Theatre in connection to the visitor center, which is open both upon arrival and departure to Williams. The Imax film is included in the price for those who book the helicopter tour.

Day 13

Williams Grand Canyon - Williams

After lunch we ride up to a viewpoint of the Grand Canyon. There is a photo session here so you can sit on your bike with the Grand Canyon in the background. After the photo session, you will be able to stroll around by yourself in the Grand Canyon area and back to the hotel. On the way back, you can also choose to visit the Imax Theatre, if you haven't earlier.

Then a helicopter tour will embark for the participants that have booked in advance. If you want to participate on the helicopter tour we advise you to book it together with your trip, as the helicopter tours are usually fully booked by the time you get there.

If you go by yourself, we recommend to return to the hotel before it gets dark.

We have the evening off in Williams to hang out and explore this really nice town. We recommend having dinner at Cruise's Cafe.

Day 14

Williams, Arizona - Las Vegas, Nevada

(approximately 480 km)

This is one of the days many have been looking forward to. We're going to gambler's paradise and light city of Las Vegas.

After breakfast in Williams we continue westward along Route 66 to Seligman. The city has only one street, so it's not particularly difficult to find..

In Seligman we visit Stagecoach 66 Motel which is owned and run by the older, lively Norwegian lady Anne Lise Finnbråten from Elverum in Norway. She has been living in the U.S more or less since she was 21 years old, and she is now in the age of 71. She took over the motel for about 8 years ago. Here we will be served up pizza along with live country music *only* for us. This is an unforgettable visit, and we stop here for about 45 minutes.

We head on to Hackberry where we stop for 15-20 minutes at a gift shop. We also make a quick stop at Kingman before we head to Stigreaves Pass for a photo.

We will stop for lunch in Oatman, an old mining town in the mountains before crossing the border into Nevada. We make a stop at the Hoover Dam before we do the final ride through Boulder City to Las Vegas.

In Las Vegas, we check in at Hotel Statosphere. Here we will have a drive-free day, so feel free to explore the city or just stay in, relax and dine at the the hotel, it is up to you.

Day 15-16

2 days in Las Vegas

There is no daytime schedule for the group in Las Vegas, however we recommend a stroll down Las Vegas Boulevard (6 kilometers), with these highlights to explore:

- The Candlelight Wedding Chapel (where couples get married 24 hours a day)
- Fashion Show Mall with over 200 shops (A cheaper alternative is Premium Outlets Store, which can be reached within 5 minutes with a taxi)
- Treasure Island (Pirate show every 90 minutes)
- Wyatt Hotel (New exclusive hotel)

- Venetian Hotel (A piece of Italy in the middle of Vegas)
- Mirage Hotel (Tropical paradise with volcano eruptions at night)
- Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum
- Imperial Palace Hotel (Asian theme with huge veteran car collection)
- Alladin Hotel (Classic hotel where Elvis and Priscilla was married)
- MGM Grand Hotel (Iconic hotel and the largest in the U.S)

On the second day the tour leader can arrange a dinner in downtown Las Vegas, if the participants are up for it. If you participate on the dinner, we will also see the spectacular water and lightshow at the Bellagio Hotel.

The first night we arrive at Las Vegas, we will recommend that you head down to the "Old Las Vegas" There you will find Fremont Street (Golden Nugget), where they run a music video show in the ceiling.

There are tons of performances in Las Vegas. You should research this before hand and book tickets before traveling. There are many singers and other performances in many different hotels and locations.

Day 17

Las Vegas, Nevada - Los Angeles, California

(approximately 460 km)

This morning we start extra early because of the heat during the day and also so we will arrive in L.A before the rush hour starts. We ride on Las Vegas Strip on our morning exit, visiting the "Welcome to Las Vegas" sign. Then we head towards the Mojave nature reserve and further into California with short stops along the way.

We will stop in Victorville for lunch and then through Cajun pass to San Bernadino and finally Los Angeles, where we return the bikes at Eagle Riders.

We will get transport by bus to our hotel in Los Angeles. Here we jump in the pool with a cold drink or beer, celebrating our great adventure on Route 66 USA!

We now congratulate you for now having **driven across the US more than 6000 km through 10 States.**

Day 18

First Full Day in Los Angeles

We start with breakfast and then we meet at a agreed location before a joint departure to Hollywood

and the famous Walk of Fame. We also visit Mann's Chinese Theater.

We have about a hour to explore before the bus takes us to Universal City. Most participants choose to visit Universal Studios but you can also choose to just spend the day in Hollywood.

We will remain at Universal Studios till around 6 PM before we go for dinner at Hard Rock Cafe. If you are not going to Universal Studios. If you choose to explore Hollywood on your own, don't forget to to inform the tour guide so the group aren't waiting for you.

Day 19
Another Whole Day in Los Angeles

Today we visit both Santa Monica Beach and Venice Beach. You can choose to explore on your own or stay with the group.

If you dont want to follow along on our schedule, you are of course free to explore Los Angeles on your own. In the afternoon and evening we relax by the pool at the hotel.

Day 20
Day of Departure

We have transport to the airport from the hotel on the day of departure. If you have a late time of departure, it is possible to stay and relax at the pool at the hotel until it is time to leave for the airport. However, you are required to check out of the room at 11 AM. The hotel will help you with the luggage until it is time for you to go to the airport.

We congratulate to your successful Route 66 adventure. We hope you have had a great trip and and

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