

Route 66 - Mother Road: from Chicago to L.A. (M-ID: 2562)

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from €7,795.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

18 days

05/30/2024 - 06/16/2024 18 days

Get your Kicks on the "Route 66" - The Route 66, world-famous as the "Mother Road" or the "Mainstreet of America", is about 3900 kilometers long and runs from Chicago to Los Angeles or vice versa. It crosses 3 time zones in 8 states of the USA.

Route 66 is not just a road. It is a lifestyle and a cult. The road builders of the Old West planned and built "US Highway 66" as early as 1926. In 1938, it was finally completely paved. At one point the mass migration to the "golden west" had begun. Thousands of cars - bumper to bumper - with entire families and all of their belongings tried to find their luck in the west. Many of them returned frustrated or settled somewhere else. Our journey through this sad and romantic history leads us along seemingly endless landscapes through the most diverse areas of the USA. We visit historic hotels, motels, gas stations, classic diners as well as restaurants. Car wrecks are everywhere to the left and right of the road. Some of the classic routes and historic landmarks have been restored and left in their original 50's condition. Some stretches are now interstates to cover long distances more quickly. We stick to the original Route 66 route wherever possible.

Come with us on a historic journey through the USA and "get your own kicks on Route 66"!

Tour itinerary:

Day 01: Flight to Chicago (IL)

The tour begins with your flight from the departure city (connecting flight available) to Chicago. Your tour guide will be waiting for you at the airport and will organize your transfer to your well-located mid-range hotel in the Chicago area. Afterward, during a leisurely welcome drink, he will brief the group on the next day's itinerary. The rest of the evening is at your leisure. Overnight stay in the Chicago/St. Charles/Rosemont area.

Day 02: Chicago (IL)

To get the best impressions of the "Windy City", as Chicago is also called, you have the opportunity to take part in a guided city tour first thing in the morning. Experience the city on an escorted tour in a double-decker bus, take pictures at the starting sign of Route 66 and visit the Willis (formerly Sears) Tower, from which you have a fantastic view over the city. The evening is at your leisure. Overnight stay in Chicago.

Day 03: Chicago - Bloomington (IL) Your personal "Route 66" tour experience begins today. First thing in the morning your luggage will be loaded into the support vehicle. Afterward, we organize the transfer to the rental station, where we will take over our motorcycles. After leaving the city, we will already see the first few parts of the old Route 66, which can sporadically be found next to the new route. We cruise along the Pontiac Trail through the coal mining areas of Illinois. The attractions on today's route are so numerous that we have to limit ourselves to selected highlights, such as the Launchpad Drive Inn in Wilmington or the Route 66 Association Hall of Fame & Museum in Pontiac, IL where we will take one of the most beautiful photos of the tour. Of course, we will see other famous sights along the road. Overnight stay in Bloomington, IL. Tour length approx. 225 Km

Day 04: Bloomington - St. Louis (IL/MO)

Numerous sights of Route 66 are a part of today's program. Among the most important stops are the famous Dixie Truck Stop and Abraham Lincoln's Tomb, the famous Auburn Brick road, and Litchfield, the Ariston Café. Passing the historic "Chain of the Rocks" bridge we continue to St. Louis on the Mississippi River. The city's landmark is the Gateway Arch, from which you can get a good overview. The elevator ride (optional) high into the arch and the Lewis

& Clark Museum is worth a visit. A steamboat ride (Optional) across the Mississippi River is also recommended. Tonight's overnight stay is in St. Louis. Tour length approx. 300 Km

Day 05: St. Louis - Springfield (MO)

Our route today leads to the so-called "The Middle of Everywhere" to Springfield, MO. We ride along the northern Ozark Mountains via Rolla. None of these mountains are particularly high, but you get a breathtaking view of the steep slopes. These are thick vegetations with oaks, elms, hickories, and the beautiful Royal Redbud trees that offer a very special atmosphere in the fall. Along the way, we'll visit sleepy yet well-known towns, such as Devils Elbow, Lebanon, and Conway, in deepest Missouri. Here you will have the opportunity to visit the very interesting stalactite cave of Fantastic Caverns (possibly the next day) on the so-called Jeep Train. Overnight stay in Springfield, MO. Tour length approx. 350 Km

Day 06: Springfield - Kansas - Tulsa (MO/KS/OK)

First, we visit the Gay Parita Sinclair Station, one of the famous Route 66 gas stations. Then we ride through Carthage with its very nice courthouse, as well as through the mining town of Webb City before passing through the Sunflower State of Kansas, which has the shortest distance of the 66 at just 20 km. The March Rainbow Arch Bridge is one of the attractions in Kansas. Arriving in Oklahoma we visit the old town of Miami and see the famous "Coleman Theater". The US star Will Rogers (1879-1935) performed here regularly and is considered one of the fathers of Route 66 in Oklahoma. Other highlights today include Ed Galloway's Totem Pole Park and the Blue Whale of Catoosa. Tonight's overnight stay is in Tulsa. Tour length approx. 340 Km

Day 07: Tulsa - Oklahoma City (OK)

Today we face a short stage through the former land of indigenous people, but this stretch is enormously impressive and very characteristic of Route 66. We explore this rural state with its cattle ranches, western hat stores, custom cowboy boot stores, stables, and auction halls. Today's highlights also include the Rock Cafe Stroud, Arcadia Round Barn, Arcadia, and Pops on 66. In Oklahoma City, we have a scheduled time for an optional visit to the "National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum" which is "a must" for anyone traveling Route 66. Overnight stay in Oklahoma City. Tour length approx. 200 Km

Day 08: Oklahoma City - Amarillo (OK/TX)

Oklahoma is rightly called "America's Heartland" and for all Route 66 travelers, it is definitely worthwhile to visit this place. After leaving Oklahoma City, we pass Clinton - the "heart and soul" of Route 66 where one of the most beautiful Route 66 museums awaits us. In Texola we cross the border to Texas. The U-Drop Inn, one of the old original Route 66 gas stations and motels in the oil town of Shamrock, the Devils Rope Museum in McLean, the leaning water tower as well as the 58 m large cross (the largest cross in the western hemisphere) in Groom, are some of the many highlights of today's stage before we reach Amarillo. A famous Route 66 specialty may be tasted by the hungriest among you: a "Texas-style" steak such as the 4 1/2 pound T-bone at Big Texan Steakhouse. Of course, you'll also find food for regular appetites on the menu here. Overnight stay in Amarillo. Tour length approx. 430 Km

Day 09: Amarillo - Santa Fe (TX/NM)

Our first destination today is the Harley-Davidson® Dealer and then we will stop at the famous Cadillac Ranch. This monument, which is meant to remind us of the glorious old days of Route 66 and the freedom that the automobile brought us, is represented by ten Cadillacs anchored in the ground. The angle at which the vehicles are buried is said to correspond with the angle of incline of the Pyramids of Giza. Here we are at the exact halfway point of our tour: at Adrian Texas Midpoint Route 66 we are 1139 miles from Chicago and 1139 miles from Los Angeles. Passing endless cattle ranches, in the morning we reach the border with the state of New Mexico at Glenrio, where we gain an hour. From Tucumcari and Santa Rosa, we continue through the High Plains of Comanche country along the pre-1937 alignment of Route 66 to Santa Fe, where we will spend the night. Tour length approx. 450 Km

Day 10: Santa Fe - Madrid - Albuquerque - Gallup (NM)

Today we ride through New Mexico, also called the Land of Enchantment. The dominant colors of the beautiful landscapes on the way are purple and blood red. In the morning we first head to Madrid, the small town that became famous in the movie "Wild Hogs / Born to be Wild" with John Travolta and Tim Allen. We will reach the historic Plaza of Albuquerque just in time for lunch. Among other things, Albuquerque is famous for its annual Balloon Festival, which takes place in October. Afterward, we will cross the famous Rio Grande. We reach the final destination of today's stage riding the wide roads - the old railroad and the Natives' town of Gallup in New Mexico. Overnight stay in Gallup. Tour length approx. 350 Km

Day 11: Gallup - Petrified Forest NP - Winslow - Williams (NM/AZ)

Soon we will reach the New Mexico-Arizona border, and a little later we reach the entrance to the beautiful Petrified Forest National Park with many very interesting photo stops. Not far from the southern exit of the park is Holbrook, where the famous Wigwam Motel is located. Afterward, we stop at the old "Jackrabbit Trading Post", then we visit Winslow, already sung by the Eagles in their hit song "Take it Easy". Passing Twin Arrows and Flagstaff we now reach the end of today's stage, the small town of Williams. Here is still a lot of the old west flair with the historic houses and the old entertainment district directly on Route 66. The next two nights are in Williams. Tour length approx. 410 Km

Day 12: Williams - Grand Canyon - Williams (AZ)

Today you either put your feet up and have fun in Williams or you enjoy the Grand Canyon. In the morning you have the opportunity to take a helicopter tour over the breathtaking Grand Canyon before we ride from Williams to this unofficial wonder of the world. Here you have a choice, either the longer tour via the south rim of the Grand Canyon, Cameron, Flagstaff, and back to Williams, or after a short visit to the National Park back to Route 66. Overnight stay in Williams. Tour length: approx. 210 - 365 Km

Day 13: Williams - Seligman - Oatman - Laughlin (AZ/NV)

Early in the morning, we leave Williams on Route 66, to cross the Interstate briefly to Crookton Road, a newly restored section of Route 66. In the small town of Seligman, we visit the barber store of the probably most famous barber in the world, Angel Delgadillo. Angel is also one of the co-founders of the Historic Route 66 Association and is considered the father of historic Route 66. We then ride through the Hualapai Reservation of the natives and

visit the General Store in Hackberry with its classic cars. We spend our lunch break in Kingman, where we can also visit the interesting Route 66 Museum. Via Cool Springs and the Sitegreave Pass, we reach the small western town of Oatman along a winding road, which is a favorite stop for many motorcyclists. Apart from the tourist traffic, it seems as if time has stopped here in the wild west. The wild burros there, as well as the real cowboys, are looking forward to your visit. In the afternoon we reach the Colorado River and the gambling town of Laughlin in Nevada, where we will spend the night. Tour length approx. 310 Km

Day 14: Laughlin - Amboy - Bagdad - Barstow (CA)

In the morning we again ride through the Mojave Desert and back on the old Route 66. Riding via Goofs we reach the famous Roys Café in Amboy, where a stop is an absolute must. Many of the small towns on Route 66 have disappeared nowadays. We then ride via Ludlow, visiting the Bagdad Cafe on the way, the filming location of the cult movie "Out of Rosenheim". Our destination today is Barstow. Overnight stay in Barstow. Tour length approx. 295 Km

Day 15: Barstow - San Gabriel Mountains - Los Angeles (CA)

At the end of the day, we will ride one of the most beautiful motorcycle routes on our tour. The road leads us over the famous Angel's Crest Highway through the San Gabriel Mountains. This route has over 80 km almost only curves and winds over mountains and through canyons. Our lunch break will be at Newcombs Ranch, the well-known biker hangout of the region. Topanga Canyon is another highlight on our route before we reach the famous coastal road, Highway 1. Before we reach Los Angeles - the final destination of our trip, we pass Santa Monica, where the end (or the beginning in the other direction) of Route 66 is marked. We will drop off our motorcycles at our local rental station and from there we will organize the transfer to your hotel. Overnight stay in Los Angeles/LAX. Tour length approx. 335 Km

Day 16: Los Angeles

This day is at your leisure. In the morning you have the possibility to participate in a guided city tour (optional) with a local guide (advance reservation required). You will be picked up from the hotel by an approx. 12 passenger van and start your city tour. From Venice Beach, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, through Hollywood, and back to the hotel. Overnight stay in Los Angeles.

Day 17: Return flight

Today it is time to say goodbye. During the day, you will be transferred to LAX Airport in Los Angeles and fly back home. (Transfer connection possible).

Day 18: Arrival in Europe

Arrival at your departure point. End of the trip.

- Program subject to change -

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| Countries | USA / United States of America |
| Category | Motorcycle Tour |
| Terrain | Onroad |
| Vehicle | motorcycle rent incl. |
| Tourguide / Coach | yes (guided) |
| Accommodation | Hotel / B&B or similar |
| Flight to / from | yes, incl. |
| Ferry | no, not incl. |
| Support vehicle (luggage/service) | yes |
| Level of difficulty | medium |
| Customer payment protection | yes |
| * PRICING | Minimal without optional extras, see pricing |

Pricing

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| per rider in shared twin/double room | €7,795.00 |
| per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider) | €5,295.00 |
| per person single room | €8,995.00 |
| Surcharge for Grand Touring class motorcycles | €330.00 |

Included

Flight in Economy Class from/to Frankfurt to Chicago/Los Angeles (transfer possible)

16 overnight stays in good tourist/middle class hotels according to the itinerary

13 days motorcycle rental with guarantee on a model within the booked class/category (surcharge 330 € per motorcycle only for Grand Touring Class).

All European and American air safety charges

Kerosene surcharges as of 04/2023

Air transport levy for departures ex Germany

Breakfast - if offered by the hotels (A frank word on the subject of breakfast in the USA: We would like to point out that breakfast as an included service in American or Canadian hotels is not a matter of course. There are all different varieties of breakfast. Some hotels offer coffee and some kind of roll, toast or a piece of cake, plus maybe some jam. If one is lucky, there is some fruit or dairy products. Some accommodations only offer coffee with a coffee maker in the room. Other hotels offer a varied breakfast. Many hotels decide in the middle of the season to launch this service, to abolish it or even to change it. There is generally everywhere a possibility to buy breakfast for little money. We write in the services "Partial breakfast", because we can not guarantee which hotel all of a sudden decides for it or against it).

All free miles

LDW-ZERO insurance - value approx. 550 € (In case of damage you have no deductible. The deductible in case of theft is a maximum of 1000 US \$ and must be paid by the customer in case of damage (theft). After the tour, the damage will be submitted and after inspection, the costs will be reimbursed by our German insurer. Please note: in order to avoid much higher costs, in case of theft, among other things, you must present the motorcycle key and a police report at the rental station).

TOP PROTECTION: Exclusion of liability for self-inflicted damage or theft, the deductible is 0 EUR (In case of damage you have no deductible. The deductible in case of theft is a maximum of 1000 US \$ and must be paid by the customer in case of damage (theft). After the tour, the damage will be submitted and after inspection, the costs will be reimbursed by our German insurer. Please note: in order to avoid much higher costs, in case of theft, among other things, you must present the motorcycle key and a police report at the rental station).

TOP PROTECTION: 2 million Euro additional liability insurance (value 300 EUR)

TOP PROTECTION: Flat tyre protection - value 150 EUR (Our Flat Tyre Protection includes 100% tyre repair/working time. Any recovery/towing costs are covered up to a maximum of 100 USD. Costs above this are to be paid by yourself! An additional emergency towing service coverage is included in your tour price. Therefore these additional costs are not applicable for you).

TOP PROTECTION: Emergency Assistance and Emergency Towing Service (Our Flat Tyre Protection includes 100% tyre repair/working time. Any recovery/towing costs are covered up to a maximum of 100 USD. Costs above this are to be paid by yourself! An additional emergency towing service coverage is included in your tour price. Therefore these additional costs are not applicable for you.)

Incurring one way charges (One way charge - value: 775 EUR)

Tour accompaniment by our experienced USA specialists (value: priceless)

US-DOT approved half-shell helmets for rider and pillion passenger

Escort vehicle during the entire tour period

Luggage transfer during the tour - 1 piece of luggage of 23 kg per person plus a small piece of hand luggage (We would like to ask you to refrain from using hard-shell suitcases, as they can cause problems during transport in the escort vehicle)

Drink service during the riding days (chilled drinks at net cost price)

Guidebook and maps for the rider

Detailed roadbook with extensive information and road maps in our APP (offline use possible) for each rider (value 75 EUR)

Welcome drink

Link to the free download of the tour pictures/video as a reminder

1 exclusive tour T-shirt per tour participant

Travel guide and maps

Not included

Personal expenses

Travel cancellation costs, international health insurance

Petrol

Entrance fees for attractions or national parks, state parks, parking garages, costs for optional excursions, tips, etc.

Everything that is not specified under services

Additionally bookable services:

Flight surcharge ex Germany (except Frankfurt) from 150 EUR

Flight surcharge ex Austria or Switzerland from 250 EUR

Prices for other departure points on request.

Surcharge for Rail & Fly in 2nd class - 85 EUR per person. Surcharge for Rail & Fly in 1st class EUR 170 per person.

For an additional charge of 125 EUR we can provide you with a motorcycle model warranty on your initial request. You can find the exact description of this service under "More details".

330 EUR surcharge per rider if you wish to book a Grand Touring class model. (Deposit: 100 USD. The deposit can only be paid by credit card).

Surcharges for flights in Premium Economy or Business Class are available upon request. (Daily updated prices, bookable on request only).

2400 EUR surcharge for an HD® Tri-Glide® Ultra

More details

Duration: 18 days

Total distance: 4230 km

Minimum number of participants: 12 persons (including pillion riders). We have not yet had to do this, but: if the minimum number of participants is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the tour up to four weeks before the start of the tour. Alternatively, the tour can be carried out with only one tour guide in the escort vehicle in order to avoid a tour cancellation (if it is calculable for us).

Maximum number of participants: 16 persons (including pillion riders)

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Motorcycles on this tour:

Please note: Not all types are available at all motorcycle stations. As we are not the direct service provider for the motorcycles, we cannot guarantee for the "first motorcycle wish".

So that everything is clear in advance: Our partner requires the specification of a substitute desired machine mandatory at the time of booking and gives us a MOTORCYCLE CLASS GUARANTEE. This means that we will confirm your initial request (if available on the day of booking) and as an alternative a guarantee within the booked / requested category.

Class mix in booking is not allowed.

OPTIONAL MOTORCYCLE MODEL GUARANTEE: If the desired model is available, our partner will confirm the booking for the desired model, however, he reserves the right to offer an alternative model from the same category, if your desired model is not available. This can happen, for example, if the previous renter returned the motorcycle with damage. If choosing a specific model is very important to you, then this model will be guaranteed to you for an extra charge of 125 EUR per rental.

In the unlikely event that this service does not work out on the spot, you will get a motorcycle from the same category and the fee will immediately be returned to you.

Motorcycles at our partner - the motorcycles in the overview sorted by classes:

HD GRAND TOURING CLASS: These Harley-Davidson® models are best equipped for longer rides or multi-day trips. All Touring Class machines are equipped with very comfortable seat backs for the pillion passenger. These American motorcycles are very well balanced and easy to ride for an experienced rider. They offer plenty of space in the saddlebags and a top case. Please note: the models of this class can be booked with an extra charge. You will find the exact amount in the inclusive services of your tour:

Harley-Davidson® Ultra Glide® Classic

Harley-Davidson® Ultra Glide® Limited

Harley-Davidson® Road Glide® Ultra

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HD STREET TOURING CLASS: These Harley-Davidson® models are also equipped for longer rides or multi-day trips. All Touring Class machines are equipped with comfortable seat backs for the pillion passenger, but without the top case and touring seats. These American motorcycles are very well balanced and easy to ride for an experienced rider. They offer plenty of space in the saddlebags:

Harley-Davidson® Street Glide®

Harley-Davidson® Road Glide®

Harley-Davidson® Road King®

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HD CRUISER TOURING CLASS: The quintessential American bike. These models have become famous through movies and enthusiasts around the world. Very easy to ride for people who are used to a smaller machine, sport or sport-touring. Almost all models available with pillion backrest and windscreen. Excellent for long rides and tours, weekend rides, day trips and city rides:

Harley-Davidson® Heritage Softail®

Harley-Davidson® Low Rider®

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Indian® Chief Vintage®

Indian® Challenger®

Indian® Roadmaster®

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STREET CLASS: The quintessence of American bikes. These models have become famous through movies and enthusiasts around the world. Very easy to ride for people who are used to a smaller machine, sport or sport-touring. Almost all models available with pillion backrest and windscreen. Excellent for long rides and tours, weekend rides, day trips and city rides. Not available everywhere and not possible for every tour. Please ask us beforehand:

Harley-Davidson® Sportster 1200®

Indian® Scout®

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HD THREE WHEEL CLASS: Some tours can also be ridden with a HARLEY DAVIDSON® TRI-GLIDE® ULTRA for an additional charge (depending on the station from 120 EUR/rental day). Appropriate experience is a prerequisite. Very limited availability of maximum 1-2 trikes per station. Not available everywhere. Please ask us beforehand:

Harley-Davidson® TRI-Glide® Ultra

Harley-Davidson® Freewheeler®

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Important to know:

A valid credit card (VISA / MASTERCARD or American Express) is required for the motorcycle pick-up. Deposit: 100 USD. The deposit can only be paid by credit card.

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An honest word among bikers:

With the next lines we would like to prepare you in the best way for the adventure of your life. You are either about to book one of the most beautiful types of travel, or you have already done so. The biggest difference between our type of holiday and a general package tour is that you are actively involved. Riding a motorcycle is one of the best things in life. At least for us bikers. The focus of the trip is motorcycling through unique landscapes. We have designed the programs in such a way that both riding fun and experience are present in sufficient quantity. Team spirit and adaptation in the group are absolutely necessary just as you need to bring a certain basic fitness and experience so that we can reach the destination together happy and healthy. If you have any doubts about your health, fitness or experience levels, please contact us beforehand. We want to achieve the best holiday experience for you too. The daily stages are on average 250 - 400 kilometers long. That sounds a lot, but it can't be compared to the same route in Europe, considering that there are often 80 kilometers without passing through a town and a whole day without traffic lights during the program. There are also hardly any traffic jams. We are rarely in the saddle for more than five hours throughout the day. We reach our daily destination between 4 - 6 p.m., depending on the season. Depending on the weather and daily temperatures, it can happen that we have to leave a little earlier or reach our daily destination later. However, if we want to experience a picture book sunset with full intention, it will be a little later.

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Insurance:

We generally recommend that you take out travel cancellation insurance.

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Upon request:

1/2 double rooms can be booked upon request. If a 1/2 double room is already available, we will confirm it to you in your booking. If the 1/2 double room is not available at that very moment, then we will confirm a single room first. As soon as we have a booking for the second half of the room, we will immediately credit you the single room surcharge.

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ESTA is still required:

For travelers to the USA, registration via the electronic ESTA system has been mandatory since 20.01.2010. Officials at the immigration counters can refuse entry to the USA to passengers without ESTA authorization. Authorities recommend that travelers apply for entry authorization via the ESTA website <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta> at least 72 hours before departure. The ESTA fee of \$21 per ESTA application. ESTA authorization must be applied for online no later than 72 hours prior to travel. The ESTA authorization does not constitute a visa, visa-required travelers do not need an ESTA authorization, but a visa.

Entry requirements:

Please pay attention to the entry regulations in the USA