

Route 66: from Chicago to Los Angeles (M-ID: 4210)

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from €7,045.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

19 days

05/15/2024 - 06/02/2024 19 days

06/21/2024 - 07/09/2024 19 days

09/19/2024 - 10/07/2024 19 days

05/14/2025 - 06/01/2025 19 days

06/19/2025 - 07/07/2025 19 days

09/18/2025 - 10/06/2025 19 days

Route 66, world-famous as the "Mainstreet of America," is 2448 miles or about 3940 kilometers long and runs from Chicago to Los Angeles or vice versa, depending on how you look at it.

Because many of the emigrants who went west also drove it back. It crosses 3 time zones in 8 states of the USA. The old pioneers of the west have planned and built this road already in 1926. In 1932 it was finally completely paved. The 50's were the glory days of Route 66, when thousands of cars drove bumper to bumper to experience the adventure "West". Hotels, motels, gas stations, classic restaurants and the new mobile America was everywhere. Many of the classic routes, restaurants, gas stations and historic landmarks are restored and in original condition as they were in the 1950s. Unique and nostalgic, Route 66 is the road someone in heaven created for Harley-Davidson® riders.

Tour overview from Chicago to Los Angeles:

Day 01: Flight to Chicago

Flight with a renowned airline from your departure city (transfer possible) to Chicago. Upon arrival in Chicago, your guide will be waiting for you and the hotel shuttle will take you to a well located hotel nearby. The rest of the evening is at your leisure. The overnight stay for the next two days will be in the Chicago/O'Hare Airport area.

Day 02: Chicago

Today you have free time in Chicago, also known as the "Windy City". Experience the city on an escorted tour in a double-decker bus and visit the Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower), from the "Sky Deck" there you have a fantastic overview of the city. The Route 66 sign, the Millennium Park, the Navy Pier, the Buckingham Fountain from the opening credits of the series "A terribly nice family - Al Bundy" and the polished bean are of course also on the

program (optional, advance booking required!). You will spend this night together in a good restaurant and can discuss the tour ahead. Overnight stay in the Chicago/O'Hare Airport area.
OUR TIP: City Tour Chicago

Day 03: Gemini Giant - Dixie Truck Stop - Springfield, 320 km

Early in the morning you will be transferred to our local rental partner, where you will take over your machines. After a short briefing you will start your tour adventure "Route 66 - the Mother Road". All the luggage you need for the tour will be packed into the escort vehicle. You will leave the hotel and already follow Route 66 along the Pontiac Trail, through the coal mining areas of Illinois. The first stop is at the Gemini Giant & Launch Pad Drive Inn in Willmington. Other attractions include the historic Little Jail in Gardner, the Texaco Station in Dwight and the Standard Oil gas station in Odel. Passing the Dixie Truck Stop, you'll head to Atlanta, where you can see the Giant Hotdog Man and the Smiley Water Tower. In the afternoon you will reach Springfield, the capital of Illinois and visit the Capitol building there. Overnight in Springfield, Illinois.

Day 04: Mississippi River - St. Louis - Missouri, 370 km

The now following towns on Route 66 are too many to stop everywhere. But the Paris Stop Cafe in Ariston and the Lady of the Highway Statue in Waggoner are must-sees. Before you cross the Mississippi River, you will visit the historic "Chain of the Rocks" bridge. From here you will enter the state of Missouri and St. Louis at the Old Men River. The landmark of the city is the gigantic Arch. It can be seen from far away. After the lunch break there, the Wagon Wheel Motel and the largest rocking chair in the world in

Cuba are on the agenda for the afternoon. The overnight stay will be in the area of Rolla, Missouri.

Day 05: Devils Elbow - Ozarks Mountains - Fantastic Caverns, 345 km

The first highlight of the day is the Devil's Elbow Bridge with the biker bar of the same name near Rolla. The morning will take you through the hills of the Ozark Mountains and you will visit the Munger Moss Motel, known from many Route 66 picture books. Today you have the opportunity to visit the unique stalactite cave of Fantastic Caverns near Springfield by jeep train. Lunch will be spent at an outdoor shopping paradise and museum, Bass Pro Shop, in Springfield. Later, you'll pass through lesser-known towns like Conway and Lebanon, located on Missouri's Route 66. In the afternoon, you'll visit the old Sinclair gas station in Halltown and the historic courthouse in Carthage before reaching your overnight stop in Joplin.

Day 06: Kansas - Rainbow Bridge - Blue Whale - Oklahoma City, 410 km

You leave Joplin and after a short ride you reach the sunflower state Kansas. The attractions here are the small town of Galena and the Rainbow Bridge, which is almost on the border to the state of Oklahoma. You will visit the historic town of Miami and see the Route 66 Vintage Museum and the famous Coleman Theater. The US star Will Rogers used to perform here regularly. The blue whale in Catoosa is on the program as well as the old steel arch bridge over Rock Creek. The Seaba Gas Station in Warwick and the Red Barn in Arcadia are other attractions along the way. Next, follow the Motherroad for 100 miles through Indian Country in the Old West. The asphalt ribbon of Route 66 follows the land here as if it had always been here. In the afternoon you will reach Oklahoma City or OKC. There you will make a short stop at the Capitol of the capital. Overnight stay in Oklahoma City.

Day 07: Oklahoma City - Texas - Amarillo, 430 km

Today there are a lot of attractions to see. Via El Reno you will reach the Canadian River, which you will cross on a pony bridge over 1000 meters long. Continue on to Clinton, the heart and soul of Route 66 country, and then visit the largest Route 66 museum in the U.S. at Elk City. At Texola you will reach the Panhandle of Texas and stop at the restored U-Drop Inn, one of the old original Route-66 gas stations in the oil town of Shamrock. In the afternoon, head to the Devils Rope Museum, the leaning water tower at Britton and the largest cross in the Western Hemisphere at Groom. For tonight, you can mentally prepare yourself for a "Texasstyle" steak. Whoever manages the 4 1/2 pound T-bone steak, including sides, in 60 minutes will get it sponsored by Big Texan Steakhouse. So bon appétit. Overnight stay in Amarillo.

Day 08: Cadillac Ranch - Mid Point - Tucumcari - Santa Fe, 490 km

Today you will leave Amarillo to stop first at the Cadillac Ranch. These 10 Cadillacs, anchored in the ground at the same angle as the Great Pyramid of Giza, are there to remind you of the glory days of old Route 66. Passing the endless cattle farms, you will reach the border to the state of New Mexico in the morning. Shortly before Glen Rio you

will reach the Mid Point in Adrian, which is 1139 miles from the beginning or end of Route 66. From Tucumcari, which is already in New Mexico, you will cross the High Plains into Comanche country and continue on the Santa Fe Trail. You now have five states behind you and three (or four), in the next few days to check off on the list, ahead of you. Overnight stay in Santa Fe for the next two nights. In the evening you will visit the Oldtown and you can already get a first overview of this historic city.

Day 09: Rest day or day tour
Taos & Rio Grande Valley 0 - 290 km

Today you can relax a bit. Santa Fe is a great place for shopping. If you feel like it, come with us on a tour to the old Indian pueblo of Taos, which you will reach along the Rio Grande River Valley. The steel girder bridge, high above the Rio Grande Gorge, gives you a great view of the river. The return trip is through the desert-like, but not dry highlands. From here, on a clear day, you'll have a view of the southern, mostly snow-capped foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Overnight stay in Santa Fe

Day 10: Albuquerque - Navajo Country - Gallup, 420 km
In the morning you will head to the balloon festival town of Albuquerque on the Rio Grande River. You will stop along the way in the small town of Madrid and at Maggie's Diner, made famous by the movie "Wild Hogs" with John Travolta and Tim Allen. Weather and time permitting, you will ride up the Scenic Route to the unique Sandia Crest and over 3200 m high viewpoint. In time for lunch, you will arrive at Albuquerque's historic plaza. You will then cross the Rio Grande and the 9 mile pass. Through a sea of purple and blood-red colors, the ride takes you over wide roads through the Navajo Wilderness. You will visit the 300 year old mission church in Laguna and reach the end point of today's journey in the late afternoon. You will spend the night in the old railroad and Indian town of Gallup in New Mexico.

Day 11: Indian Trading Post - Petrified Forest NP - Winslow, 420 km

Today, after a morning visit to the Trading Post at Chief Yellow Horse, you will leave beautiful New Mexico and enter the next state, Arizona. You will ride through the Petrified Forest National Park to reach the town of Holbrook. This is famous for the historic Wigwam Motel. Further on you will ride through the Jack Rabbit Trading Post to Winslow. This place was sung about by the American band "the Eagles" with the song "take it easy - standing on the corner in Winslow, Arizona". The end point of your today's stage is the small town Williams, which still has a lot of the "Good Old West" left with its historic houses and the old entertainment district directly at the Route 66. You will spend the night almost directly on Route 66 and in the evening you will have the opportunity to visit a brewery followed by dinner.

Day 12: Grand Canyon, 360 km

In the morning you start your tour day from Williams to one of the seven wonders of the world. There you will have the opportunity to take an almost one hour helicopter flight over the breathtaking Grand Canyon. Then you follow the scenic road along the south rim of the Grand Canyon. Here you will find interesting stops like Duck Rock, Grand View, Lipan Point and Desert View with its Indian watchtower on

the way. Your late lunch stop will be at the old trading post at Cameron, in the middle of the Navajo Reservation. In the afternoon you will ride along the painted desert and visit Wupatki & Sunset Crater National Monument. Overnight stay in Williams.

OUR TIP: Helicopter flight into the Grand Canyon

OUR TIP: Cameron Trading Post - highly recommended for Indian jewelry and souvenirs!

Day 13: Route 66 - Seligman - Kingman - Oatman, 430 km
Early in the morning you will leave Williams on Route 66 and after a short stretch on the Interstate you will reach Crookton Road, a restored section of the Motherroad. In the small town of Seligman you will visit Angel Delgadillo, probably the most famous barber in the world, who is one of the founders of the Route 66 Association and is considered the father of today's Route 66. You will cross the Hualapai Indian Reservation and visit the General Store in Hackberry with its multitude of classic cars. You will spend your lunch break in Kingman at the original Mr. D's Diner from the 50s and of course you will visit the local Motherroad Harley-Davidson® store. Via Cool Springs and the Sit-greave Pass you will reach, along a winding road, the small western town of Oatman, which is always a stopover for many Harley riders. It will remind you of the first settlers and gold seekers in the West. The wild burros there, as well as the real cowboys, are looking forward to your visit. In the afternoon you will reach the Colorado River and the gambling town of Laughlin, which is already in Nevada. After a short photo stop you will continue to the gambler's paradise Las Vegas, the "Sin City", the final destination of your today's stage. In the evening, simply visit the numerous hotel attractions, go shopping or make a visit to the observation deck of the 350 m high Stratosphere Tower to get an overview of the city. Overnight stay in Las Vegas.

OUR TIP: You can end the day with a cozy dinner together and then, like the movie stars, be chauffeured on an optional stretch limousine tour along the Strip and into the Old Town of Las Vegas.

Day 14: Las Vegas

Today you have the day at your leisure in Las Vegas. Your guide will be happy to assist you with show tickets, helicopter rides and all other attractions. On site you have the opportunity to visit the local Harley-Davidson® dealer and the adjacent outlet shopping mall. For the gluttonous riders, a day tour, on your own, to the Valley of Fire or Mt. Charleston is an option. Overnight stay in Las Vegas.

OUR TIP: Get married in Las Vegas! Whether it's for the first time or to renew your vows. - Just ask us!

Day 15: Hoover Dam - California - Amboy - Baghdad, 430 km

After breakfast we head towards Hoover Dam. From the Lake Mead lookout and the new bridge you will have an excellent view of this technical marvel. Through the Mojave Desert you will rejoin the old Route 66, passing places almost blown away by the sand and wind, such as Goffs and Essex. An obligatory stop in the middle of the desert at Roy's Cafe in Amboy and at the Bagdad Cafe, known from the movie "Out of Rosenheim" must be before the day tour ends. You will reach the town of Barstow in the afternoon, where you will also spend the night.

Day 16: San Gabriel Mountains - Topanga Canyon - Highway 1, 310 km

In the morning you will leave Barstow to finish your tour adventure "Route 66 - the Mother Road". The following route through the San Gabriel Mountains leads you to Highway 2, which is more than 90 km long and winds over mountains and through canyons. This is also nicknamed the "Angeles Crest Highway" and is one of America's "Top 5 Motorcycle Routes". Topanga Canyon is another highlight on this route before you reach the famous coastal road, Highway 1. You will pass Santa Monica, which marks the end or the beginning of Route 66, before you reach Los Angeles, the final destination of the last tour day. You will drop off your bikes at our local rental agency and we will transfer you to your hotel. The evening is at your free disposal. Overnight stay in the Los Angeles/LAX area.

Day 17: Los Angeles

Today you have the day at your leisure. In the morning you have the possibility to participate in a guided city tour with a local guide (optional, advance reservation required). You will be picked up from the hotel by van or bus and start your city tour to Venice Beach, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Downtown L.A. and Hollywood. You can review the tour behind you over a leisurely dinner and let it come to an end. Overnight stay in the Los Angeles/LAX area.

OUR TIP: City Tour Los Angeles

Day 18: Return flight to Europe

In the course of the day the hotel shuttle transfer takes place on your own to the airport in Los Angeles and it is time to say goodbye. You will fly back to your departure airport with a renowned airline (transfer possible).

Day 19: Arrival in Europe

Arrival at your departure airport. End of the trip.

- Program subject to change -

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 difficult
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

Prices for the dates: 15.05. - 02.06.2024 / 19.09. - 07.10.2024

per person for 2 persons in double room with 1 motorcycle:	€7,045.00
per person for 2 people in a double room with 2 motorcycles:	€8,645.00
per person in single room with 1 motorcycle:	€10,245.00

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Prices for the date: 20.06. - 08.07.2024

per person for 2 persons in double room with 1 motorcycle:	€7,145.00
per person for 2 people in a double room with 2 motorcycles:	€8,745.00
per person in single room with 1 motorcycle:	€10,345.00

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Routing from Chicago to Los Angeles: Oneway surcharge by motorcycle:	€500.00
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Surcharge for motorcycle models with top case such as Electra Glide or Road Glide Ultra:	€280.00
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Flight ex Germany (surcharge, starting at):	€100.00
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Flight ex Austria/Switzerland (surcharge, starting at):	€200.00
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On request: other round trip airport or package price without flight

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Optional: Model warranty for desired motorcycle (Please specify your desired motorcycle in the "Comments" field when booking).	€125.00
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ESTA (United States Electronic System for Travel Authorization) application service per person, including processing and ESTA fee: €50.00
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Prices for 2025 are available on request approx. 1 year in advance!

Included

Scheduled flight with a renowned airline in economy class from/to Frankfurt to Los Angeles/Chicago (transfer possible)

All European and U.S. air safety fees

Kerosene surcharges as of 09/2023

Air traffic tax for departures ex Germany

17 nights in good tourist/middle class hotels according to the itinerary

Partial breakfast (mix of continental and American)

Motorcycle rental (BIG TWIN) for the indicated period incl. free miles, liability insurance

TOP PROTECTION: LDW/CDW insurance (exclusion of liability for accident/theft damage) WITHOUT deductible

TOP PROTECTION: Exclusion of liability for tire damage

TOP PROTECTION: 2 million Euro additional liability insurance

Incurring one-way charges

24/7 German-speaking assistance

German-speaking tour escort from/to Los Angeles/Chicago during the motorcycle tour by an experienced motorcycle guide

Support vehicle with second guide during the whole motorcycle tour

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

1 surprise dinner

Souvenir photo in DIN A-3 format

1 exclusive tour T-shirt/Polo per tour participant

Guidebooks and maps

Not included

Personal expenses

Hotel parking fees

Gasoline, oil

Motorcycle and rainwear

Entrance fees for the attractions or parks

Tips

Travel insurance, etc.

Road Side Towing Assistance

Alles was nicht unter Leistungen angegeben ist

More details

Upon request:

All our guided tours can, of course, also be offered as self-guided tours, or they can be customized and elaborated for you. You will then receive enough maps and information material for such a tour, as well as a detailed consultation. Please enquire!

1/2 double rooms are available upon request, subject to availability.

Prices for other European departure points are available on request.

A major credit card is required

Minimum number of participants: 12 people

If the minimum number of participants is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the trip up to four weeks before the start of the trip.

Important info:

The following types of motorcycles are available on request. Please let us know of the two most preferred types when booking. However, no guaranteed commitment can be made for the machine type. With the registration, we need a copy of your driver's license and passport. All models come mostly directly from Harley-Davidson® authorized rentals™ partners and are current model years in top condition.

ELECTRA GLIDE®/ROAD GLIDE ULTRA® - Very comfortable touring machine, air cooled Twin Cam Milwaukee Eight™ 107, 1750 cc V-twin cylinder engine, belt drive, 6 speed transmission, part ABS, windshield, 2 side cases, top case, audio system. Particularly well suited for 2 people

STREET GLIDE® - Comfortable touring machine for long rides, air-cooled Twin Cam Milwaukee Eight™ 107, 1750 cc V-twin cylinder engine, belt drive, 6-speed transmission, part ABS, windshield, 2 side cases. Audio system. Particularly well suited for 2 persons.

HERITAGE SOFTAIL® - Classic touring machine for long rides, air-cooled Twin Cam Milwaukee Eight™ 107/114, 1750/1870 cc V-twin cylinder engine, belt drive, 6-speed transmission, part ABS, windshield, 2 side pockets. Especially well suited for 2 persons.

ROAD GLIDE® - Comfortable touring machine for long rides, air cooled Twin Cam Milwaukee Eight™ 107, 1750 cc V-twin cylinder engine, belt drive, 6 speed transmission, windshield, 2 side cases. Well suited for 2 people.

ROAD KING®, LOW RIDER®, Sportster®, Indian motorcycles® as well as various other model variants are available on request!

Entry requirements:

For entry into the USA/Canada, German, Austrian and Swiss citizens require a valid machine-readable European passport. In addition, an electronic entry form ESTA must be filled out at least 72 hours before entering the USA. You can find the link here: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/> - Visa Waiver Program. (As of January 2009 - subject to change). As a non-German citizen, you may need a visa to enter the USA/Canada.

An open word between bikers: We ride between 120 and 540 km per day, depending on the tour, in a charming and beautiful landscape. The approximate daily number of kilometers can be found in the respective daily program. This means that on some days you may have to leave early and arrive late. Motorcycle riding in a unique landscape is absolutely in the foreground so a certain team spirit is the first priority and also a certain adaptation to the group is necessary. If you let yourself in for it, you will surely have the adventure of your life and a lot of fun.

Travel conditions:

The general travel conditions apply. These will be handed over to you by your booking office. If you have not received them, please inform your booking office or the tour operator before booking. They will then be sent to you immediately

Distance: 5100 km

Minimum age: 18+

A note on entry (ESTA): The electronic ESTA entry procedure required for the USA has been subject to a fee since 08 September 2010. The fee for this is 21 US\$, payment is possible by credit card and Paypal. We recommend doing this here Official ESTA Application Website, U.S. Customs, and Border Protection in German language because there are many rip-off sites on the net. Please apply for this at least 3 - 4 months in advance, because in case of rejection, it takes some time to apply for a visa.

Road Side Towing Assistance (can be added, please request) included: (1) Emergency Road Side Assistance. E.g. out of gas? Forgot to turn off the ignition, battery dead? No problem, the delivery is free of charge, only the costs for the gasoline or the battery have to be paid. (2) Emergency Towing Service. The bike breaks down with a self-inflicted (not covered by warranty) mechanical problem, e.g. diesel tanked, tire punctured, or accident? The bike will be picked up free of charge by a towing service and taken to the nearest garage or rental station that can take care of the problem.