

Route 66: from Los Angeles to Chicago (M-ID: 4211)

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from €6,795.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

19 days

04/28/2024 - 05/16/2024 19 days

06/02/2024 - 06/20/2024 19 days

09/02/2024 - 09/20/2024 19 days

04/27/2025 - 05/15/2025 19 days

06/01/2025 - 06/19/2025 19 days

09/01/2025 - 09/19/2025 19 days

The most legendary of all roads, world-renowned as the "Mainstreet of America," is some 2448 miles long, or 3940 kilometers in European terms, running from Chicago to Los Angeles or vice versa, depending on how you look at it.

This is because many of the emigrants who headed west also drove it back. It crosses 3 time zones in 8 states of the USA. The old pioneers of the West 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 Los Angeles to Chicago:

Day 01: Flight to Los Angeles

Flight with a renowned scheduled airline from your chosen departure point to Los Angeles (connecting flights are possible). Upon arrival in Los Angeles, the shuttle transfer will take you to a well-located mid-range hotel near the airport. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Overnight stay in the Los Angeles/LAX area.

Day 02: Los Angeles

Today you have the day at your leisure. In the morning you have the opportunity to participate in a guided city tour with a local guide (optional, advance booking 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. In the afternoon the tour briefing will take place and you will be transferred to the

rental station where you will pick up your machines. Overnight stay in the Los Angeles/LAX area.

OUR TIP: City Tour Los Angeles

Day 03: Highway 1 - Topanga Canyon - San Gabriel Mountains, 310 km

In the morning you will leave Los Angeles to start your tour adventure "Route 66 - the Mother Road". The luggage you need for the tour will be packed into the escort vehicle and you will head north on the famous coastal road, Highway 1 and 101. You will pass Santa Monica again, which marks the beginning or end of Route 66, before turning off to ride through Topanga Canyon. The following stretch through the San Gabriel Mountains leads you to Highway 2, which is over 90 km long and winds over mountains and through canyons. This also has the nickname "Angels Crest Highway" and is one of the "Top 5 Motorcycle Routes" in America. Afterwards you will cross Route 66 and reach Barstow, the end point of your tour today. Overnight stay in Barstow.

Day 04: Route 66 - Roy's Cafe - Hoover Dam - Las Vegas, 430 km

After breakfast you will ride through the Mojave Desert back to the old Route 66. An obligatory stop at the Bagdad Cafe, known from the movie "Out of Rosenheim" and at Roy's Cafe in Amboy is a must. Passing Essex and Goffs we continue towards Hoover Dam. From the Lake Mead lookout and the new bridge you have an excellent view of this technical wonder. In the late afternoon you will reach the gambler's paradise in the desert, the glittering city of Las Vegas. In the evening, simply visit the numerous hotel

attractions, go shopping or take 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.

TOUR TIP: You can end the day with a leisurely 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 05: Las Vegas - Day at leisure

The day is at your free disposal 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.

Day 06: Oatman - Kingman - Seligman - Williams, 450 km

In the morning you will leave Nevada heading south, where you will soon reach the town of Laughlin, on the Colorado River. After a short photo stop, you will enter the state of Arizona and head back towards Route 66. Along the way you will see several small western towns, such as Oatman, which is always a stopover for many Harley riders. Real cowboys, gold prospectors and wild burros evoke memories of the Wild West. Sitgreaves Pass and Cool Springs are on your way, as well as the historic General Store in Hackberry. You'll cross the Hualapai Indian Reservation and catch your first glimpse of the western rim of the Grand Canyon. 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. The end point of your today's stage is the small town Williams, which still has a lot of the "Good Old West" with its historic houses and the old entertainment district directly at the Motherroad. 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 07: 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 first have the opportunity to take an almost one-hour helicopter tour of the breathtaking 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.

TIP: Helicopter flight into the Grand Canyon

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

Day 08: Winslow - Petrified Forest NP - Indian Trading Post, 420 km

Today you leave Arizona in the direction of New Mexico.

You will pass the abandoned Twin Arrows gas station and take a break in Winslow. This place was sung by the American band "the Eagles" with the song "take it easy - standing on the corner in Winslow, Arizona". The tour continues to the Jack Rabbit Trading Post and the Wigwam Hotel in Holbrook. In the afternoon, Petrified Forest National Park and the Yellow Chief Trading Post are on the itinerary. Overnight in the old railroad and Indian town of Gallup.

Day 09: Laguna - Albuquerque - Santa Fe, 420 km

Today you will travel through the Navajo Wilderness, over wide roads and through a purple and blood-red sea of colors. You will visit the 300 year old mission church in Laguna. Next up is the balloon festival town of Albuquerque on the Rio Grande River, where you'll spend your lunch break in the historic plaza. Weather and time permitting, you will ride the Scenic Route to the unique Sandia Crest viewpoint at over 3200 meters. In the afternoon you will stop in the small town of Madrid and at Maggie's Diner, made famous by the movie "Wild Hogs" with John Travolta and Tim Allen. The final point of your today's stage is Santa Fe, where you will spend two nights. In the evening you will visit the Oldtown and you can already get a first overview of this historic city.

Day 10: Rest day or day tour Taos & Rio Grande, 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. From here, on a clear day, you'll have a view of the southern, mostly snow-covered foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The return trip is through the desert-like, but not dry, highlands. Overnight stay in Santa Fe.

Day 11: Tucumcari - Mid Point - Cadillac Ranch - Big Texas Steakhouse, 490 km

Today you leave Santa Fe through the High Plains, the Comanche country. You will ride to Tucumcari, where you will make a photo stop at the Blue Swallow Motel. You've already checked off three (or four) states on your list and have five more to go. Shortly after Glen Rio, you'll reach Mid Point in Adrian, which is 1139 miles from the beginning or end of the Route 66 motorcycle tour.

Now, arriving in Texas, you'll see a Caddle Round Up, or as we jokingly say, Tonight's Steak. The next highlight is the Cadillac Ranch, which is supposed to remind you of the old days of Route 66. Set up at the same angle as the pyramids of Giza, these old cars are one of the highlights. For tonight, you can mentally prepare yourself for a steak "Texasstyle". Whoever manages the 4 1/2 pound T-bone steak including side dishes in 60 minutes will get it sponsored by the Big Texan Steakhouse! So bon appétit. Overnight stay in Amarillo.

Day 12: Texas - Elk City - Oklahoma City, 430 km

There are plenty of attractions to see today. The largest cross in the western hemisphere, the leaning water tower in

Britton or the Devils Rope Museum. You'll stop at the restored U-Drop Inn, one of the old original Route 66 gas stations in the oil town of Shamrock. Continue through the panhandle of Texas. At Texola you will enter the state of Oklahoma and then visit the largest Route-66 museum in the USA in Elk City. In the afternoon you will continue to Clinton, the heart and soul of Route 66 country and cross the Canadian River on a 1000 meter long pony bridge. Via El Reno you will reach your overnight destination Oklahoma City or OKC for short.

Day 13: Red Barn - Blue Whale - Rainbow Bridge - Kansas, 410 km

You will leave OKC after a short stop at the Capitol of the capital of Oklahoma. You'll then ride the Motherroad, 100 miles through Indian Country in the Old West. The asphalt ribbon of the Route 66 journey follows the land here as if it has always been here. Along the way are attractions such as the Red Barn in Arcadia and the Seaba Gas Station in Warwick. The old steel arch bridge over Rock Creek is on the itinerary, as is the blue whale in Catoosa. You will visit the historic city of Miami and see the Route 66 Vintage Museum and the famous Coleman Theater. The US star Will Rogers used to perform here regularly. Afterwards you will go to the sunflower state Kansas. This has, with just 20 km, the shortest distance of Route 66. The attractions here are the Rainbow Bridge and the small town of Galena, which is again close to the border with the state of Missouri. The next larger city is Joplin, where you also spend the night.

Day 14: Missouri - Fantastic Caverns - Ozark Mountains, 340 km

Today you will visit the historic courthouse in Carthage and the old Sinclair gas station in Halltown. You will pass the lesser known towns of Conway and Lebanon, located on Missouri's Route 66. 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. The afternoon 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. The last highlight of the day is the Devil's Elbow Bridge with the biker bar of the same name, near your overnight destination Rolla.

Day 15: St. Louis - Mississippi River - Illinois, 370 km

In the morning, the largest rocking chair in the world and the Wagon Wheel Motel in Cuba are on the agenda. In the late morning you will reach St. Louis on the Mississippi River. The landmark of the city is the gigantic Arch and this can be seen from far away. After the lunch break there, you will cross the Old Men River when leaving the city and reach the state of Illinois. If necessary, you can visit the "Chain of Rocks" bridge. The 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. In the early evening you will reach your overnight destination Springfield, which is also the capital of Illinois.

Day 16: Dixie Truck Stop - Gemini Launch Pad - Chicago, 320 km

Today, unfortunately, your tour is coming to an end. But not

before you see the last highlights of the old Route 66. The Capitol Building in Springfield is the first stop, followed by the Smiley Wasertower and the giant Hot Dog Man in Atlanta. Past Funks Groove and endless maple forests, you'll make your way to the Dixie Truck Stop.

Along the way, you'll visit some old gas stations from the '30s before reaching the Gemini Giant & Launch Pad Drive Inn in Willmington. From here you continue on Route 66 past Countryside to Des Plaines. There you will return your bikes to our rental station. Overnight stay for the next two days will be in the Chicago/O'Hare Airport area.

Day 17: 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!). Tonight you will spend together in a good restaurant and review the tour. Overnight stay in the Chicago/O'Hare Airport area.

TIP: City Tour Chicago

Day 18: Return flight to Europe

During the day, the hotel shuttle transfer to the Chicago airport is on your own and it's time to say goodbye. The flight back to your chosen departure point will take place (connecting flights are possible).

Day 19: Arrival in Europe

Arrival at your chosen departure point and 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
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

Prices for the date:

28. Apr. 2024 - 16. Mai. 2024

per person for 2 persons in a double room with 1 motorcycle: €6,795.00

per person for 2 persons in a double room with 2 motorcycles: €8,395.00

per person in single room with 1 motorcycle: €9,995.00

Surcharge for motorcycle models with top case such as Electra Glide or Road Glide Ultra: €280.00

On request - other round trip airport or package price without flight. All prices include flight ex Frankfurt, other departure airports have surcharges as:

Flight surcharge ex Germany - from: €100.00

Flight surcharge ex Austria/Switzerland - from: €200.00

ESTA (United States Electronic System for Travel Authorization) application service per person, including processing and ESTA fee: €50.00

Prices for the dates:

02. Jun. 2024 - 20. Jun. 2024

02. Sep. 2024 - 20. Sep. 2024

per person for 2 persons in a double room with 1 motorcycle: €7,045.00

per person for 2 persons in a double room with 2 motorcycles: €8,645.00

per person in single room with 1 motorcycle: €10,245.00

Surcharge for motorcycle models with top case such as Electra Glide or Road Glide Ultra: €280.00

On request - other round trip airport or package price without flight. All prices include flight ex Frankfurt, other departure airports have surcharge as:

Flight surcharge ex Germany - from:	€100.00
Flight surcharge ex Austria/Switzerland - from:	€200.00
ESTA (United States Electronic System for Travel Authorization) application service per person, including processing and ESTA fee:	€50.00

Prices for 2025 dates 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

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

TOPPROTECTION: Exclusion of liability for tire damage

TOPPROTECTION: 2 million Euro additional liability insurance

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 a 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

24 hrs German speaking assistance

Not included

Personal expenses of any kind

Hotel parking fees

Petrol, oil

Motorcycle and rainwear

Helmet rental

Entrance fees for the attractions or parks

Tips for services and tour guides

Travel insurance etc.

Road Side Towing Assistance

Surcharge for models with topcase: 280,00 Euro

Everything that is not specified under features

More details

Upon request:

All our guided tours, we can of course also offer you as a self-guided tour or customize and elaborate for you. You will then receive sufficient maps and information material for this tour and a detailed consultation. Please just ask!

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 two desired types when booking. However, there is no guarantee for the type of machine. 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 persons

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 people.

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, 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, depending on the tour per day between 120 and 540 km in charming and beautiful landscape. The approximate daily number of kilometers can be found in the respective daily program. This may mean getting up early and arriving late on some days. The motorcycle riding in a unique landscape is absolutely in the foreground, so that here a certain team spirit is in the first place 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 have 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 to do 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) includes: (1) Emergency Road Side Assistance - emergency 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.