



# Taking it Easy on *Route 66*

**April 26 - May 7**

Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas,  
New Mexico, Arizona, California

## Highlights

- Begin Route 66 sign in Chicago
- Meramec Caverns, Petrified Forest National Park, Meteor Crater National Landmark, Mojave National Preserve
- Route 66 Red Rocker, World's Largest Catsup Bottle, Catoosa Blue Whale, and more!
- 11 nights hotel accommodations
- 22 meals included: 11 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners
- One-way flight from Los Angeles

Always included in all GYC Tours: Deluxe round-trip motor coach, escort and gratuities for group activities.



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# Day-to-Day Itinerary

## Day 1 – Sunday, April 26 | Schaumburg, IL | D

Upon arrival in Schaumburg, IL, we will check into our hotel for the night before gathering for a lively Welcome Dinner.

## Day 2 – Monday, April 27 | St. Louis, MO | B/L

Start your Route 66 adventure by boarding a comfortable motorcoach. We'll kick things off in Chicago with a photo at the famous "Begin Route 66" sign. Then stop to snap a picture with the 28-foot-tall Gemini Giant, a quirky roadside statue dressed as an astronaut, along the route.

Next, explore the history of Route 66 at the Illinois Hall of Fame & Museum. Cross into Missouri for a group lunch and visit the Chain of Rocks Bridge, known for its sharp bend and scenic river views.

Stop for more fun photos at the World's Largest Catsup Bottle in Collinsville, then enjoy a sweet treat at the historic Crown Candy Kitchen in St. Louis. After checking into your hotel, the evening is yours to relax and grab dinner wherever you like.

## Day 3 – Tuesday, April 28 | Springfield, MO | B/L

After breakfast, step into the stunning underground world of Meramec Caverns, filled with ancient limestone formations, vast chambers, and colorful mineral deposits—once rumored to be a hideout for Jesse James.

We are in for another fun and memorable stop at the Route 66 Red Rocker! This massive 42-foot-tall rocking chair, once the world's largest, towers over you and makes for a fantastic photo opportunity.

Next, visit the half-scale replica of England's Stonehenge at Stubby Stonehenge, located on the campus of Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, MO. Before continuing our travels, we'll enjoy a group lunch at a local eatery.

We'll wrap up the day in Springfield, Missouri, where you can unwind for the evening and enjoy dinner at your leisure.

## Day 4 – Wednesday, April 29 | Tulsa, OK | B/D

Explore the Route 66 Car Museum in Springfield, MO, home to over 70 classic cars and movie-famous rides. In Galena, KS, browse vintage treasures at Gearhead Curios, then swing by Cars on the Route and Luigi's Pit Stop to see life-size replicas from Disney-Pixar's Cars.

Cross into Oklahoma to tour the ornate Coleman Theatre in Miami, and make a quick stop at the whimsical Catoosa Blue Whale. We'll finish the day in Tulsa with a group dinner and a restful evening.

## Day 5 – Thursday, April 30 | Oklahoma City, OK | B/L

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel, then head out for more Route 66 sights. Take a photo with the Golden Driller, Tulsa's giant tribute to its oil heritage, and explore the Route 66 Historical Village, with vintage trains and the tallest oil derrick in North America.

Next, swing by the World's Largest Gas Pump, then visit the iconic Round Barn in Arcadia—an eye-catching red barn from 1898 with a small museum and a beautiful domed loft.

End the day in Oklahoma City, where you're free to explore the buzzing Bricktown District and enjoy dinner on your own.





### Day 6 – Friday, May 1 | Amarillo, TX | B/D

After breakfast, pay tribute at the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, a powerful and moving memorial that honors the victims, survivors, and first responders of the 1995 bombing.

Next, take a group tour of the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. Established in 1955, the museum features an extensive collection of Western art, artifacts, and exhibits depicting cowboy life, Native American heritage, frontier exploration, and more.

Enjoy some free time for lunch before we visit the Tower Station and the U-Drop Inn Cafe. This beautifully restored Art Deco landmark opened in 1936 to serve travelers heading west on the Mother Road. Today, it operates as a visitor center and museum, and famously inspired Ramone's Body Shop in Pixar's *Cars*.

We will stop for the night in Amarillo, TX where we will have dinner as a group at a local restaurant after checking into our hotel.

### Day 7 – Saturday, May 2 | Albuquerque, NM | B/L

Start your day with breakfast before heading to Cadillac Ranch, a quirky Route 66 landmark featuring 10 colorful Cadillacs buried nose-first in the Texas plains—where you can even add your own spray-paint touch.

Next, stop in Adrian, TX, the exact halfway point of Route 66, for a photo at the iconic MidPoint sign. Then enjoy a scenic drive across the Southwest's stunning mesas and deserts, with a group lunch along the way.

Arriving in Albuquerque, spend your evening exploring Nob Hill, a vibrant district full of neon charm, eclectic shops, and delicious Southwestern cuisine.

### Day 8 – Sunday, May 3 | Winslow, AZ | B/L

After breakfast at the hotel, we head down the road to Arizona to visit the Petrified Forest National Park for a stunning journey through a prehistoric landscape filled with vibrant, fossilized wood, colorful badlands, and ancient petroglyphs. Our guide will take us through the park's famous Painted Desert and massive petrified logs, some over 200 million years old, and see some of the remnants of Route 66.

### Day 9 – Monday, May 4 | Kingman, AZ | B/D

Our day begins as you find yourself "standing on the corner in Winslow, Arizona" for the perfect photo opportunity at the place the Eagles sang about in their 1972 hit song, "Take It Easy."

Down the road, we will visit one of the most impressive and well-preserved meteorite impact sites in the world at Meteor Crater Natural Landmark.

We will then stop to view the remnants of two large arrow-shaped signs at Twin Arrows Trading Post Ruins. The site once marked the location of the trading post, and now stands as a nostalgic tribute to the heyday of Route 66.

This afternoon, we will stop in Seligman, AZ for a nostalgic trip back in time to the golden era of Route 66. Known as the "Birthplace of Route 66 Revival," this small town is packed with retro diners, classic cars, and quirky roadside attractions. Have some time to explore the shops filled with vintage memorabilia, grab a bite to eat, and take photos with colorful murals and signs celebrating Route 66 history.

We will complete the short drive to Kingman, AZ where we will stop for the night. After checking into our hotel, we will have a delicious dinner as a group.



Day 10 – Tuesday, May 5 | Barstow, CA | B/D

Begin the day at the Arizona Route 66 Museum in the the Historic Powerhouse, which showcases the history and evolution of the iconic highway. Discover the stories of Native American trade routes, early wagon roads, and the rise of the automobile era.

After some time for lunch on your own, we will continue to Mojave National Preserve for a stunning escape into the vast desert landscape of California. Towering sand dunes, rugged mountains, and Joshua tree forests create a breathtaking backdrop for outdoor exploration. Stop by the historic Kelso Depot for a glimpse into the area’s railroad past, and take a scenic drive along the winding roads that showcase the preserve’s diverse terrain.

Our day will come to an end in Barstow, CA, where we will have dinner together after checking into our hotel.

Day 11 – Wednesday, May 7 | Santa Monica, CA | B/D

Venture through the Wild West and take in all things Route 66 as we get to the longest continuous stretch of original two-land Route 66 asphalt, complete with vintage signs and shuttered towns that once were thriving as migrant workers made their journey.

Along the way, we will stop to visit the quirky and colorful Elmer’s Bottle Tree Ranch.

As we continue west, we will take an immersive look into the history of the “Mother Road” in the Golden State at the California Route 66 Museum.

Our Route 66 experience draws to a close at the Santa Monica Pier, the Western end of the Mother Road. After a day of enjoying the CA sunshine we will come together for a Farewell Dinner.

Day 12 – Thursday, May 7 | B

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before heading to the airport for your flight home. With your trip complete, you’ve not only crossed the country, but also become part of the enduring legacy of Route 66!



Trip Details

	Cost Per Person	Travel Protection
Member (Dbl)	\$5,300	\$477
Member (Sgl)	\$6,250	\$588

Down Payment \$500 + Travel Protection

Due within 10 days of placing reservation.

Final Payment Due January 20, 2026

A \$10 fee will apply if the full payment is not received by the final due date.

REAL ID Driver’s License or Passport Required

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