



Good Times Travel



# Cruisin' on Route 66 – America's Heartland

Featuring Historic, Quirky and Nostalgic Sights & Eateries in Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma

April 25–May 2, 2025 – 8 Day Tour

## Tour Highlights

- ◆ Make photo stops at a number of quirky and historic Route 66 roadside attractions that are classic Americana
- ◆ Visit a number of historic sites including St. Louis' Gateway Arch and Union Station, the Two Cell Jail in Gardner, the Coleman Theatre and the Oklahoma State Capitol
- ◆ Unique tasting and dining experiences at eateries packed full of vintage ambiance, throwback menus and Route 66 nostalgia
- ◆ Explore a number of museums including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum, the Ace Sign Co. Museum, the Will Rogers Memorial Museum, the Bob Dylan Center, the Woody Guthrie Center, the Ben Johnson Cowboy Museum and more
- ◆ See Presleys' Country Jubilee, one of Branson's most beloved live music shows
- ◆ Included lunch at "The Merc" in Pawhuska, OK owned by Food Network's Ree Drummond (The Pioneer Woman)



## Tour Inclusions

- ◆ 7 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 12 Meals – 3 dinners, 2 lunches, 7 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional GTT tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with a local guide
- ◆ Admissions per the itinerary
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour

## Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$2,899 per person  
 Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$700  
 Roundtrip airfare from \$495 per person

## Itinerary

Step back in time on this 8-day road trip following "The Mother Road" through Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma to discover the larger-than-life landmarks and remarkable stories that made Route 66 the legendary "Main Street of America." Encounter charming towns brimming with vintage diners, quirky roadside attractions, unique museums and a wealth of history waiting to be explored. Savor the nostalgia of a simpler time as you cruise past rolling prairies, iconic neon signs and classic Americana. Whether you're a history buff, a road trip enthusiast or an adventure seeker, this promises to be an unforgettable journey where each stop offers a glimpse into a bygone era and invaluable connections to America's storied past.

### Day 1 – Welcome to Illinois!

Optional transfers from our departure points will have us at LAX for a nonstop flight arriving at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport this afternoon. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule (subject to change) to coordinate a flight arrival time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the hotel.* Upon arrival, we'll board a deluxe motorcoach and travel south, stopping to admire the **Two Cell Jail in Gardner** and two beautifully restored 1920s gas stations. In the legendary city of **Pontiac** we'll admire the outdoor murals depicting various aspects of the town's history and its connection to Route 66. We'll continue to **Bloomington, Illinois** where we'll enjoy an included dinner at a locals' favorite and an overnight stay. (Dinner)

### Day 2 – Normal to Springfield

This morning we'll explore the interactive exhibits and historical artifacts within the **Cruisin' with Lincoln on 66 Visitor Center**, before making photo stops at several whimsical roadside attractions

## Reservations



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## Accommodations

- ◆ Night 1 Eastland Suites Hotel & Conference Center – Bloomington, IL
- ◆ Night 2 SpringHill Suites – Springfield, IL
- ◆ Night 3 Drury Inn Union Station – St. Louis, MO
- ◆ Night 4 Hotel Grand Victorian – Branson, MO
- ◆ Nights 5-6 Hard Rock Hotel & Casino – Tulsa, OK
- ◆ Night 7 Holiday Inn Express - Bricktown – Oklahoma City, OK

## Optional Roundtrip Airfare

Airfare is available as an optional add-on as advertised on the front of this brochure. Because airfare generally increases closer to departure, it's best to purchase airfare as soon as possible to lock in the lowest price and best schedule.

## Optional Airport Transfers

Roundtrip airport transfers are available from our departure points in these cities for \$129 p.p.

- ◆Fountain Valley ◆Laguna Hills
- ◆Long Beach ◆Seal Beach

## Payment Information

- ◆ Full payment due at time of booking via a check to the above address or making a credit card payment at [www.goodtimestravel.com](http://www.goodtimestravel.com)

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## Tour Pace & Activity Level



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

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including the 19-foot **Paul Bunyan Statue** holding a giant hot dog and the **World's Largest Rail-splitter Covered Wagon**. In Illinois' capital city of **Springfield** we'll be joined by a local guide for a driving tour including a stop at the **Ace Sign Co. Sign Museum**, showcasing a vast collection of vintage signs from Route 66. At the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum** we'll immerse ourselves in the life and legacy of our 16<sup>th</sup> President through state-of-the-art exhibits, well-preserved rare artifacts and a reproduction of the White House as it looked in 1861. This evening we'll visit **Motorheads Route 66 Bar, Grill & Museum**, a lively Route 66 destination adorned with vintage cars, neon signs and memorabilia that celebrate Route 66. Before an overnight in Springfield, we'll visit the **Illinois State Fairgrounds Route 66 Experience** featuring vintage billboards, a re-created drive-in movie theatre, neon sign park, a tribute to muffler men and so much more. (Breakfast)

### Day 3 – Springfield, IL to St. Louis, MO

Enroute to St. Louis this morning, we'll make photo stops in Collinsville to admire a **12-foot-tall Route 66 sign** and the **World's Largest Catsup Bottle**. In **St. Louis** we'll visit the **Gateway Arch National Park** featuring the 630-foot-tall **Gateway Arch** and the new **Museum at the Gateway Arch** which features six themed galleries that cover 201 years of history. We'll take the **Tram Ride to the Top of the Gateway Arch** for stunning views of St. Louis and the Mississippi River. *Note that the tram ride is not fully accessible for guests with mobility impairments. There are 96 steps, divided into six flights to reach the top and return.* This afternoon, we'll enjoy a treat from **Ted Drewes Frozen Custard**, a St. Louis landmark since 1929. Enjoy an overnight stay at a deluxe hotel adjacent to **Union Station St. Louis**, featuring a Grand Hall with the original terrazzo floor and stained glass windows. (Breakfast)

### Day 4 – St. Louis to Branson

This morning we'll continue south into the **Ozark Mountains**, a beautiful region featuring rolling hills covered in forests, rivers and streams. We'll visit **Fantastic Caverns** for a guided Jeep-drawn tram tour through a labyrinth of majestic underground chambers filled with towering stalactites and stalagmites. This afternoon we'll arrive in **Branson** for an overnight stay. After an included dinner at a locals' favorite, we'll take our seats for **Presleys' Country Jubilee** for an unforgettable evening of magical music and comedy mayhem that celebrates the rich traditions of country and gospel music dosed with a heapin' helpin' of Ozarks hospitality. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### Day 5 – Branson to Tulsa

We'll travel to **Joplin** this morning and admire **Route 66 Mural Park**, featuring two large murals celebrating Route 66. In Miami, Oklahoma we'll enjoy a guided tour and included lunch at the historic **Coleman Theatre**, a beautifully restored movie palace. After admiring "The World's Largest Concrete Totem Pole" at **Ed Galloway Totem Pole Park**, we'll visit the **Will Rogers Memorial Museum**, filled with the largest collection of Will Rogers memorabilia in the world. After a stop to admire the charming **Blue Whale of Catoosa**, we'll begin a two-night stay in Tulsa at the sleek and stylish AAA Four Diamond **Hard Rock Hotel & Casino**. (Breakfast, Lunch)

### Day 6 – Tulsa

This morning we'll be joined by a local guide for a driving tour of Tulsa. We'll stop at **Center of the Universe**, a mysterious acoustic phenomenon that has to be experienced to be believed! Visit **Buck Atom's Cosmic Curios on 66**, known for its eclectic collection of Route 66 memorabilia and unique gifts along with a larger-than-life space cowboy figure that captures the playful and nostalgic spirit of Route 66. Visit the **Woody Guthrie Center** – a museum dedicated to celebrating the life and legacy of one of America's greatest folksingers. Pay homage to a legendary American singer-songwriter at the **Bob Dylan Center**, a one-of-a-kind museum dedicated to Bob Dylan and his cultural significance. We'll enjoy an included dinner at a locals' favorite this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### Day 7 – Tulsa to Oklahoma City

We'll travel north to **Pawhuska** this morning and explore Oklahoma's Western film history and Osage County western heritage at the **Ben Johnson Cowboy Museum**. Enjoy an included lunch and time to browse at **The Pioneer Woman Mercantile**, owned by Food Network's Ree Drummond (The Pioneer Woman). Enroute to Oklahoma City, we'll stop at the **POPS 66 Soda Ranch**, the roadside attraction featuring a towering 66-foot-tall soda bottle and over 700 different types of soda. (Breakfast, Lunch)

### Day 8 – Oklahoma City, Journey Home

This morning we'll join a local guide for a driving tour of **Oklahoma City** including Route 66 landmarks, the **Oklahoma National Memorial & Museum** and the **Oklahoma State Capitol**. This afternoon we'll arrive at Oklahoma's Will Rogers World Airport for our return flight to Los Angeles. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule to coordinate a flight departure time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the airport.* Back in Los Angeles, those guests with pre-arranged transfers will be returned to their respective drop-offs with many fond memories of our time exploring the legendary Route 66. (Breakfast)