

Route 66 – West

DFW – LAX

18-days – 17-nights	OVERNIGHTS
Day 1	Arrive DFW Airport – Grapevine, TX
Day 1 & 2	Grapevine, TX
Day 3	Choctaw Nation/ Durant, OK
Day 4	Duncan, OK
Day 5 & 6	OKC, OK
Day 7	Amarillo, TX
Day 8 & 9	Santa Fe, NM
Day 10	Albuquerque, NM
Day 11	Holbrook, AZ
Day 12 & 13	Flagstaff, AZ
Day 14	Kingman, AZ
Day 15	Barstow, CA
Day 16 & 17	Santa Monica / Los Angeles, CA
Day 18	Depart LAX Airport

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Experience Historic Downtown Grapevine winery tasting rooms, restaurants and art galleries.
- Take a ride on Grapevine’s Vintage Railroad train (not included).
- Have an authentic Tribal encounter at Choctaw Cultural Center.
- Explore Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum and Scissortail Park.
- Explore Canyon Road, home of 100 artists in Santa Fee.
- Discover small town treasures on Route 66 that are part of the Arizona desert - Kingman , Holbrook, Flagstaff
- Make memories at any of the 7 wonders - Grand Canyon National Park, Wupatki National Monument, Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument, San Francisco Peaks, Coconino National Forest, Walnut Canyon National Monument, or Oak Creek Canyon
- End your fabulous Drive Tour on the Pacific Coast and experience the Soul of Santa Monica

Itinerary

Day 1 & 2: GRAPEVINE, TX

Grapevine is located ten minutes from DFW Airport, Historic Downtown Grapevine is where your Route 66 West trip begins. Here you can connect with the locals while you walk, shop, and eat your way through this fun historic town. Find many boutique shops, galleries and artisans, wineries, food tour. You cannot miss the Grapevine Vintage Railroad a 1920's-era Coach & Depot (with daily round trip departures to Fort Worth) and Nash Farm a late 19th century farm. Visit Grapevine's working artisans, including Holder Dane Gallery, Vetro Glassblowing Studio & Gallery, the R Town and the Grapevine Blacksmith. You will find their work throughout Grapevine during your stay. Grapevine has emerged into a fun, western, shopping, historic small city in the DFW metroplex. Lego Land and the Aquarium are the cornerstone of the Grapevine Mills Mall. (Attractions not included). Take in the view of the surrounding Grapevine area from 150-feet up at the Grapevine Observation Tower. 360-degree views include the skylines of both Dallas and Fort Worth, DFW Airport and beautiful Lake Grapevine.

Overnight Grapevine, TX: 2 nights

Day 3: GRAPEVINE, TX to CHOCTAW NATION - DURANT, OK

Head north into Oklahoma for today's first stop in Durant - Choctaw Nation. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is the largest of three federally recognized bands of Choctaws and the third largest federally recognized tribe in the United States. The Choctaw Nation's reservation covers nearly 11,000 square miles in southeastern Oklahoma. The Choctaw were a tribe of Native American Indians who originated from modern Mexico and the American Southwest to settle in the Mississippi River Valley for about 1800 years. Known for their head-flattening and Green Corn Festival, these people build mounds and lived in matriarchal society. We suggest to visit the Choctaw Cultural Center which is dedicated to exploring, preserving and showcasing the culture and history of the Choctaw people. Durant is famous for shows and two pageants – the Magnolia Pageant and the Choctaw Princess Pageant. If craft beer is your thing, Lost Street Brewing in Historic Downtown Durant is a good stop. The Choctaw Resort, Spa, and Casino is a beautiful and fun place offering many options for live entertainment, dancing, restaurants, pools, and full service spa.

Overnight Durant, OK: 1 night

Driving Distance 155 KM / 96 Miles

Day 4: DURANT, OK to DUNCAN, OK

Zigzag northwest today toward Duncan. In route you might want to stop at Ardmore Emporium Antiques for some interesting shopping of nostalgic American collectables. Duncan is known for the Chisolm Trail Heritage Center, crape myrtle trees, Oklahoma prairie and rich farmland. The City is part of the Great Plains and has four lakes. Duncan was founded in 1982 and named after William Duncan, a pioneer trader and tailor in Fort Sill. Visit the Chisolm Trail Heritage Center & Garis Gallery of the American West. Another great craft brewery Kochendorfer Brewing Co. is worth asking direction to. Located north of town and worth the trip!

Overnight Duncan, OK: 1 night

Durant to Ardmore Driving Distance – 82 KM / 51 Miles

Ardmore to Duncan Driving Distance 109 KM / 68 Miles

Day 5 & 6: DUNCAN, OK to OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Today you will reconnect with Route 66 in Oklahoma City which is the 3rd largest city in the nation and it is Oklahoma's Capitol which happens to be the only capitol in the nation with a working oil well on its grounds. Oklahoma City is also the horse show capitol of the world. This city has so much to see and do including First Americans Museum, The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City National Memorial, River Sport Adventures, Stockyards City (Cattlemen's Café and OKC Opry), and Bricktown, Midtown, Uptown and the Paseo Arts District for fantastic cuisine and plenty of nighttime entertainment. And you must try Oklahoma's signature dish: chicken fried steak.

Overnight Oklahoma City, OK: 2 nights

Driving Distance (130 KM) 80 Miles

DAY 7: OKLAHOMA CITY, OK to AMARILLO, TX

Today's 'Route 66 West' road trip takes you to and through the Oklahoma towns of Weatherford, El Reno, Clinton and Elk City. Weatherford is the hometown of astronaut Thomas P. Stafford, veteran of four space flights and commander of the Gemini 9, Apollo 10 missions and the Apollo-Soyuz project. Top sights in Weatherford include the Stafford Air & Space Museum and Lucille's Roadhouse (not included). Just 25 miles from Oklahoma City is El Reno made famous for its delicious fried onion burger... We recommend a lunch stop at your leisure at the famous onion burgers at Sid's Diner, Johnnies Hamburgers, or Robert's Grill. A must stop in Clinton at the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum. Elk City is the Natural Gas Capital of the World and has an unusual landmark, the World's tallest (non-operating) oil rig, right on Route 66. Its main landmark is its sprawling Museum Complex which includes the National Route 66 Museum with its enormous US66 shield. Visit the National Route 66 & Transportation Museum (not included) before reaching the old oil town of Shamrock, Texas. Continue to McLean, Texas, refueling at an original Route 66 gas station along the way. The final stop today is Amarillo for a good meal and good night's rest. Amarillo restaurants offer a wide variety of dining options, whether you seek authentic Mexican dishes, juicy burgers, or classic American meals.

Overnight Amarillo, TX: 1 night

Driving Distance (416 KM) 260 Miles

DAY 8 & 9: AMARILLO, TX to SANTA FE, NM

Driving out of Texas to New Mexico. Visit the ghost town of Glen Rio, where you can stand with one foot in New Mexico and the other in Texas. Glen Rio was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. Today, the Glen Rio Historic District includes the old Route 66 roadbed and 17 abandoned buildings. Continue your journey Santa Fe where you will have two days to explore the relaxed pace, stimulating culture, fantastic food, and historic architecture. Santa Fe, New Mexico's capital sits in Sangre de Cristo foothills. It's renowned for its Pueblo-style architecture and a creative arts hotbed. Start your day on Canyon Road, visit Loretto Chapel, have lunch at Santa Fe Plaza, explore the Georgia O'Keefe Museum, go inside the cathedral, experience Meow Wolf, visit the Museum of International Folk Art and Bandelier National Park.

- Overnight Santa Fe, NM: 2 nights
- Driving Distance (449 KM) 278 Miles

Day 10: SANTA FE, NE to ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Enjoy the interesting landscape along the Rio Grande in today's short drive to Albuquerque. Albuquerque's picturesque 'old town' is inspiring of the old west. Interesting stops here include the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (not included). Albuquerque is also known for its International Balloon Fiesta which takes place the first 2 weeks in October. If you happen to be here at other times of the year, there is still a wide variety of things to do. Take a ride on the world's longest Tramway to the top of the Sandia Park (not included). Sandia Peak Tramway runs from the base of Sandia Mountains to their summit called Sandia Park. It is the longest aerial tramway in North America spanning 2.7 miles.

- Overnight Albuquerque, NM: 1 night
- Driving Distance (103 KM) 64 Miles

Day 11: ALBUQUERQUE, NM to HOLBROOK, AZ

Authentic, vibrant, and unlike any other – Albuquerque is a dream destination for lovers of cuisine, culture and exciting activities. Cherished for its roadside charm, Holbrook sits within the Painted Desert, a remarkable area of rocky badlands that stretches from the Grand Canyon to the Navajo Nation. It's one of Arizona's most dazzling and lonesome landscapes, with layered bands that change color seemingly every hour. Wide open space and vistas are in view today. Holbrook is cherished for its roadside Americana charm and sits within close distance to the Petrified Forest where petrified trees compete to glitter and shimmer in the light, and the Painted Desert - a remarkable area of rocky badlands that stretches from the Grand Canyon to the Navajo Nation. It's one of Arizona's most dazzling and lonesome landscapes.

Overnight Holbrook, AZ: 1-night

Driving Distance (473 KM) 293 Miles

DAY 12 & 13: HOLBROOK, AZ to FLAGSTAFF, AZ

Flagstaff is a beautiful college town surrounded by large stands of Ponderosa Pine forest, and is a town surrounded by many national Monuments: Walnut Canyon, Sunset Crater Volcano and Wupatki. From red rock canyons to soaring peaks (Mt. Humphreys is 12,635 feet/3,852 meters), take time to explore the wide-open spaces. On your way to a local trail, visit downtown (rated "One of the Ten Most Charming Historic Downtowns in the USA") to experience local hospitality at the restaurants, breweries, boutiques, galleries, and music venues. After a walking tour, spend the afternoon at the Museum of Northern Arizona, Riordan Mansion, or Pioneer Museum (not included) to learn about this place we call home - the Colorado Plateau. The pioneering history, Native American culture, and quest for the great outdoors makes Flagstaff a serene and nature-inspired destination. Visit the 127-year old Lowell

Observatory, the Home of Pluto, for stargazing. Honored as the First Dark Sky City in the world in 2001, Flagstaff's nights offer clarity to view the entire solar system at 7,100 feet/2,164 meters. Nature should be sustainable, and dark sky preservation is at the forefront in creating experiences that last a lifetime.

Known as the "City of 7 Wonders", Flagstaff is surrounded by 360 degrees of natural allure.

After a sumptuous breakfast at perhaps Macy's European Café or MartAnne's, consider a day of forging memories by venturing out to one or more scenic wonders such as (1) Grand Canyon National Park (2) Wupatki National Monument (3) Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument (4) San Francisco Peaks (5) Coconino National Forest (6) Walnut Canyon National Monument, or, back to stunning (7) Oak Creek Canyon. All are within 90 minutes or less from downtown and each offers a unique experience and adventure. Ancient ruins and pueblos, mile-high canyons, the largest contiguous Ponderosa Pine forest in the world – all within reach. Pack a picnic lunch, rent a bike, or take a local tour. As Arizona's "Craft Beer Town", you may want to download the Craft Brewery Trail Passport and sip a few locally brewed IPAs or Golden Ales. Afterwards, take in a show at the historic Orpheum Theater, or listen to live music at a local gathering place. Whatever you choose to do, you'll be glad you visited.

Overnight Flagstaff, AZ: 2 nights

Driving Distance (145 KM) 90 Miles

DAY 14: FLAGSTAFF, AZ to KINGMAN, AZ

Take a 2.5 hour's drive and you will arrive in Williams, where small town nostalgia meets grand adventures. The railroad town of Kingman is a small town nestled in the pine country of Arizona offers countless things to see and do. The train enthusiast can ride the Grand Canyon Railway through Arizona's high country. Route 66 history buffs can explore more than six blocks of historic buildings and shops bursting with memorabilia. World travelers will find a charming resting place at the Gateway to the Grand Canyon. Outdoor adventurers will have trouble deciding between the numerous outdoor activities, from fishing and hiking to camping and horseback riding. Travelers of all walks of life will find welcoming accommodations that line Route 66 as well as the iconic Grand Canyon Railway Hotel.

Overnight Kingman, AZ: 1 night

Driving Distance (237 KM) 147 Miles

Day 15

KINGMAN, AZ to BARSTOW, CA

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Day 16, 17

SANTA MONICA / LOS ANGELES, CA

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Day 18

LAX departure