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Cruisin' Route 66: A Summer Road Trip Through Americana's Greatest Hits

From city skylines to desert sunsets, Route 66 is a ride through history, neon nostalgia, and wide-open adventure - all with the comforts of modern resort stays.

There's nothing quite like the freedom of the open road, and when it comes to iconic American road trips, Route 66 is the ultimate ride through history, nostalgia, and endless adventure. This legendary highway weaves through vibrant cities, quirky small towns, and breathtaking landscapes, offering a perfect blend of kitschy Americana and natural beauty. With timeshares along the way, travelers can enjoy the perks of home-like amenities and cost-effective stays without the hassle of booking last-minute hotels. Whether you're looking to relax in the spacious accommodations, take in nearby sites, or simply enjoy the flexibility of staying in multiple destinations, timeshares make it easier than ever to embrace the spirit of adventure while ensuring comfort and convenience at every stop.

Chicago, IL



Stay Here: Chicago Magnificent Mile, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club

Enjoy upscale city comforts before starting your journey West. Developed within the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chicago – Magnificent Mile, this special retreat is a model of urban imagination just steps from the city's premier attractions, including Magnificent Mile, Navy Pier, Millennium Park, Grant Park, and Chicago Theater.

Kick off your **Route 66 adventure** in style just steps from iconic city landmarks.

- **POI: Route 66 Begin Sign - Snap a photo at the official start of the Mother Road.**
- **POI: Lou Mitchell's - Classic diner breakfast before hitting the highway.**
- **POI: Millennium Park & The Bean - A modern Chicago must-see.**

- **POI: The Green Mill Cocktail Lounge - A historic jazz haunt with a speakeasy past.**

Things to do along the way to **St. Louis**:

- **Cozy diners, neon signs, and classic roadside attractions - soak in the spirit of small-town Illinois.**

St. Louis, MO

- **POI: The Gateway Arch - Ride to the top for sweeping river views.**
- **POI: Ted Drewes Frozen Custard - A Route 66 dessert institution.**
- **POI: City Museum - Reclaimed architecture turned hands-on playground.**
- **POI: Blues City Deli - Famous sandwiches and live music vibes.**

Springfield, MO

- **POI: Fantastic Caverns - Ride-through caves perfect for hot summer days.**
- **POI: Route 66 Car Museum - A must for classic car fans.**
- **POI: Askinosie Chocolate - Tour and taste bean-to-bar delights.**
- **POI: Lambert's Café - Famous for “throwed rolls” and Southern cooking.**

Branson, MO



Stay Here: Holiday Inn Club Vacations Holiday Hills Resort

For travelers looking to explore beyond the main route, this resort is located 50 miles away in the popular family destination of Branson, Missouri (known as the “live entertainment capital of the world”) and offers a variety of amenities, including golf course, indoor and outdoor pools, a movie theater, on-site dining and more. Don’t miss the Route 66 Museum during your visit, about an hour’s drive from the resort.

- **POI: Silver Dollar City - 1880s-style theme park thrills.**
- **POI: Branson Landing - Waterfront shopping and dining.**
- **POI: Shepherd of the Hills Adventure Park - Zip lines and Ozark views.**

Oklahoma City, OK

- **POI: National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum - Dive into Wild West culture.**
- **POI: Pops 66 Soda Ranch - Giant soda bottle and 700+ flavors.**
- **POI: Stockyards City -Steakhouses and Western wear.**
- **POI: Bricktown Entertainment District - Canal-side nightlife and liv**

Santa Fe, NM



Stay Here: WorldMark Santa Fe

For travelers seeking an active vacation, spend time hiking, biking or fishing. Alternatively, The Santa Fe Opera, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and the Museum of International Folk Art are all less than eight miles away from the resort. After a busy day of exploring, come on back to this beautiful pueblo-style resort where there is always a cozy fireplace waiting.

- **POI: Meow Wolf - Immersive, trippy art experience like no other.**
- **POI: Canyon Road - Galleries and artists in a scenic walkable stretch.**
- **POI: The Shed - Known for red chile enchiladas and margaritas.**
- **POI: Santa Fe Opera & Folk Art Museum - World-class culture just minutes away.**

Flagstaff, AZ



Stay Here: Club Wyndham Flagstaff

This resort is a 2,200-acre retreat surrounded by gorgeous views of the Flagstaff, Arizona landscape and the onsite golf course, Continental Country Club. Enjoy two outdoor swimming pools, basketball courts, billiards tables and eight tennis courts on-site. While it's easy to enjoy a stay here without even leaving the grounds, just up the road and only 85 miles away, is the Grand Canyon National Park. Other not-to-be-missed natural landmarks include Sunset Crater Volcano, Walnut Canyon National Monument, the Petrified Forest, and Painted Desert.

- **POI: Meteor Crater - Earth's best-preserved impact site.**
- **POI: Lowell Observatory - Stargazing central.**
- **POI: Diablo Burger - Beloved for local beef and fun vibes.**
- **POI: Grand Canyon National Park - Just 85 miles away.**

Las Vegas, NV



Stay Here: Elara, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club

Standing at an impressive 52-stories on the world-famous Las Vegas Strip, this resort is known for its signature mirrored façade reflecting the very best of a Las Vegas getaway. Travelers will enjoy adjoining access to the shops and restaurants of Miracle Mile and Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino just across the way.

- **POI: Neon Boneyard - Vintage Vegas signage preserved in neon glory.**
- **POI: Fremont Street - Live shows and vibrant street life.**
- **POI: The Chandelier Bar - A sparkling multi-level cocktail bar.**

Palm Desert, CA



Stay Here: The Westin Desert Willow Villas, Palm Desert

Nestled amid the Santa Rosa Mountains in Southern California, this resort sits adjacent to one of the area's most celebrated golf resorts, Desert Willow Golf Resort. Two award-winning championship courses - considered 36 holes of the Coachella Valley's best plays - are yours to experience here as you relish in outdoor recreation and relaxation.

- **POI: Joshua Tree National Park - Surreal rock formations and stargazing.**
- **POI: El Paseo - Chic shopping and cozy cafés.**
- **POI: Wilma & Frieda's - Brunch staples and house-made pop tarts.**

Cap off your trip by traveling 2 hours from the resort to Santa Monica, where Route 66 ends.

Santa Monica, CA

- **POI: Santa Monica Pier - Ferris wheels and photo ops at Route 66's end.**
- **POI: End of the Trail Sign - One last snapshot for the scrapbook.**
- **POI: Venice Beach Boardwalk - Street performers and surf culture.**
- **POI: The Misfit - A stylish, laid-back spot to toast the end of the road.**

There's no better way to experience the magic of Route 66 than by combining the spontaneity of a road trip with the comfort of timeshare stays along the way. Whether you're soaking in cityscapes, desert vistas, or neon-drenched nostalgia, having a reliable and welcoming place to stay makes all the difference. With well-placed timeshare properties throughout the journey, you can enjoy the freedom of the open road without sacrificing comfort, affordability, or adventure. So gas up, grab your camera, and get ready for the road trip of a lifetime-where history, Americana, and modern convenience meet under the summer sun.