

MOTORCYCLE TOURS ON ROUTE 66 2012

Ride iconic Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles



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Known as the “Mainstreet of America” or “Mother Road”, Route 66 is 2400 miles long from Chicago to Los Angeles, crosses three time zones and 8 States: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. It has been the path of migrants, dreamers, desperadoes and an entire generation of vacationers discovering the way west. Much of Route 66’s classic roads, restaurants, gas stations and nostalgic landmarks are preserved just as they were in the 1950’s.

The famous and nostalgic Route 66 is the road created in heaven for motorcycle touring.

Simply stated, this is the guided tour of America!

There’s nothing like being there!



Day 1. Thursday. Arrive Chicago, IL

Check in to our tour hotel today. An EagleRider Tour Leader will be in the hotel lobby from 4pm to 6pm to greet you and take care of a few small details before we take to the open road in the morning. Tonight you will have the opportunity to meet your fellow riders as we enjoy our Welcome Dinner.

Day 2. Friday. Chicago - Springfield, IL

Today we put rubber to the hallowed pavement of Historic Route 66 for the first time. After picking up our bikes we start on the 2400 miles that lies ahead. Our first stop today will be the well known Route 66 Museum in Joliet, Illinois, a must for anyone traveling this great road.



Day 3. Saturday. Springfield, IL - St Louis, MO

The excitement is just beginning today. As we enter St. Louis, we see one of the most recognizable structures in the US, the Gateway Arch. The gleaming, stainless steel structure welcomes travellers heading from East to West.



Day 4. Sunday. St Louis, MO - Miami, OK

Today you’ll be amazed with the scenery the Midwest has to offer. The roads out of Rolla are a rider’s dream.

We take our time through the “Devils Elbow” to view what once was the deepest road cut in Missouri. Soon we’ll get a taste of what the real Route 66 was like. One of the few characters left on the Old Route 66 stills exists in Paris Springs Junction, MO. The Gay Parita Sinclair gas station has charm with bit of panache that shows us how they drew customers in by the hundreds. You’ll have one of the best days so far after our visit here that you will leave smiling. We end our day just over the state line in Miami, Oklahoma for a well deserved night’s sleep.



Day 5. Monday. Miami, OK - Oklahoma City, OK

This morning we’ll head for another city which has been immortalised in song - Tulsa. Then we’ll continue to the state capital, Oklahoma City, for overnight.

Day 6. Tuesday. Oklahoma City, OK - Amarillo, TX

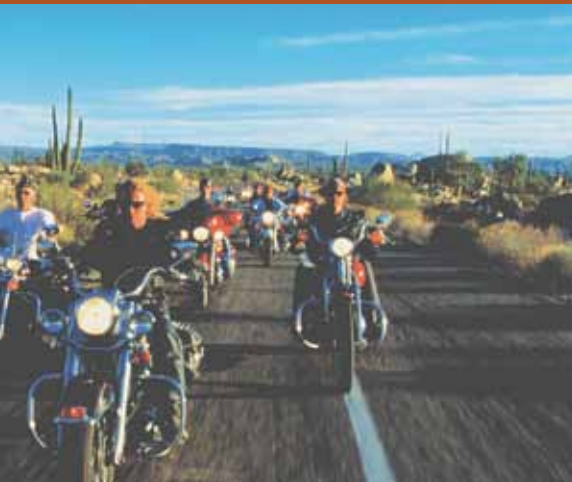
We eagerly start today for an early visit to the Route 66 Museum in Clinton, Oklahoma. This is a favorite of all the museums along the route, as it walks visitors through each era of Historic Route 66 from the 1920’s through present time. Then we ride to Amarillo, up in the northern Texas Panhandle. Amarillo may seem cut off from the rest of Texas, but it stands on one of the great American cross-country routes. For those who want a few more miles under their belt, you might like to explore stunning Palo Duro Canyon.

Day 7. Wednesday. Amarillo, TX - Santa Fe, NM

Say goodbye to the wide open spaces of Oklahoma and Texas as we make our way into the heart of the Western United States and one of her most beautiful cities, Santa Fe, New Mexico. This quaint mountain town is nestled high in the Sangre de Cristo, or Blood of Christ, mountain range, which are thought to have been names for the deep red hues of the mountains during some sunrises and sunsets. Founded in 1607, it is the second oldest city as well as the highest and oldest state capital in the USA.

Day 8. Thursday. Santa Fe at leisure

Today is a free day to relax. Santa Fe is rich in Spanish and Native American history and culture, a unique blend that is reflected in the local art, architecture and cuisine. If you feel like a ride today we can organize of day trip into the fresh mountain air of northern Arizona and southern Colorado; the trip north to Taos is stunning.



A HASSLE FREE HOLIDAY WITH ELITE SPECIAL EVENT TOURS

Enjoy all that the open road offers when you ride with Elite Special Event Tours. With many years of running motorcycle tours in the USA, we know what it takes to ensure you have the best time, with all details taken care of. We plan each day's ride with a balance of rest breaks and fuel stops; we know the best spot for a great coffee or a stunning photo and we'll get you off the highways onto interesting roads. Our ride leader knows the road well and he's in radio contact with our support van to provide extra security. The van becomes our shuttle to night time events so you don't have to worry about how to get home and we pre-book our accommodation in comfortable hotels & motels.

All you have to do is relax and enjoy the scenery!

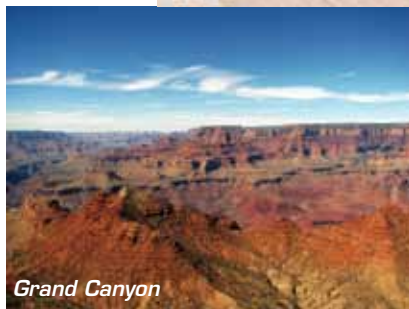
- ✓ Ride leader
- ✓ Support Van with spare bike
- ✓ Choice of bike model
- ✓ Daily maps and notes
- ✓ Sightseeing
- ✓ Planned rides
- ✓ Transfers

Day 9. Friday. Santa Fe, NM - Gallup, NM

As we head to Albuquerque in the high desert we see a change in scenery with red dirt plateaus and cactus blooms as well as examples of adobe architecture. Later we'll stop at The Petrified Forest National Park. New Mexico is home to one of the oldest constantly inhabited cities in the America, Sky City, set on top of massive rock outcrops. We'll detour to see this once in a lifetime view before continuing to Gallup.

Day 10. Saturday. Gallup, NM - Grand Canyon AZ

It seems our ride is just getting better each day. The Eagles band must have passed through Winslow, Arizona and once we finish singing the song "Standing on a corner in Winslow Arizona" a few times in our head we remount and continue on to Flagstaff. The miles of road just before Flagstaff are great riding. Next up: The Grand Canyon. It is GRAND. It's hard to explain just how big and marvelous the Grand Canyon is. No picture truly captures the grandeur and enormous size of this natural wonder. Here is where your tour leader shines. We'll show you how to find the best photo stops and navigate this park with ease.



Grand Canyon

Day 11. Sunday. Grand Canyon AZ - Laughlin, NV

Your passion for motorcycle riding will be repaid today as we open the throttle and let the wind fly by. The morning's view is outstanding. There are some long stretches and a few twisty curves in the morning but later on it all opens up. By the afternoon we are treated to an odd and wonderful sight as we approach

Petrified Forest NP



Oatman



the scenic vistas just before coming into Oatman, AZ. This town has a standing army of burros that roam free and you get a sense of what the mining days of the Wild West were like. Then on to Laughlin, Nevada.

Day 12. Monday. Laughlin, NV - Las Vegas, NV

Las Vegas offers fine dining, gambling, grandiose shows, and entertainment galore. Outside the strip, Las Vegas has great attractions in Hoover Dam, desert plains driving and beautiful night rides.

Day 13. Tuesday. Las Vegas, NV - Victorville, CA

The Mojave desert offers stillness and interesting colors that only a few riders ever explore. Set the throttle on cruise and just enjoy the ride.

Day 14. Wednesday. Victorville, CA - Los Angeles, CA

We gather our belongings and ride into one of the most famous cities in the world. Glitz, glamour, palm trees and fresh ocean air permeate our drive westward. Your Tour Leader takes you to Santa Monica pier and to see the plaque that announces the final destination of Route 66. Later we'll return our trusty bikes and tonight we celebrate. We'll gather at a restaurant to reminisce about our trip and friendships we've forged.

Day 15. Thursday. Tour ends Los Angeles

Your tour ends this morning. Perhaps extend your stay in LA or travel to other parts of the USA. We can help with your additional travel arrangements.

Airfares

We have not included airfares in the tour price in order to give you the opportunity to take advantage of the best airfare available at time of reservation. If you would like us to assist with your flight booking, contact us on 1300 884 891.

2012 Departure Dates

Start	Finish
Chicago	Los Angeles
May 17	May 31
Jun 07	Jun 21
Jun 28	July 12
Aug 02	Aug 16
Sep 06	Sep 20
Sep 27	Oct 11

Tour Prices PER PERSON in A\$ (excluding airfares)

NOTE: You must be min. 21 years old and hold a valid unrestricted motorcycle licence.

Price A \$5,499

For 2 riders travelling together

Each person rides a bike and the 2 of you share a hotel room.

Price B \$4,299

For 1 rider and 1 pillion travelling together

You travel on 1 bike together and the 2 of you share a hotel room.

Price C \$7,499

For 1 rider travelling solo

You ride a bike and have a hotel room to yourself.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◆14 nights hotel accommodation
- ◆13 days late model motorcycle hire
- ◆Fuel and oil
- ◆Comprehensive bike insurance for theft, damage, 3rd party supplemental liability
- ◆Breakfast daily ◆Welcome and Farewell dinners
- ◆Sightseeing and touring as listed in the itinerary
- ◆Support van, spare bike and trailer
- ◆Transfers between airport, hotel & bike rental
- ◆Elite Special Event Tours travel wallet

Not included:

Airfares, meals other than listed, drinks, tips, personal items.

Important Information and Booking Conditions

Deposit

An non-refundable deposit of A\$1000 per person is required within 14 days of reservation to secure your place on this tour.

Final Payment

Because events can 'sell out' quickly, we are required to advise passenger details well in advance so as to secure the arrangements from hotels, tour operators, coach companies, airlines and event ticket sales offices. We seek your understanding and co operation in this matter and advise full payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Bookings received after this date will require payment in full within 7 days.

Payment by credit card

A fee will be charged on the value of the amount being charged to your credit card and will be added to the amount being paid. Fees: Mastercard & Visa Card 2%; Diners Club & American Express 4%

Cancellation after full payment will incur the following fees; Days prior to departure:
Up to 46 days: 25%; 45-31 days: 50%;
30-0 days: 100% of tour price.

Single travellers

We are unable to 'pair up' solo passengers who seek to share a room. However if we know that another solo passenger of the same gender is interested in sharing, we offer to put you in touch with each other prior to departure. If both agree to twin share accommodation we require written confirmation of that agreement from both parties. If you wish to pursue this offer please mention it to your travel agent so you can be placed on a list at the time of paying deposit. If an opportunity does not arise then Price 'C' will apply.

Travel Insurance

It is a requirement that all passengers participating in these tours effect appropriate travel insurance at the time of booking, please ask us for information. Your travel insurance policy must include coverage for cancellation fee. Proof of insurance cover is required to be submitted to Elite Special Event Tours at least thirty (30) days prior to departure.

Documentation

Elite Special Event Tours has taken every precaution to ensure that information and details provided about each tour, and the tour itinerary is correct and accurate. A considerable amount of pre planning and site inspections has been undertaken by Elite Special Event Tours to ensure that details mentioned in the itineraries meet our high standards. Every effort is made to ensure that details are correct at the time of distribution, however no responsibility or liability is accepted for any errors, omissions, or alterations contained in either documentation or the itinerary.

Price changes

Currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges, changes in airfares, and/or tour costs can happen without notice. It is our intention that any such changes will be advised in advance, however Elite Special Event Tours is not responsible for any increases applied by any of our contracted tour operators, airlines, or hotels, nor for any currency fluctuations. In the event of significant movements in currency exchange rates it may be necessary to apply from time to time a currency surcharge.

Hotels & Flights

Hotels listed in the itinerary are correct at time of publication but are subject to change prior to the tour departure. Flight times are subject to change without notice.

Amendment fees

Amendments made at the time of reservation incur no charge. Amendments made after payment of deposit may incur a fee of \$50 plus any charges applied by any associated operator.

Termination

No refunds will be applicable to any termination of any reservations or tours due to unforeseen circumstances once commencement of the tour's departure. Any such claims may be submitted to your insurance provider.

Minimum group size

This tour is costed on a minimum group size of 15 passengers. Should the group number fall below this Elite Special Event Tours reserves the right to make any appropriate adjustments, including cancellation. In the event of cancellation

by Elite Special Event Tours, a full refund of all monies paid will apply.

Responsibilities

Airline tickets, bookings, & passports must be in the same name. It is the responsibility of all passengers to ensure that they hold a current passport that is valid until you have returned to Australia and any visas or documentation necessary, including any recommended vaccinations. It is the responsibility of any passenger to take whatever precaution is necessary to avoid any occurrence of Deep Vein Thrombosis. Elite Special Event Tours does not accept any liability for injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expenses or inconvenience caused either directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events which are beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable due diligence on the part of Elite Special Event Tours. Elite Special Event Tours has exercised due care with its selection of reputable travel operators such as airlines, car companies, hotels, coach companies, tour operators and/or other suppliers. Some of these operators limit & exclude liability in respect of death, personal injury, delay & loss or damage to baggage.



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