



The MOTHER ROAD – ST LOUIS, MO. to OKLAHOMA CITY, OK. JUNE 1 - 7, 2026 (7 days)

\$2466. per person DOUBLE, Triple **\$2374.**, Quad **\$2300.**, Single **\$2920.**

Departs: Goshen, Kendallville, Auburn, Ft. Wayne

Day 1: We continue Route 66 from last year and celebrate the Mother Road. She turns **100 this year** and she has never looked better. A Travel Day to Sullivan, MO with a **Ted Drewes Frozen Custard** stop in St Louis, located on Route 66.



Day 2: CUBA, MO: The town has a vibrant outdoor art gallery, earning the town the moniker "**Route 66 Mural City.**" **FANNING, MO:** "**Route 66 Red Rocker,**" erected in 2008 with purpose of breaking the Guinness World Record for the largest rocking chair, it stands at an impressive 42 feet tall with 31.5-foot-long rockers. It held the title until 2015 when a larger chair was built in Casey, Illinois. **ST ROBERTS, MO:** A unique attraction known for its quirky name and offbeat charm – **Uranus Towne Center.** A playful destination featuring novelty shops, a popular fudge factory, a general store, and a unique museum dedicated to oddities and curiosities. See the **Mayor Louie Keene muffler man.** Uranus is on a portion of the original Route 66 and captures the spirit of Route 66. **WAYNESVILLE, MO:** Enjoy the beautiful murals and the 8-foot 2-ton **Route 66 Shield.** Visit the **Cherokee Encampment and the National Park Service Trail of Tears Memorial,** alongside the gorgeous Roubidoux Creek. Lunch at **Hoppers Pub,** right on Rte 66.



SPRINGFIELD, MO: Fantastic Caverns, America's Ride-Thru Cave. It lies beneath the rolling Ozarks and offers a complete ride-through cave experience. Trams tour the path left by an ancient underground river with up-close look at beautiful cave formations. Dinner at **Mexican Villa,** established in 1951, it originally operated as the Pig 'N Bun Drive In. The address is a prime position along the early 1926-1935 alignment of Route 66, making the restaurant a direct stop for countless travelers. Dessert at the **Rockwood Motor Court.** Built in 1929, it is one of the original motor courts on Route 66. **The Rail Haven** originally started as a small motel in 1938 with just eight sandstone cottages, reflecting the typical architectural style of early Route 66 motor courts. Today, the **Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven** features a blend of retro decor and modern amenities, ensuring a stay with a touch of nostalgia. **Day 3: ASH GROVE, MO: "Gay Parita" Sinclair service station.** Step back in time to a 1930 route 66 gas station. **The Spenser Bridge,** a 1923 one-lane steel truss bridge spanning Johnson Creek. It is a significant landmark on the historic 1926 alignment of Route 66. This "pony truss" bridge remains a tangible piece of the original highway. **REEDS, MO: Lottie's Soda Shoppe:** Hear the story of a Route 66 romance between a Soda Jerk named Lottie and a Grease Monkey named Valgene. **CARTHAGE, MO:** It has authentic old buildings and an old cemetery, and it looks like a ghost town. See "**Red Oak II**", a combination of a painting and a sculpture, and it is just made from things that someone else threw away. Today, this quaint "ghost town" includes a Phillips 66 station, an old schoolhouse, feed store, diner, town hall, jail, and several homes. After Lunch at the General Store, enjoy a **mini tour** of Carthage. See the **Jasper County Courthouse,** a striking example of Romanesque Revival architecture and one of the most iconic courthouses in the Midwest, and the second most photographed building in Missouri. **WEBB CITY, MO: Praying Hands Memorial,** an impressive 220,000 pounds of steel and concrete, 32 feet high, atop a 40-foot-high man-made hill, unannounced and unexpected. **GALENA, KS: Kan-O-Tex Service Station.** Originally, Little's Service Station, it served Route 66 motorists in 1934 and is now home to a 1951 International boom truck on which Pixar's animated character Tow Mater was based. Kansas has the shortest stretch of road on Route 66, approximately 11 miles. **Gearhead Curios.** Built from native stone in 1939. **BAXTER SPRINGS, KS: Rainbow Bridge.** Also known as the Brush Creek Bridge, built in 1923, this unique and graceful structure is the sole surviving Marsh arch bridge on the entire length of the former Route 66 highway. It is known for its graceful, curved design that creates a "rainbow" appearance. **COMMERCE, OK.:** Drive by the Home of baseball legend Mickey Mantle. The modest childhood home of the legendary New York Yankees slugger stands as a testament to his humble beginnings along the storied path of Route 66. **Dairy King** known for its nostalgic charm and delightful treats. Established in the 1950s, the retro ambiance, complete with vintage signage, evokes the golden era of America's Mother Road. **MIAMI, OK: Coleman Theater,** a beautifully restored vaudeville-era theater. Learn the theater's fascinating history, architectural features, and the miraculous story of its grassroots renovation. Experience the 1928 Coleman's Mighty Wurlitzer organ-the only Wurlitzer theater organ in the world still playing in its original venue. A delicious dinner and a classic film screening within the elegant ambiance.



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Day 4: Picture stop at the “**Ribbon Rd.**” A new state at the time of Route 66’s inception, Oklahoma could only afford to pave a two-lane road halfway across the state or one lane road across the whole state. They chose the latter. It is the only remaining 9-foot-wide segment on *Route 66*. **CHELESA OK:**

Ed Galloway’s Totem Pole Park is the oldest and largest example of folk-art environment in Oklahoma. A 90-foot-tall main totem pole heavily carved with bas-relief designs and the largest art object on the property. **CLAREMORE OK: Will Rogers Memorial Museum** pays tribute to America’s Cowboy Philosopher. It houses the world’s largest collection of Will Rogers memorabilia. **CATOOSA OK: Blue Whale of Catoosa** has become one of the most recognizable attractions on old



Route 66. Hugh Davis built the 80-foot-long sperm whale out of pipe and concrete for his wife’s anniversary and placed it in a little pond on their property. **TULSA, OK: Meadow Gold Mack’s Route 66 Outpost** resides just below the world-renowned Meadow Gold neon sign on Route 66 and across the street from the famous **Buck Atom’s Cosmic Curios** and **Buck’s Vintage**. Buck Atom’s is



famous for their giant **Buck Atom space cowboy muffler man statue** and **19-ft. tall Stella Atom, the Cosmic Cowgirl**. **Cyrus Avery Centennial Plaza** honors Cyrus Avery, the “father of Route 66.” **Route 66 Historical Village** is an open-air museum offering a unique experience educating visitors about Tulsa’s history in the oil, refining, and transportation industries. The Visitor’s Center is a replica of a **1920s Phillips 66 gas station**, and their towering 154-foot-tall oil derrick—the tallest oil derrick in North America, and the site of the first oil strike on June 25, 1901, which made Tulsa the “Oil Capital of the World.” **STROUD, OK.:**

Rock Café, opened in 1939 and has maintained its historic rock walls, foundation and original grill since WWII. Travelers stop at this nostalgic destination for unique menu items and rural Oklahoma hospitality. **Day 5: LUTHER OK: Historic Threath Filling Station**, built in 1915 and was the only known Black-owned and operated gas station along Route 66. The station served as a safe haven for Black travelers during the Jim Crow Era. **OKLAHOMA CITY OK:** City tour



includes The **Oklahoma City National Memorial** which stands as a solemn reminder of the tragic bombing of 1995. Ride the **Wheeler Ferris Wheel**. Located for decades on the iconic Santa Monica Pier in California, this Historic landmark was featured in countless Hollywood films. That’s all the farther we go experiencing Route 66 west bound this adventure. We start our way back with a stop in **ARCADIA OK.**



Lunch on own at **POPS 66**, an iconic Route 66 landmark recognizable by its towering, 66-foot-tall soda bottle sculpture that pays homage to the historic highway it sits beside. **VINITA OK:** Rest stop at **Will Rogers Archway**, a unique structure, spanning Interstate 44’s Will Rogers Turnpike. Once recognized as the world’s largest McDonald’s restaurant. While it no longer holds that title, it’s a roadside landmark that offers travelers a distinctive experience. **Day 6: JOPLIN MO: Route 66 Visitors Center.** Learn about Joplin’s beginnings using City Hall’s murals. See **Bonnie and Clyde Hideout Apartment** location. **Schifferdecker Park** with its vibrant canvas for 3D street art,

particularly through its hosting of the World Street Painting Festival. **Grand Falls** is a remarkable natural wonder renowned as the largest continuously flowing waterfall in the state. While its drop is a modest 12 feet, it spans an impressive 163 feet wide across a solid chert rock ledge on Shoal Creek, creating a picturesque “miniature Niagara Falls.



George Washington Carver National Monument, dedicated to the life and legacy of the esteemed African American scientist, educator, and humanitarian, George Washington Carver. Established in 1943, it holds the distinction of being the first national monument dedicated to an African American and the first to honor someone other than a U.S. president. **The Precious Moments Chapel** was created by Samuel J Butcher. 84 hand-painted murals, 30 meticulously designed stained glass windows, 4 hand-carved wooden doors, all from one man’s dream and imagination to reality.



ROLLA MO: Neon Park is a unique outdoor museum dedicated to preserving the vibrant history of Route 66. It showcases meticulously restored vintage neon signs that once illuminated businesses along Missouri’s stretch of the Mother Road, from St. Louis to Carthage. **Day 7:** Rest of the way home, but we got **Our Kicks on Route 66!**



Tour Includes:

- All Attractions
- 14 meals (6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunch, 5 Dinners)
- 6 Nights Quality Lodging
- Travel via Motorcoach

Deposit \$100 per person, Balance Due May 1, 2026

