



TRI-STATE TRAVEL

Presents

# 100 Year Anniversary Of



OCTOBER 10-17, 2026

***Celebrate 100 years of the USA's most legendary highway cruising eight states. Route 66 is a symbol of American Freedom and Adventure that shaped the history and culture of the United States.***

**DAY 1: Saturday, October 10, 2026**

Welcome aboard your Route 66 bound deluxe motorcoach. We travel thru Illinois, Iowa and into Missouri for first overnight stay in St. Joseph, MO. (Managers Reception)

**DAY 2: Sunday, October 11, 2026**

Breakfast is included at the hotel before our departure. We arrive the Glore Psychiatric Museum. It offers a fascinating and often sobering look into the history of mental health treatment. Located within a former asylum, the museum's exhibits trace over 130 years of psychiatric care, from archaic and sometimes brutal methods to more modern therapies. Founded by occupational therapist George Glore, it aims to reduce the stigma of mental illness by revealing the evolution of understanding and treatment, often featuring patient creations alongside historical medical devices. Lunch is on our own before we arrive at Lucille's hotel in Weatherford, OK. The modern Lucille's Hotel is a direct tribute to the original Lucille's Service Station and Hamons' Court on Route 66 near Hydro, a few miles to the east. The original station, built in 1929, became legendary after Lucille and Carl Hamons purchased it in 1941. Lucille Hamons ran the business—which included gas, a diner, and a motor court—for nearly six decades, earning the nickname "Mother of the Mother Road" for her exceptional hospitality to countless Route 66 travelers. After Lucille passed away in 2000, a local Route 66 enthusiast, Rick Koch, established Lucille's Roadhouse restaurant in Weatherford in 2006 to honor her legacy, later opening Lucille's Hotel nearby. The hotel continues Lucille's tradition, offering modern accommodations with a nostalgic Route 66 theme, just a short drive from the historic, preserved service station. Dinner tonight is next to the hotel at Lucille's Roadhouse at your leisure off a limited tour menu. (B,D)

**DAY 3: Monday, October 12, 2026**

Breakfast is included at the hotel. We arrive the Pony Bridge, also known as the William H. Murray Bridge, it is a historic landmark on Route 66 in Oklahoma. Built in 1933-34, it spans the South Canadian River for an impressive 3,944 feet. Its unique design features 38 "camelback" pony truss spans, making it the longest single-span pony truss bridge in America. The bridge played a significant role during the Great Depression, providing employment and connecting communities. Today, the Pony Bridge remains a beloved symbol of Route 66, attracting visitors from around the world who appreciate its historical significance and engineering marvel. Our next stop is the Oklahoma Route 66 museum. It offers an immersive journey through the history and culture of the iconic Mother Road. Established in 1995, the museum features a series of exhibits and chronicles the evolution of Route 66, from its inception in 1926 to its heyday and eventual decline. The museum also highlights the impact of Route 66 on American culture, showcasing its role in music, literature, and film. We now make our way into Texas arriving at the U-Drop Inn in Shamrock. Shamrock, sits on the rolling plains of the eastern Texas Panhandle, on Historic U.S. Route 66 and is well known for its historic CONOCO Tower Station and U-Drop Inn Café, an iconic Art- Deco building dating back to the Great Depression and listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The U-Drop Inn, also known as Tower Station and U-Drop Inn and Tower Café, was built in 1936 in Shamrock, Texas along the historic Route 66 highway. Inspired by the image of a nail stuck in soil, the building was designed by J. C. Berry. In the 2006 animated film Cars, the fictional town of Radiator Springs was based on multiple real U.S. Route 66 landmarks from Peach Springs to Baxter Springs; the U-Drop Inn's distinctive architecture appears as Ramone's automotive body and paint shop. Lunch is included in the Visitor Center at the U-Drop Inn. Dessert today will be in McLean, Texas at the Devil's Rope Museum. McLean is now headquarters of the Texas Historic Route 66 Association located in the Devil's Rope Museum. The museum is a unique roadside attraction dedicated to the history and artistry of barbed wire. As a tribute to the practical and sometimes unexpected innovations that shaped the American West, this quirky museum celebrates a key element of Western expansion and rural life, offering an intriguing stop on the historic Route 66. The tour today includes a picture stop at the Leaning Tower of Texas. This water tower lies right alongside the former path of Route 66, which has since been paved over to create US Interstate 40. During the early and mid-20th century, passersby on the Mother Road were intrigued by the severe tilt of the tower, asking themselves what on Earth could have caused it. A crashing plane? An earthquake? A giant tornado? Learn the story behind this Route 66 icon. A rest stop will be made at the Groom Cross, officially named "The Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ" -- rises 19 stories up from the Texas Panhandle. The Mother Road's legacy of rope-'em-in salesmanship wasn't lost on the Texas millionaire who bankrolled the Cross. It is reminiscent of time-tested enticements straight out of vintage Route 66 tourism brochures. But the nowhere is it written that the road to salvation can't include a little sightseeing on the way. We arrive the Slug Bug Ranch, a quirky and interactive roadside attraction near Amarillo, Texas, serving as a playful tribute to the more famous Cadillac Ranch. Originally established in Conway, TX in the early 2000s, this installation features a line of Volkswagen Beetles—or "slug bugs"—half-buried nose-first in the ground, an unconventional form of automotive folk art. Like its Cadillac counterpart, the Bugs are constantly covered in vibrant layers of spray-painted graffiti, making it an ever-evolving public art piece. It is a short distance to the Big Texan Steak Ranch and Brewery where dinner awaits. In 1960, R. J. "Bob" Lee opened The Big Texan Steak Ranch on Route 66, the "Mother Road." Its distinctive architecture soon became recognized across the Mother Road as a good stopping place for great steaks grilled over an open flame. Our accommodations tonight are at the Cactus Cove in Amarillo, TX. Originally built in the popular style around an indoor courtyard, it captures the essence of Amarillo's unique character and the spirit of Route 66. While not directly on the route, it offers a chance to experience the nostalgia of Route 66 in a modern, comfortable setting. (B,D)

#### **DAY 4: Tuesday, October 13, 2026**

Breakfast is included at the hotel. Today our tour of Amarillo includes the Cadillac Ranch. The Cadillac Ranch was invented and built by a group of art-hippies imported from San Francisco. They called themselves The Ant Farm, and their silent partner was Amarillo billionaire Stanley Marsh 3. He wanted a piece of public art that would baffle the locals, and the hippies came up with a tribute to the evolution of the Cadillac tail fin. Ten Caddies face west in a line, from the 1949 Club Sedan to the 1963 Sedan de Ville, their tail fins held high for all to see on the empty Texas panhandle. Wear clothes today that won't matter if you get a little paint on them. Everyone will have a chance to contribute to the artwork. Make sure to snap some photos because whatever you create at Cadillac Ranch will probably only last a few hours before it's created over by someone else. This afternoon lunch will be at the MidPoint Café and Giftshop and culminates with a piece of their famous "Ugly Crust Pie." Adrian also had its 15 minutes of fame. Fran Houser, the previous owner of Midpoint Cafe, was the basis for Flo from "Flo's V-8 Cafe." We continue on to Tucumcari, NM. Famous for its slogan "Tucumcari Tonight," it still boasts vintage motels that have been beautifully restored. We arrive at the Roadrunner Lodge Motel, Tucumcari, NM. It is approximately 60 miles to Tucumcari so because of the time change you will arrive in Tucumcari at the same time you depart Adrian, Texas. Roadrunner Lodge Motel rebuilt a previously lost piece of classic Americana. It offers an opportunity to experience the local culture across time by painstakingly recreating the 1960s vibe, including their own radio station playing hits and commercials from that era. This evening enjoy a Progressive Dinner - The Quay County Historical Society, in association with the Tucumcari Historical Museum have joined to welcome you with a Progressive Dinner that showcases this famous city on Route 66. Throughout the evening learn about everything from ancient dinosaurs to present day, colored throughout by the music, stories and people. Return to the Roadrunner Lodge Motel. Meet by the Lodge's firepit for Old West stories and fun. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 5: Wednesday, October 14, 2026**

Breakfast is included at a local restaurant. Our adventure continues with our first stop being the Route 66 Auto Museum in Santa Rosa, NM. Easily recognizable by the bright yellow vintage hot rod perched high on a pole outside, the museum showcases a colorful and impressive collection of over 30 classic cars, vintage trucks, street rods, and muscle cars, many meticulously restored by the late local legend James "Bozo" Cordova. Beyond the gleaming chrome and fresh paint jobs, the museum is packed with nostalgic memorabilia, including antique gas pumps, vintage road signs, and other Route 66 paraphernalia that transport visitors back to the golden age of the American road trip. We continue on to Santa Fe for lunch on your own. Meet your guide for a tour of Santa Fe and visit such points of interest as the historic Plaza, St. Francis Cathedral, the Loretto Chapel, with its famous "miraculous" staircase, and the San Miguel Chapel. Founded in 1610, Santa Fe today is the heart and soul of the Southwest. Our overnight accommodations are in Santa Fe. (B, Managers Reception)

#### **DAY 6: Thursday, October 15, 2026**

Breakfast is included at the hotel. Today is a travel day as we make our way to Dodge City, KS. This evening dinner is included at the Boot Hills Museum. It is a hearty country-style dinner. Following dinner, Step right up and pull up a chair for the Long Branch Variety Show—the wildest, most foot-stompin' spectacle this side of the Mississippi! Straight out of the legendary Long Branch Saloon at the Boot Hill Museum, this isn't your grandma's quiet parlor performance. It's a riotous throwback to Dodge City's days as a booming cow town, starring sassy singers, hilarious comedians, and the one-and-only "Miss Kitty" herself, all decked out in their finest Old West finery. But the real showstopper? The dazzling, high-kicking Can-Can Dancers! Their skirts fly, their energy is electric, and their performance is guaranteed to send you out the door grinning and maybe humming a catchy saloon tune or two. It's lively, it's cheesy in the best way, and it's the longest-running seasonal theatrical show in the country—so saddle up and prepare to be thoroughly entertained! (B,D)

#### **DAY 7: Friday, October 16, 2026**

Breakfast is included at the hotel. This morning, we visit the Boot Hill Museum. Step back into the legendary, rowdy era when Dodge City was known as the "Queen of the Cowntowns. Located on the original site of the infamous Boot Hill Cemetery, the museum offers a robust and immersive look at the late 19th-century American frontier, preserving the authentic history of the cattle drives, buffalo hunters, and iconic lawmen like Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson. Stroll down a meticulously reconstructed replica of the historic Front Street, browse the General Store, belly up to the bar for a sarsaparilla in the Long Branch Saloon, and explore numerous exhibits featuring thousands of original artifacts and interactive displays. We make our way to our last overnight stay in St. Joseph, MO. (B, Managers Reception)

#### **Day 8: Saturday, October 17, 2026**

Breakfast is included at the hotel. We are homeward bound. The ride home will give you ample time to reflect on your memories of this special "100th Anniversary of Route 66" tour. (B)



## **"100 Year Anniversary of Route 66" Tour Package Includes:**

- 7 Nights' Accommodations
- 13 Meals (7 breakfasts/2 Lunches/4 Dinners)
- Glore Museum
- Picture Stop at the Poy Bridge
- Oklahoma Route 66 Museum
- Devil's Rope Museum
- Groom Cross
- Bug Ranch
- Tour of Amarillo
- Tucumcari Railroad Museum
- Mesalands Dinosaur Museum
- Tucumcari Historical Museum
- Route 66 Auto Museum
- Tour of Santa Fe
- Boot Hill Museum
- Luggage Handling for One Suitcase Not to Exceed 50#
- Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions and Meals



### **Not Included:**

- Travel Protection Plan
- Or Any Items of a Personal Nature
- **Gratuities to Tri-State Travel Motorcoach Driver and Tour Director**

### **TOUR PRICING:**

**\$2,549.00 per person – 4 to a room**

**\$2,599.00 per person – 3 to a room**

**\$2,699.00 per person – 2 to a room**

**\$3,379.00 per person – single**

#### **\*Tour Activity Level: 2**

*Walking one or two city blocks, possibly climbing a flight of stairs, some standing during tours and handling their own carry-on bag.*

**\*4 Level Categories**

Travel Protection Plan is available and strongly recommended. Premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour is cancelled. Any surcharges and/or tax increases received from suppliers for this package (Airlines, Cruise Companies, Hotels, etc.) may result in an increase in the per person price of your tour package. For those individuals who have purchased the Travel Protection Plan, this may also result in an increase in your Travel Protection Plan premium.

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