



# Historic Route 66 Arizona All American Road

*Nostalgia on the Mother Road*



11 Days/10 Nights

Gateway City: Albuquerque, New Mexico



It was the route of Midwesterners escaping ruined farmland and young men seeking adventure under the bright lights of Los Angeles. Thousands of Brady Bunch families traveled by the soda fountains, classic court motels, and neon lights in the 60s. It starred in the movie “Cars” and made a cameo appearance in “The Grapes of Wrath.” Historic Route 66 – The Mother Road - is one of the iconic highways in America. Arizona’s Historic Route 66 spans more than 385 miles including the longest original alignment section still in use. The road began as Beale’s Wagon Road, National Old Trails Road, the Santa Fe Highway and other old road remnants that were pulled together as part of a cross- country highway spanning from Chicago to Los Angeles. Even though planning started in 1914, Route 66 wasn’t completely paved until 1937.

When, in the face of the interstate, the road began to decline, local Seligman barber Angel Delgadillo gathered together 30 business and attractions owners who decided to take action. He founded the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona, which you can meet in Kingman. Even though Interstate 40 now runs over some of the original roadbed, the quaint charming towns along the old route are still waiting to be explored. There may be kitschy things, trading posts and original



hotels and motels, but that's the fun of it. Elsewhere, neon lit drags filled with classic cars, cowboys, diners, and ever-changing times coexist peacefully with National Park sites, incredible natural phenomenon, historic restorations and more. The stories of locals are a wonderful part of the journey not to be missed. Ask your waitress at a local restaurant what's going on – and get ready for whatever the answer may be. Plan to savor and enjoy your entire journey across Arizona – as the song says “Get Your Kicks on Route 66!”







### **Touring the Byway**

The traditional way to travel Historic Route 66 is from East to West – the same direction those escaping the Midwest headed for California. In order to start where there is a commercial airport, we begin this itinerary in Albuquerque, now with the longest urban stretch of Route 66 in the country (Arizona’s stretch is rural), winding its way through four of the city’s historic neighborhoods, including Central Avenue in the Nob Hill Historic District, home of the real iconic images of Route 66. Highlights along the road include the Giant Roadrunner Statue, the Triangle Park Police Station, a refurbished 1940’s diner, the Mother Road Mural and Alvarado Hotel Murals just off Central near the Transportation Center.

Start your visit here with the Plaza to Plaza Walking Tour which takes you through the Old Town Historic District, the same neighborhood of the Botteger Mansion, where you can stay for the night. San Felipe de Neri Church was constructed in 1706 and rebuilt in 1793. The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History has a massive collection showcasing heritage and culture. Later, take advantage of the spectacular views of the Sandia Mountains from the Sandia Peak Tramway. On Day Two, the Wheels Museum and Alvarado Transportation are nearby, as well as

the University Art Museum and the Tamarind Institute of the University of New Mexico. On Day Three, it's off to the first town in Arizona on Historic Route 66. As you pass through the Painted Cliffs, you'll come upon Lupton, which appeared in "*The Grapes of Wrath*" and "*Cars.*" As you pass through Houck and the Historic Querino Canyon Bridge and Sanders with abandoned Fort Courage, consider a side trip to the Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site. It is the oldest continuously operating trading post in the American Southwest. Be sure to visit Petrified Forest National Park, east of Holbrook, before checking into the famous Wigwam Motel for the evening. If you're not adventurous enough to sleep in your own tipi, stay at the Heward House.

The old Eagles song will be spinning in your head when you stop at Standin' on the Corner Park in downtown Winslow. Since a good part of the land in this area was traditional tribal land, you can learn more about their culture at Homolovi State Park. Ruins there were occupied between 1260-1400 A.D., just a couple of hundred years before the Spanish began settling the Southwest. Stop by the Hubbell Building Chamber of Commerce, once a premier trading post, and the Old Trails Museum, before staying at La Posada, a completely restored original Harvey House.



Next up, head for Flagstaff. Along the way, visit Meteor Crater Natural Landmark and Walnut Canyon National Monument. The Flagstaff Visitor Center was once the Santa Fe train depot. Be sure to take the “Walk the Talk” Route 66 Audio Tour, through the Southside Historic District, with great stories at every turn. The Museum of Northern Arizona is worth a visit and a trip in the Snowbowl Gondola will reward you with gorgeous views of the San Francisco Peaks. Spend the night at the Inn at 410 Bed and Breakfast. While you are still in Flagstaff, you may want to take the side trip to Sunset Canyon Volcano National Monument, 18 miles north of Flagstaff and the Wupatki National Monument, 39 miles north of Flagstaff on the same road.



From there, travel Historic Route 66 to Williams. Visit the Williams Route 66 Visitor Center and take the Downtown Historic Walking Tour. Bearizona Drive Through Wildlife Park is completely unique. You can top off your day with a Horse Drawn Carriage ride after dinner at the famed Rod’s Steakhouse. We got you to Williams at this point, so tomorrow morning, you’ll be ready to take the Grand Canyon Railway to the Grand Canyon. The train departs daily at 9:30 am and returns at 5:45pm. Another option is to drive to the Grand Canyon before returning to stay at the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel to complete the day.



Day Eight takes you to Peach Springs, the capital of the Hualapai nation, and gateway to the Grand Canyon Skywalk—the glass-bottomed bridge hovering 4,000 feet above the canyon floor. Other attractions include Eagle Point, where you can learn about the culture and history of the Hualapai people and stay overnight at the Hualapai Lodge.

The next day it's time to take Historic Route 66 through Seligman before moving on to Kingman. As home of the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona, the Powerhouse houses their offices, the Arizona Route 66 Museum and Route 66 Electric Vehicle Museum. A tour of the Mohave Museum of History and Art features the heritage of the area and a Walking Tour with Jim Hinkley introduces you to great stories that happened on Route 66. After that, relax at the Ricketty Creek or Black Bridge Brewery. Touring the Desert Diamond Distillery provides a neat respite in downtown Kingman.

Spend one more night in town before heading out to the longest remaining section of Historic Route 66 wrapping around from Kingman through Oatman and on to Needles, which is a Bureau of Land Management Back Country Byway. When you reach Needles, you can head for the bright lights of Las Vegas, or continue on Route 66 into California, heading for Los Angeles. Whichever you choose, we wish you a safe and pleasant journey home.



## DAY ONE



### **Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Long a multicultural city, Albuquerque was founded as a Spanish colonial outpost in 1706. Route 66, now Central Avenue, began as a trading route for Native Americans, a wagon trail for early settlers, and later the route of the city's first electric streetcar. Today Route 66 runs through Nob Hill Historic District, the University area, and Historic Old Town, with unique shops, restaurants, and buzzing neon signs that have been burning bright for decades.

### **Historic Old Town**

The Old Town corridor of Route 66 passes through the original Albuquerque settlement. Spanish law required a plaza at the center of any villa (city). Today, ten blocks of historic buildings surrounding that Plaza, are traversed by narrow streets lined with Southwestern shops, restaurants, and art galleries, housed in flat-roofed buildings supported with heavy wooden beams. Portals (porches) with bancos (benches) built in line the front of the buildings. The arrival of the railroad in 1880 brought new Victorian architecture to town.



### **Plaza to Plaza Walking Tour**

Start your visit with the Plaza to Plaza Walking Tour between the Plaza in Old Town to the Plaza downtown. The journey, which is best done on foot to enjoy the atmosphere not sensed from a car or bus, illustrates the development of Albuquerque's Plaza to Plaza Tour is the marked trail connecting the plazas of Downtown and Albuquerque from the tiny 18th-century settlement to the burgeoning city it is today.

### **San Felipe de Neri Church**

This church, the oldest building in the city, was constructed as the anchor of the original community around which settlers built the first homes, shops and government offices surrounding the church.

2005 N Plaza Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, 505-243-4628, M- F 9AM-2PM

### **Albuquerque Museum of Art and History**

The massive collection of this museum illustrates the heritage of the Albuquerque region from before written history to the present day. The museum has recently purchased additional Route 66 memorabilia to enhance its feature on the famous road.

2000 Mountain Road N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87104, 505-243-7255, Tue-Sun 9AM-5PM

### **Sandia Peak Tramway**

Enjoy spectacular views of the Sandia Mountains from the Sandia Peak Tramway which spans from the northeast edge of the city to the ridgeline of the mountains.

30 Tramway Road N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87122, 505-856-1532, W-M 9AM-8PM, Tickets are available online to purchase 24 hours before day of ride, Adults \$18-\$29



### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**Bottger Mansion Bed & Breakfast**, 110 San Felipe Street N.W., Albuquerque, NM, 87104, 505-569-6170

Enjoy your stay in the only lodging in the Old Town Historic District. Built as a residence in 1912, it was the first in Old Town to have gas lighting and speaking tubes to all the rooms, along with pressed-tin ceilings in the three main rooms, and a dumbwaiter to the upper floor. The mansion has virtually retained its original layout, updated with today's amenities.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Red Ball Café**, 1303 4th Street S.W., Albuquerque, NM 87102, 505-508-1363

“Home of the original Wimpy burger since 1922,” this New Mexico staple has been renovated to its former glory.

**The Dog House Drive-In**, 1216 Central Avenue S.W., Albuquerque, NM 87102, 505-243-1019

A Route 66 classic, The Dog House serves no-frills road food including burgers, hot dogs, fries, and shakes, all under its famous animated neon Weiner Dog eating hot dogs and wagging its tail!

**Owl Café**, 800 Eubank Boulevard N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87123, 505-291-4900

Have a bite to eat in a giant owl, a classic Route 66-diner with 20 flavors of milkshakes, breakfast all day and a mini jukebox at each table.

**Antiquity**, 112 Romero Street, N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87123, 505-247-3545

Enjoy fine dining at this romantic steakhouse which also features seafood, pork and chicken entrees, served in a rustic, intimate atmosphere.

## DAY TWO

### **Downtown**

With Central Avenue at its core, Downtown Albuquerque is vivacious and bustling with new restaurants, upscale retail, a 14-screen movie theater, and dynamic arts and music scenes.

### **Wheels Museum**

Built in 1914 on the site that serviced steam locomotives for the Santa Fe Railroad, this museum illustrates the longstanding impact of transportation on New Mexico and the American West. Exhibits include antique vehicles, model trains, an airplane, a fire truck, library, photos, and a gift shop.

1100 2nd Street. S.W. Barelas Railyard, Albuquerque, NM 87102, 505-243-6269

### **Alvarado Transportation Center**

Modeled after the Alvarado Railroad Hotel which originally faced Central Avenue and First Street, Albuquerque's ground transportation hub features transportation memorabilia.

100 First Street S.W., Albuquerque, NM 87102, 505-243-RIDE







### **University of New Mexico**

Dating from 1889, the University of New Mexico stretches along Central Avenue/Old Route 66 for 600 acres. The **Tamarind Institute** is a lithography workshop that has shaped the field of collaborative printmaking, now located in a freestanding building on the original Route 66. The state of the art workshop and public gallery is located at 2500 Central Avenue S.E. 505-277-3901. The **University Art Museum** has the largest collection of the arts in New Mexico. It was one of the first universities to begin collecting photography and now has a collection that spans the nearly 200 year history of imaging. Located at the Center for the Arts, 203 Cornell Drive, 505-277-4001.

### **Nob Hill Historic District**

The mile long section of Route 66 here is celebrated on either end by neon arches that complement glowing neon on boutiques, art galleries and restaurants. Take a cruise through this neighborhood after sundown when the entire stretch is lit up.

### **Route 66 Drive-by Sites**

**Giant Roadrunner Statue**, near 2219 Isleta Boulevard, S.W.

**Triangle Park Police Substation**, 2901 Central Avenue, N.E.

**The “Mother Road Mural” and Alvarado Hotel Murals**, 102 2nd Street S.W.

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**Nob Hill Shopping Center**, 113 Carlisle Boulevard S.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106

New Mexico’s first drive-in shopping center, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Camino 66**, 615 Rio Grande Boulevard N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104, 505-842-0589 One stop shop for decorative handcrafted items.

## DAY THREE

### **Lupton**

The front door of Historic Route 66 in Arizona, Lupton is a well-worn roadside attraction that has been greeting visitors for 90 years. Once a spot for legitimate trading posts that sold rugs and jewelry from Navajo, Hopi and Zuni artists, it has been a virtual ghost town since Interstate 40 opened in 1984.

**Yellowhorse Trading Post**, 359 Interstate 40, Lupton, AZ 86508

**Chee's Indian Trading Post**, Interstate 40, Exit 351, Lupton, AZ 86508, 928-688-2433



### **Houck**

This tiny Navajo village is a good example of time passing on the Mother Road. Houck is on the 1930s alignment of Route 66 of the National Old Trails Highway. The historic Querino Canyon Bridge and Old Allentown Bridge once served the original road. The now abandoned replica of Fort Courage was built to cash in on the popularity of classic TV show “F Troop.”



### **Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site**

Trading posts, now relics of a bygone era that were once the anchor of small communities throughout the Southwest are commemorated at the Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site in Ganado, the oldest continuously operating trading post in the nation. The culture, traditions, and artistry of the West continue to thrive in a wonderful collection of authentic Navajo rugs and other southwest American Indian arts and crafts. Exhibits feature the Hubbell family, trade in the region, Navajo culture, and the importance of sheep and weaving to the Navajo people. Take a ranger-guided tour of the Hubbell home and/or a self-guided tour of the old homestead with livestock, historic farm buildings, and more. On-site weaving demonstrations introduce you to the craft.

1/2 mile west of Highway 191/264, Ganado, AZ 86505, 928-755-3254





### **Petrified Forest National Park**

The nearly 350 square miles of Petrified Forest National Park are littered with petrified wood pushed upward by cataclysmic natural events, the same ones that created the highly eroded and colorful surrounding badlands. The Rainbow Forest, strewn with colorful petrified wood, surrounds the Rainbow Forest Museum that explains the geologic history that created the Park. Be sure to see the petroglyphs on Newspaper Rock, the ruined village of Puerco Pueblo, and the Painted Desert Inn, a 1930s adobe building that serves as a Hopi museum. Interstate 40 to Exit 311, 928-524-6228.

### **Holbrook**

Sitting within the remarkable display of rocky badlands in the Painted Desert, Holbrook dates from 1881, when the railroad came through. Today, the town is chock full of history that runs from the ancient peoples who lived in the area, to Wild West characters and shootouts, and Route 66 kitsch.



### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**The Wigwam Motel**, 811 West Hopi Drive, Holbrook, AZ 86025, 928-524-3048

This staple on Route 66 built in 1950, lets you stay in a tipi, mistakenly referred to as a wigwam.

**Heward House**, 108 Crestview Drive, Holbrook, AZ 86025, 928-524-3411

If you're not adventurous enough for a tipi, stay in this 1930's Art Deco home located on a mesa overlooking the town and Old Route 66.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Tom and Suzie's Diner**, 2001 Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, AZ 86025, 928-524-9700

Another Route 66 oldie but goody, this family diner offers early bird specials between 7AM-10AM and serves steak, burgers, and chicken in American, Italian, Oriental, and Mexican flavors.

**Mesa Italiana**, 2318 Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, AZ 86025, 928-524-6696

Traditional Italian specialties.

**Butterfield Stage Company Steak House**, 609 W Hopi Drive, Holbrook, AZ 86025

928-524-3447 An American steakhouse.

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**Painted Desert Indian Center**, 9345 Old US Highway 66, Holbrook, AZ 86025-9732

## DAY FOUR

### **Navajo County Historical Museum**

Featuring a diversified collection in the Old Courthouse on Old Route 66, over 70 exhibit areas illustrate the early lives of settlers, ranchers, homemakers, teachers, government officials, bankers, mercantile proprietors, and other men and women who settled in the area.

100 East Arizona Street, Holbrook, Arizona 86025, 928-524-6558, Daily 8AM-5PM, Free

### **Joseph City Jack Rabbit Trading Post**

Arizona's oldest Mormon settlement, originally named St. Joseph after Mormon prophet, was founded in 1878, when a train carrying mail passed through the fledgling village. A rail station was established in 1883. Another Route 66 classic, a statue of a black rabbit in Jim Taylor's convertible stole the spotlight for traveler selfies and with that, the Jack Rabbit Trading Post was born. The rabbit eventually became the model for the "HERE IT IS" sign and the famous mileage signs along the road.

3386 Historic U.S. 66, Joseph City, Arizona

### **Homolovi State Park**

Explore the culture of the Hopi Tribe where they lived in ancient pueblos between 1250AD-1400AD. Marvel at colorful pottery shards on display and ancient petroglyphs carved into the rock.

Interstate 40, Exit 257, 1.5 mi. N on Highway 87, Winslow, AZ 86047, 928-289-4106, Daily 8AM-5PM, \$7 per vehicle.

### **Winslow**

Originally named "Homolovi," Hopi for "Place of the Little Hills," Winslow was the largest town in northern Arizona in the 1960s. The central business district now features improvements created by The Renaissance on Route 66 project, when the landscaping and atmosphere along 5 ½ miles, including Second and Third Streets, was upgraded.



### **Hubbel Building Chamber of Commerce**

Once the premier Trading Post Company of the American Southwest, the building now housing the Chamber of Commerce features historic displays and information about Winslow, the region, and Arizona.

523 West Second Street, Winslow, AZ 86047, 928-289-2434, M-F 9AM-5PM, Sat 9AM-3PM



### **Standin' On the Corner Park**

Jackson Browne's finding himself on a corner in Winslow, inspired him to write "Take it Easy," a hit recorded by the Eagles. Winslow commemorated it with a mural and life-sized bronze statue named "Easy."

North-West corner of North Kinsley Avenue and East Second Street, Winslow, AZ 86047 480-326-3486

### **Old Trails Museum**

Once called the National Old Trails Road, this museum on Route 66 preserves items from that era, in a building dating from 1921. The museum store specializes in regional Navajo and Hopi arts and crafts and books on local and regional history.

212 North Kinsley Avenue, Winslow, AZ 86047, 928-289-5861, Tu-Sat 11AM-3PM



### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**La Posada**, 303 East Second Street (Route 66), Winslow, AZ 86047, 928-289-4366

La Posada, now a world-renowned treasure, is the completely restored last remaining Harvey House trackside hotel in the Southwest. Built in 1929, this legendary oasis was the masterpiece of Mary Jane Colter, chief architect for the Fred Harvey Company, which brought a new level of sophistication and civilization to remote outposts all over the dusty Southwest.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**The Turquoise Room @ La Posada**, 303 East Second Street, Winslow, AZ 86047

928-289-4366 Serving regional contemporary Southwestern cuisine, with an occasional tribute to the great days of the Fred Harvey Company.

**RelicRoad Brewery Company**, 107 West Second Street, Winslow, AZ 86047, 928-224-0045

“Take it easy at RelicRoad Brewery Company” with 20 local craft beers on tap and great eats! Sit anywhere, at the flatbed table, in the relic room, or pull up a seat at the full-service bar.

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**Gemini Gallery**, 210 North Kinsley Avenue, Winslow, AZ 86047, 928-386-5374

Local artists using a variety of styles and mediums.

**Arizona Indian Arts**, 202 East Second Street, Winslow, AZ 86047 928-600-8776

**Southwest Indian Art Center**, 91 Hipkoe Drive, Winslow, AZ 86047, 928-258-0110

## DAY FIVE



### **Meteor Crater & Barringer Space Museum**

The result of a collision between an asteroid traveling at 26,000 miles per hour and the Earth approximately 50,000 years ago, Meteor Crater is the first proven impact site. What scientists learned here has helped them unlock secrets of the formation of our solar system and universe.

Interstate 40 and Exit 233 off Route 66, Winslow, AZ 86047, 928-289-5898, Daily 8AM-5PM, Adults \$22

### **Flagstaff**

By the time you get to Flagstaff, the mountains get higher and the landscape more stunning. Dating from 1881, merchants and saloonkeepers set up shop for the advance workers who came to grade the right of ways and cut ties in the forest for the railroad. Citizens called the little camp Flagstaff, to honor the tree on which they had raised the original flag. The town soon boasted a population of 200, swiftly becoming a wild railroad town filled with saloons, dance halls and gambling houses.



### **Walnut Canyon National Monument**

Millions of years of history appear in the rocks in this area that was once home to the Sinagua Indians. Take the trail to explore the canyon and pueblos to walk in the footsteps of those who came before. Their homes are easy to spot on the curved canyon walls.

Interstate 40 at Exit 204, Flagstaff, AZ 86004, 928-526-3367, Daily, 9AM-4:30PM, Adults \$15, credit card transactions only.

### **Flagstaff Visitor Center**

When you stop at the Flagstaff Visitor Center located in the historic Santa Fe train depot, be sure to take the **Walk This Talk Route 66 Audio Tour**, which begins at the north side entrance to the Visitor Center. Dial 928-218-2926 toll free to hear pre-recorded oral histories of Route 66 on the original alignment, for the tour that steers you through the Southside Historic District as you are regaled with stories about hidden messages in street art, competition for lost business, and unsolved murders.

1 East Route 66, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, 928-213-2951, M-Sat 8AM-5PM, Sun 9AM-4PM

### **Museum of Northern Arizona**

The museum was founded in 1928 as a repository for indigenous material and natural history specimens from the Colorado Plateau.

3101 North Fort Valley Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, 928-774-5213, Tu-Sun 10AM-4PM, Adults \$12

### **Arizona Snowbowl Gondola**

Experience stunning views spanning from desert to alpine tundra in the San Francisco Peaks. You can see as far as the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and the red rock formations of Sedona as you travel to the 11,500 foot summit.

9300 North. Snowbowl Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, Daily 10AM-4PM starting Memorial Day weekend, with boarding at 10AM, Noon, and 2PM. Adults, \$19-\$37



### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**Inn at 410 Bed and Breakfast**, 410 North Leroux Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, 928-774-0088  
A historic and luxurious Bed and Breakfast and boutique inn built in 1894.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Brix Restaurant and Wine Bar**, 413 North San Francisco Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001,  
928-213-1021

Seasonal, farm fresh contemporary American cuisine sourced from local farmers and ranchers in the Four Corners region.

**Josephine's Modern American Bistro**, 503 N Humphreys Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001,  
928-779-3400

A wide selection of American fare served in a comfortable environment.

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**The Artist's Gallery**, 17 North San Francisco Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001 520-405-9294

**West of the Moon Gallery**, 14 North San Francisco Street, Flagstaff AZ 86001,  
928-774-0465

## DAY SIX

### **Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument**

Located north of Flagstaff on US 89, this crater was created by a volcanic eruption 900 years ago when the ground began to shake and lava spewed high into the air. It instantly changed the landscape and the lives of the people who lived here. Today, you can learn how rebirth and renewal happened in the wake of disaster, as you walk across the lava fields and volcanic rocks. 6082 Sunset Crater Road, Flagstaff AZ, 86004, U.S 89 to Sunset Crater - Wupatki Loop Road  
928-526-0502, Daily, 9AM-5PM, \$25 per vehicle

### **Wupatki National Monument**

A bit further in the Painted Desert and ponderosa highlands beyond Sunset Crater on US 89, ancient pueblos built where food and water seemed impossible to find, dot red-rock outcroppings. In spite of the harsh conditions, ancient native people raised families, farmed, traded, and thrived.

25137 North Wupatki Lane, Flagstaff, AZ 86004, 928-679-2365, Daily, 9AM-4:30PM (closed 12-1 MT year round) \$25 per vehicle, credit/debit card transactions only





## **Williams**

Founded by ranchers in 1876, Williams had a post office by 1881 and the railroad by 1882. For decades before there were accommodations at the Grand Canyon, the town hosted dignitaries headed there. In 1984, Williams was the last town on old Route 66 bypassed by Interstate 40, but that did not stop it from serving as the southern terminus of the Grand Canyon Railroad. Today, shops housed in historic buildings bursting with memorabilia and other finds.

### **Williams Route 66 Visitor Center**

At the Visitor Center housed in a historic railroad depot, you can catch a glimpse of the town's past, get more information for your trip or work with the concierge to make tour reservations.

200 West Railroad Avenue, Williams, AZ 86046, 928-635-4061

### **Downtown Historic Walking Tour**

After stopping at the Visitor Center, introduce yourself to Williams on the Historic Walking tour through downtown, which follows Route 66. Beginning as a dirt street, today, most of the route is lined with properties restored to recreate the Route 66 glory days with motels, service stations, and restaurants dating to the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s.

200 West Railroad Avenue, Williams, AZ 86046 928-635-1418





### **Bearizona Drive Through Wildlife Park**

Nestled in an unspoiled ponderosa pine forest, Bearizona provides a way to enjoy wildlife in a natural environment. You'll witness herd and pack life among rugged rocky mountain goats, majestic bison, Alaskan tundra Arctic wolves, and black bears along a 3 mile route. You can drive your own car (with doors and windows locked), or take a tour bus, on which guides do a few feedings to get the animals up close and personal.

1500 East Route 66, Williams, AZ 86046, 928-635-2289, Daily, 8AM-5PM. Adults \$30-\$35

### **Pete's Route 66 Museum**

This old gas station is now a private museum with a selection of vintage vehicles.

101 East Route 66, Williams, AZ 86046, 928-635-2675

### **Cowboy Carriage Tour of Historic Williams**

Before or after dinner, sit back and relax on a horse drawn wagon ride around downtown. Guides in period dress point out historic landmarks and share fascinating stories of this charming Old West town.

Carriages are parked outside the Grand Canyon Hotel or call ahead to 928-635-2152.



### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**Grand Canyon Railway and Hotel**, 235 North Grand Canyon Boulevard, Williams, AZ 86046

928-635-4010

Inspired by an old-world train station, this charming hotel adjacent to the Grand Canyon Railway depot is one block from the historic Route 66 and two miles from the Gateway to the Grand Canyon.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Red Raven Restaurant**, 135 West Route 66, Williams, AZ 86046, 928-635-4980

Route 66 restaurant with an intimate artsy setting serving eclectic, globally inspired fare.

**Cruisers Café 66**, 233 West Route 66, Williams, AZ 86046-2530, 928-635-2445

Celebrate the Mother Road of the 1950s as you sit amongst gas pumps, road signs, and other period artifacts to enjoy classic comfort foods.

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**Colors of the West**, 201 West Route 66, Williams, AZ 86046, 928-635-9559

**Thunder Eagle Native Art**, 221 West Route 66, Williams, AZ 86046, 928-635-8889

One of the largest certified Native American jewelry and art stores in the state offering quality jewelry in sterling silver and gold.

**The Gallery in Williams**, 145 West Route 66, Williams, AZ 86046 928 635-3006

An artist co-operative of 40 Arizona artists showcasing pottery, paintings, watercolors, woodworking, pencil and graphite drawings, metal sculpture, fiber arts, gourds, and jewelry.



## DAY SEVEN

### **Grand Canyon Railroad to Grand Canyon National Park**

Today, it's time to enjoy a journey on the historic Grand Canyon Railway to Grand Canyon National Park and back. The train which departs from Williams at 9:30AM and returns at 5:45PM each day, features western musicians and cowboy characters on vintage rail cars that have been in use since 1901.

### **Grand Canyon National Park**

A World Heritage Site and geologic wonder, the Grand Canyon encompasses over 1.2 million acres. Although it averages 4,000 feet deep over the entire 277 miles, the canyon is 6,000 feet deep at its deepest point, and 15 miles wide, at its widest. Over 1,500 plant, 355 bird, 89 mammal, 47 reptile, 9 amphibian and 17 fish species are present. The train disembarks at Grand Canyon Village, where you'll find the Grand Canyon Visitor Center with information about shuttle buses and ranger lead programs. Get your first view of the canyon by walking to Mather Point. Be sure to watch the 20-minute movie, Grand Canyon: A Journey of Wonder. Near the village, you'll also discover the 1928 Yavapai Geology Museum and Observation Station, with picture windows delivering an astounding view. Exhibits explain how the canyon was formed and the culture of the Pueblo Indians who lived here 800 years ago.





Next up, the 1906 Verkamp's Visitor Center that was a curio shop and family home for more than a century. And lastly, Kolb Studio, a restored family home and photography studio occupied by the pioneer photographers and filmmakers of the canyon. The Trail of Time is a relatively flat 2.83-mile paved walk, designed to display the geologic timeline of the Grand Canyon, on which each meter walked signifies one million years of geologic history. An eight-mile round trip on Hermit Road takes you to the river at Hopi, Mohave and Pima Points, as well as to Hermits Rest, a historic landmark with a great view of the river. If you drove to the Grand Canyon, Desert View Drive is a scenic 25-mile drive that delivers some of the best views in the area of the canyon, the Colorado River at Moran Point, Lipan Point, and Desert View. Visit the Desert View Information Center and the Tusayan Museum which provides an additional glimpse of Pueblo life. Refer to the shuttle information to visit other parts of the Park.

## DAY EIGHT

### **Seligman**

Seligman was originally a stop on Beale's Wagon Road, and on the Mojave Road which passed through the Seligman Commercial Historic District. Prior to that, the area was home to the Havasupai people. Today, it has the honor of being the birthplace of Historic Route 66. It was here that barber Angel Delgadillo witnessed the decline of the towns along Route 66 after Interstate 40 was completed and brought together over 30 business and attraction owners to take action. The assembled group formed the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona and the rest – as they say, is history.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Westside Lilo's** 22855 W Old Highway 66, Seligman, AZ 86337, 928-422-5456

The café was originally a hobby shop that opened in 1954 and became a restaurant a few years later.

### **Destination Distinctive Retail**

**Historic Route 66 General Store** 22940 W. Hwy. 66, Seligman, AZ 86337, 928-422-3549

Personalized service with a “small town” flavor, this is the perfect place for one-stop shopping!

**Rt 66 Hippie Cricket** 22435 W Old Highway 66, Seligman, AZ 86337, 928-583-2823

Vintage and antique items, authentic road and railway signs, hand crafted items, and Route 66 memorabilia are just a few of the items here. Don't forget to sign the wall before you go!

### **Grand Canyon Caverns**

Explore the largest dry cavern in the United States, which began forming 300 million years ago at 210 feet below ground. After exploring, you can have lunch 22 stories underground or if you're really adventurous, spend the night in the Cave Room, sleeping 220 feet below ground.

Route 66 Mile Marker 115, Peach Springs, AZ, 928-422-3223, Th-Sun Noon-4PM



## **Peach Springs**

In the setting that inspired the town of Radiator Springs in the movie “Cars,” Peach Springs is the tribal headquarters of the Hualapai nation, which has lived in the area for more than 1,400 years. Spanish missionary Father Francisco Garces named the springs Pozos de San Basillo (Saint Basil’s Wells) in 1776.

## **Grand Canyon West Rim**

The Hualapai tribe, “People of the Tall Pines” created new attractions to feature different views of the Grand Canyon from their reservation. The Skywalk is a 10-foot-wide horseshoe-shaped cantilever bridge with a glass walkway to view the canyon floor 4,000 feet below. You can also immerse yourself in Native American culture through dance performances and a self-guided tour on a path lined with traditional housing, ovens and sweat lodges, all the while imagining simpler times when the Hualapai, Navajo, Plains, Hopi, and Havasupai roamed the lands.

808 Eagle Point Road, Peach Springs, AZ 86434

## **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**Hualapai Lodge**, 900 Arizona 66, Peach Springs, AZ 86434, 928-769-2230

Experience the historic charm of Route 66 and the unique culture of the Hualapai Tribe when you stay here.

## **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Diamond Creek Restaurant in Hualapai Lodge**

American, Southwestern and Native American cuisines are all served at Diamond Creek.



## DAY NINE

### **Kingman**

Even though Lieutenant Beale of the famous Beale's Wagon Road surveyed a road through here in 1857, the first reference to Kingman dates from 1882, when a rooming house, stores and other buildings went up to serve railroad workers. After that Kingman grew quickly, and apparently, several citizens decided to accelerate the process by moving all of the county records from the courthouse in Mineral Park to a temporary courthouse in Kingman. Shortly after that, Kingman was declared the county seat and bustled with miners and ranchers during the rest of the 1800s. Travelers on Route 66 began arriving in the 1920s. Today, surviving historic structures include the Hotel Beale with its signature rooftop sign, the 1907 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Depot, Locomotive Park, and the Cohenour House, a classic bungalow style erected from rusticated concrete block.

### **The Powerhouse**

Once suppling power to the area's towns and mines, today you'll find that the 1907 building of the Desert Power and Water Company has been completely transformed into the Arizona Route 66 Museum featuring vintage cars and motorcycles dioramas, the Route 66 Electric Car Museum, the Carlos Elmer Photo Gallery, Bob Boze Bell's 'The 66 Kid' Exhibition, the offices of the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona, and Kingman Visitor Center.

120 Andy Devine Avenue, Kingman, AZ 86401, 928-753-9889, Tu-Sat 9AM-4PM



### **Mohave Museum of History and Arts**

This museum introduces you to the heritage of Northwestern Arizona through dioramas and murals illustrating prehistoric times, mining, ranching, and local history. An exhibit about Andy Devine, a local boy turned movie star in the 1930's and known for his unique voice, is also featured. Outdoor exhibits include murals, mining machinery, and a railroad caboose.

400 West Beale Street, Kingman, AZ, 928-753-3195, Tu-F 9AM-4PM, Adults, \$4

### **Walking Tour with Jim Hinckley**

Enjoy a unique Route 66 experience with author and historian Jim Hinckley, to be regaled with stories about Louis Chevrolet, Pamela Anderson, Oprah Winfrey and other celebrities, along with tales of murder, mayhem, and colorful characters who have traveled this famous road through Kingman.

jimhinckley@yahoo.com, Adults, \$15, 2 hour tour covering 2 miles. Reservations required.

### **Rickety Cricket**

Choose from 23 and counting, locally crafted beers, in this craft brewery located in downtown Kingman.

312 East Beale Street, Kingman, AZ, 928-753-2337

### **Black Bridge Brewery**

Named after a bridge in Kingman that was a local party spot for teenagers for decades, brewmaster Tim Schritter decided to create the same party atmosphere in a more appropriate location.

421 East Beale Street, Kingman, AZ, 928-377-3618





**Destination Accommodations**

**Best Western Plus King’s Inn & Suites**, 2930 East Andy Devine Avenue, Kingman, AZ 86401 928-753-6101

**Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Mr D’z Route 66 Diner** 105 E Andy Devine Avenue, Kingman, AZ 86401, 928-718-0066  
Vintage Americana decorates this Route 66 diner specializing in root beer floats & burgers.

**Destination Distinctive Shopping**

**Kettlehut’s Antiques**, 308 East Beale Street, Kingman, AZ, 928-753-1515  
**Farmhouse Antiques**, 317 East Beale Street, Kingman, AZ 928-753-4764

## DAY TEN

### **Route 66 Bureau of Land Management National Back Country Byway**

The 42 mile stretch of Historic Route 66 named the Route 66 National Back Country Byway by the Bureau of Land Management is one of the last and best-preserved segments of the original alignment of Route 66 built in the 1920s. It begins five miles south of Kingman at the McConnico exit off Interstate 40 and unfolds in a series of switchbacks on the way to Oatman and Gold Road. As it makes its way over Sitgreaves Pass and the Black Mountains, this portion of the highway with hairpin curves and steep grades put such fear into "flatlanders" in the 1930's, that locals were hired to drive their vehicles over the mountains.

### **Oatman**

Prospector Johnny Moss who discovered gold in the Black Mountains in 1863 named this town after Olive Oatman, who was captured and enslaved by Native Americans in 1850 and released five years later. Mining came and went, until technology, lower transportation costs, and new gold discoveries brought prosperity to the region. The opening of a new mine in 1915 created one of the last gold rushes in the desert. Most of Oatman's buildings was destroyed by fire in 1921, which spared the Oatman Hotel. Today, one of its major attractions is a room that was supposedly occupied by Clark Gable and Carole Lombard on their honeymoon in 1939 (it appears they stopped, yet did not stay, but Gable returned frequently to play poker). Don't be surprised by the wild burros, descendants of those that worked in the mines, that roam the streets.

### **Havasu National Wildlife Refuge**

On the way to Needles, the 40,000 acres of Havasu National Wildlife Refuge provide a migratory bird habitat along 300 shoreline miles of the lower Colorado River. Nearly 320 bird species including the Yuma clapper, razorback suckers, Bell's vireos, doves, snow geese, summer tangers, yellow-billed cuckoos, Abert's towhees, Gambel's quail and darting roadrunners graze in fields planted with wheat, rye and millet. Peregrine falcons plummet up to 150 miles per hour between the cliffs in Topock Gorge. Coyotes, foxes, and bobcats chase rabbits and mice, and desert bighorn leap nimbly from steep rock faces.

## **Needles**

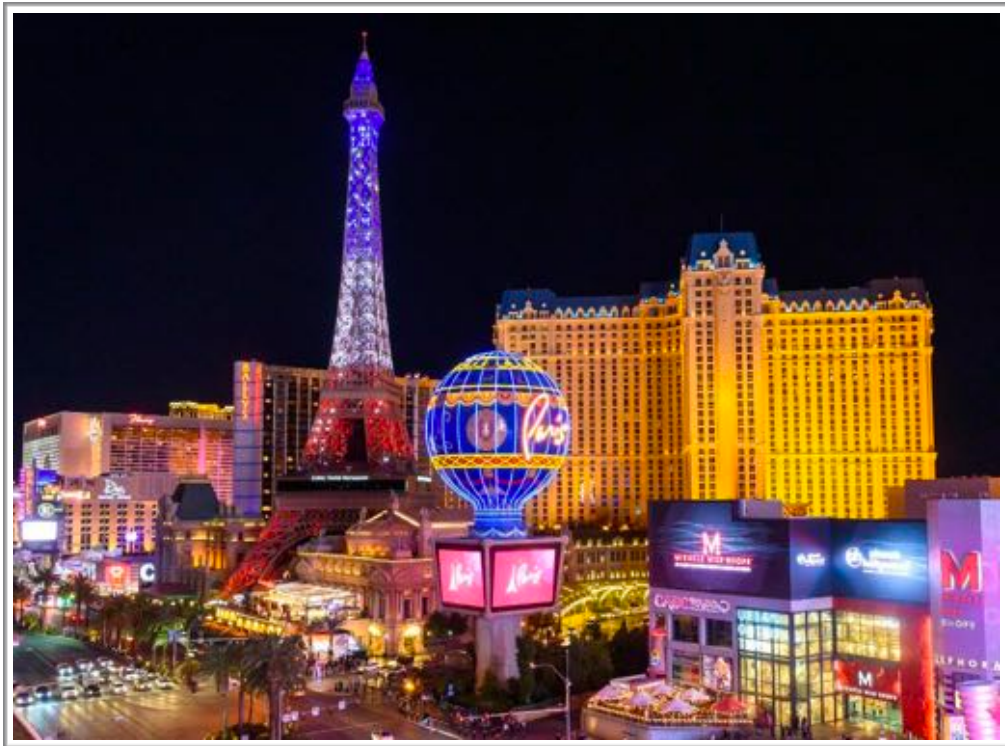
Named after a group of pinnacles in the Mohave Mountains, Needles serves as the gateway to the Mohave Native American community and Mohave National Preserve. Starting as a tent town in 1883, eventually a hotel, car sheds, shops, a roundhouse, laundry, newsstand, restaurant, several general stores and nine or 10 saloons sprung up. Later, Needles became a major stop on Route 66, with thousands of migrants passing through in the 1930s, that marked their arrival in California. The "Carty's Camp", that appeared in the movie "The Grapes of Wrath" as the Joad family enters California, is located behind a 1940s-era Route 66 motel.

## **Las Vegas**

Everybody has to experience Las Vegas once in a lifetime! There's no other city like it in the world. Interestingly, Las Vegas began as a Mormon settlement in 1855, but it wasn't until the land was auctioned off in 1905 that the town began growing. Gambling was legalized in 1931, the same year that construction on the Hoover Dam began. When the first hotel opened on the strip 10 years later, Las Vegas had a population of 8,500. Today the population is over 1 million and the city welcomes over 30 million visitors each year. The route referred to as "The Strip" is a National Scenic byway lined with mega monolith resort casinos hosting every fantasy land imaginable. In addition, another National Scenic Byway, the Las Vegas Boulevard, traverses downtown. If you are under the impression that Las Vegas is all casinos and neon lights, granted, there is a lot of that. Yet, within the glitz and glamour, you'll find an amazing number of art galleries and museums that punctuate the town.







### **Las Vegas Strip All American Road**

You can begin enjoying Las Vegas the minute you come into town on the Las Vegas Strip All American Road which has the largest concentration of neon lights in the world. The Little Church of the West sits right at the beginning, followed by a whole array of hotel/casinos: Mandalay Bay, Luxor, Excalibur, Tropicana, New York New York, MGM Grand, Monte Carlo, Bellagio, Planet Hollywood, Paris, Bally's, Caesar's Palace, Flamingo, Harrahs, Mirage, the Venetian and finally Wynn, all vying for attention.

### **City of Las Vegas, Las Vegas Boulevard National Scenic Byway**

As you pass the Riviera, Circus Circus, the Guinness World of Records Museum and Sahara, you'll be on the second Scenic Byway in Las Vegas, headed for downtown. Here, you'll find the Stratosphere, the Las Vegas Arts District, the World Famous Wedding Chapel, and Fremont Street. Near the end of the Boulevard, you'll discover the Neon Museum, Natural History Museum and the Old Mormon Fort, the first European settlement in Nevada. Like the Las Vegas Strip, when viewed at night the roadway is a work of art.



### **Destination Distinctive Accommodations**

**The Bellagio**, 3600 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, NV, 702-693-7871

The hotel rooms and suites at the Bellagio offer the perfect blend of beauty and elegance to elevate your stay, whether celebrating a honeymoon or just looking for a remarkable getaway. You can see the Las Vegas Valley or the iconic Bellagio fountains right from your suite.

### **Destination Distinctive Dining**

**Bouchon Bistro**, The Venetian

Renown Chef Thomas Keller brought his award-winning California bistro cuisine to Las Vegas in Bouchon Bistro, a soaring interior space that recreates the original Bouchon's vibrant environment. A classic mosaic floor, magnificent pewter bar, antique light fixtures and hand-painted murals grace the space. The fare changes with the seasons, although many of Keller's signature dishes remain on the menu year round. Breakfast here is consistently highlighted as one of Vegas's best.

**Best Friend at the Park MGM**, 3770 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 702-730-6770

Roy Choi has translated the vibe of his Kogi BBQ food trucks into a dining room with a Korean menu filled with kimchi fried rice, kimchi jjigaen and sizzling platters of kalbi.

**Le Cirque at Bellagio** 3600 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, (702) 693-8100,

Even though the cuisine is French, you'll feel like you're eating in a circus tent ringed by antiquated circus scenes and covered by a billowing purple-yellow-orange canopy. Request a table with a view of the Bellagio fountains.

**Spago at Bellagio** 3600 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, (702) 693-8181,

Wolfgang Puck recreated the magic of the Beverly Hills Spago with signature smoked salmon pizza, veal schnitzel and Chinois salad, all served with a view of the Bellagio fountains.

## DAY ELEVEN

### **Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art**

The Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art brought a new perspective on art to Las Vegas. When it opened in 1998, there was no art on the Strip. The art world was shocked when the Bellagio teamed up with the Boston Museum of Art, the Museum of Contemporary Art in San Diego, and other world class institutions to bring world class exhibitions to the Vegas cultural scene. See Picasso, Faberge, Warhol and more.

3600 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, NV, 702-693-7871, Sun-Tu and Th, 10AM-6PM, W, F and Sat 10AM-7PM, Adults \$15

### **Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art**

When the Las Vegas Art Museum closed, the Barrick adopted the collection of photography, architecture, contemporary art and more that is now displayed in the rebuilt original gym and basketball court of University of Nevada Las Vegas. The main exhibit hall is reminiscent of world renowned art museums with comfortable benches placed throughout. It is an open, airy and inviting setting, even offering Wi-fi so students can study among the artwork. On your way in, stroll through the Xeriscape Garden, a charming collection of drought-tolerant plants from around the globe.

4505 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV, 702-895-3301, Tu,W,F 10AM-6PM, Th 10AM-8PM, Free, donations accepted.





## **Nevada State Museum**

70,000 square feet of space allows the Nevada State Museum at the Springs Preserve to display a vast variety of artifacts, fossils and other works, plus special exhibits such as the 8,000 piece Folies Bergère costume archive.

309 South Valley View Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107, 702-486-5205 F, Sat, Sun  
9AM-4PM



## **Fremont Street**

Fremont Street began in 1905, long before The Strip was a glint in someone's eye. It was the first paved street in Las Vegas, with the first traffic light. The Northern Club here received one of the first six gambling licenses in 1931. Closed to traffic in 1994, Fremont Street is still home to casinos like Binion's Horseshoe, Eldorado Club, Fremont Hotel and Casino, Golden Gate Hotel and Casino, the Golden Nugget, Four Queens, The Mint and the Pioneer Club. But casinos are not the main draw. The main event is the Fremont "Space" (basically a bridge with covering) with its nightly light shows and live music.

### **Metropolitan Gallery and Art Museum of Las Vegas**

One visitor says “this is a wonderful place to replenish your soul and take a breath away from the hustle and bustle of Las Vegas,” a gallery with many wonderful paintings hung tastefully with great care. Self-guided tours are available to go through the large exhibit space and docents who know the backstory of the pieces are available. A true hidden gem in Vegas!

450 Fremont Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101, 702-382-2926, W-Sat Noon-5PM,  
Adults \$3

### **Neon Museum**

Discover the past in Las Vegas in metal and neon at the Neon Museum's outdoor Boneyard which is both a tourist destination and a collection beloved by the community. Started in the 1930s, the sign collection tells the story of how the city grew and evolved.

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, NV 702-387-6366