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The Mother Road

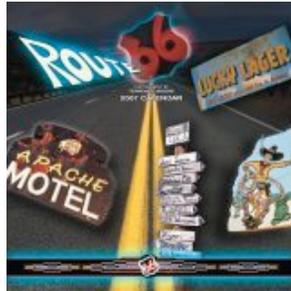
You need to get in a car and drive "to have a great time" - not - "to make great time".

For more than three decades, **Route 66** was America's main east-west artery, pointing the nation toward all the promise that [California](#) seemed to hold. John Steinbeck dubbed it "The Mother Road." It has been immortalized in song and word. Route 66 has earned the title of the Main Street of America because its bends and curves sought out rather than avoided the hearts of the towns through which it passed. Route 66 has changed the lives of countless people who have decided to follow their dreams of traveling somewhere new and exciting. Over the years, life altering cross country road trips have been portrayed in the media by two young [bachelors in a Corvette](#) seeking adventure, the westward migration of [dust bowl farmers](#) or [easy riders](#) looking for their own personal America.

Route 66 Road Trip is your source for [step-by-step directions](#) of the scenic route and [GPS satellite mapping](#)

to help as you take the historic journey down America's legendary highway from Chicago to LA. For those of you who have little time to plan your trip, (or for the many people that come from other countries to take the trip and see the real America) don't miss the [last minute travel](#) overview. Route 66 is part of the American Dream and road tripping is the ultimate expression of freedom in America.

Route 66 Calendar



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Route 66 is about getting off the interstate and slowing down to discover a different America, the one you find in 24-hour diners, historic gas stations, desert sunrises, mountain roads, mom-and-pop motels, old roadhouses and biker bars. The roads small town ambience with roadside attractions will make you appreciate a time when getting there was half the fun. It's about classic neon, museums, ghost towns, ghosts, artists, history, gorgeous scenery, wild burros, small towns, deserts, cool photo opportunities, classic cars and nostalgia. It's about those trying to capture a moment of time gone by. Get your kicks on Route 66 Road Trip!

Travel The Mother Road

Route 66 is an ideal low-cost vacation. Even if gas prices are high, you're going to save as much money or more sleeping along the Mother Road's inexpensive mom-and-pop motels and eating at the cheap mom-and-pop cafes. Also, driving on Route 66 tends to be at a lower speed, so most vehicles will burn less gas.

Clear & simple **driving directions** from the **Windy City** to the **Big Orange**. [Go there.](#)

UPDATED Keep on the right track with **free** Route 66 gps **map** data. [Go there.](#)

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Serendipity



Mythical town along fabled Route 66 is [Radiator Springs](#).

Find some Route 66 gems here at [Road Trip Attractions](#).

The Best of Route 66 [Videos](#), [Collectibles](#), [Gifts](#), [Music](#). Watch road adventures across America on the [Route 66 TV Show!](#)

Route 66 Maps - Trip Planning

TOP SELLER! [Here It Is! The Route 66 Map Series \(Multiple Fold-Out Roadmaps\)](#) Packaged set of eight fold-out roadmaps, one for each Route 66 state. Inexpensive and easy-to-follow.

TOP SELLER! [Route 66: EZ66 Guide for Travelers](#) Maps and directions are comprehensive. Also includes attractions, tips, other sources, and games. The new 2nd edition includes 90 updated pages.

[Laminated Map-Guide](#) AAA map showcasing the best of America's Mother Road.

[Quick Access Route 66](#) Nicely detailed and laminated. Best single-sheet scaled map of Route 66.

[Mad Maps Adventure Historic Route 66 Harley](#)

[Davidson Great Roads](#) Folded map is printed on tear proof, water resistant material.

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Route 66 Books and Guides

TOP SELLER! [Route 66 Adventure Handbook, Third Edition](#) Helpful handbook to guide drivers full of interesting **side trips and fun stops**.

TOP SELLER! [Volume 1](#) and [Volume 2](#) of **Route 66 Lost & Found : Ruins and Relics Revisited** where the author finds vintage photographs of businesses along Route 66, then shoots a photo — often from a similar

perspective — of that same business in the current day. The text that accompanies the photos provides a concise and informative history of the property.

TOP SELLER! [Route 66: Traveler's Guide and Roadside Companion](#) A treasure trove of **Route 66 related anecdotes** and reproductions of period maps.

[Route 66 Backroads: Your Guide to Scenic Side Trips & Adventures from the Mother Road](#) State parks, wildlife refuges, museums, historic sites, literary landmarks, and much more are there to be explored **within a few hours' drive** from the path of Route 66.

[Route 66 Quick Reference Encyclopedia](#) Compact and useful book with alphabetically listed entries about historical figures and celebrities, pop culture, landmarks, attractions and road terms. Well illustrated with photographs.

[Route 66: The Mother Road 75th Anniversary Edition](#) A best selling **must read** by Michael Wallis.

[Motorcycle Guide to Route 66](#) Get your motor running on **two wheels** down Route 66.

[The Complete Guidebook and Atlas to Route 66](#) Detailed information for the **serious traveller**.

[Route 66: The Illustrated Guidebook to the Mother Road](#) Excellent guidebook with over 200 color photographs. Listings for radio stations, cafes and **favorite motels**.

[Route 66: The Highway and Its People](#) An enjoyable and rewarding book carefully researched and well written with numerous photos providing a **luminous photographic essay**.

[Road Trip USA Route 66](#) A **concise overview** of the Mother Road for novice travelers.

Route 66 Food

[Route 66 Dining & Lodging Guide](#) Spiral-bound, expanded and enlarged. Ranked eating and lodging sites. It is a no-frills publication, but it contains key information for all the best motels and restaurants along the road, including addresses, phone numbers, Web sites and lots more. Some **real gems uncovered**.

[Two for the Road: Our Love Affair with American Food](#) Hilarious adventures and misadventures hunting **America's best roadside food**.

[Roadfood](#) Experience the vintage motels and the good

restaurants. If you're planning any road trips this summer, this is a **glove-box essential**.

[The Route 66 Cookbook: Comfort Food from the Mother Road](#) Deluxe 75th Anniversary Edition. Marian Clark is the authority on what to eat along Route 66.

Dog-eared copies of her book can be found in the glove compartments and backseats of Route 66 travelers from Illinois to California.

[Hogs On 66: Best Feed and Hangouts for Roadtrips on Route 66](#) **Harleys and Route 66** mixes food, fun and the freedom of the road.

[Hamburger America](#) features 100 of the best roadside stands, nostalgic diners, mom 'n pop establishments, and college town favorites - and **tells exactly where to find them**.

Road Trip Fun

[I'm Feeling Lucky!](#) Most popular results (bestsellers) [A Guide Book to Highway 66](#) 60-year-old guidebook to the Mother Road. **Fun read**.

[Eccentric America](#) Weird, wacky, and **outrageously fun things to see and do in the USA**. This cool guidebook points you to odd festivals, off-beat environments, and eccentric people in all 50 states.

[New Roadside America: The Modern Traveler's Guide to the Wild and Wonderful World of America's Tourist](#) An irreverent but **fond look at highway oddities**.

[Roadside Attractions: Cool Cafés, Souvenir Stands, Route 66 Relics, & Other Road Trip Fun](#) This book puts the **fun back into travel**.

[Amazing America](#) A state by state guide to the **strange, wacky and weird**.

[Legendary Route 66: A Journey Through Time Along America's Mother Road](#) Learning about history should always be **this much fun**.

[Pocket Drive-In Locator](#) Special sections highlight **Route 66 drive-ins**

Worth a Look

[Roadside USA: Route 66 and Beyond](#) 30 detachable, color postcards featuring favorite scenes from Route 66 and other vintage highways across the country.

[Route 66 \(Enthusiast Color\)](#) Terrific book of **evocative imagery**.

[The Ballad of Route 66](#) is an essay originally from Vanity Fair (November 2002) that tells of Hitchens'

journey across historic Route 66 in a Corvette. It appears in the anthology of "Love, Poverty, and War: Journeys and Essays."

[Tales From the Coral Court: Photos & Stories from a Lost Route 66 Landmark](#) History and first-person accounts of this **famous no tell motel.**

[American Route 66: Home on the Road](#) Santa Fe photographers travel for three years on **American's most legendary trail.**

[Along Route 66](#) An unforgettable collection of images that immortalizes **the great American odyssey.**

[Route 66 Railway: The Story of Route 66 and the Santa Fe Railway in the American Southwest](#) More than 250 photos leap off the page in bold color, with a handful in rich black & white. The photos of trains and depots are interspersed with images of nearby **Route 66 landmarks.**



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