



ROUTE 66 AND PIONEER COUNTRY

8 DAYS ■ SEPTEMBER 11, 2021



AAA Travel invites you on an adventure to experience the historic Route 66, also known as the "Mother Road". We will travel through the heart of the country from Chicago to Oklahoma City stopping at many historical sites and quirky roadside attractions. Visit the Route 66 Museum and the Lincoln Home National Historic Site as we travel to St. Louis and the Gateway Arch. Upon arrival in Pawhuska, Oklahoma City, we will visit the Pioneer Woman Mercantile and Lodge where Ree Drummond, the Pioneer Woman, films her Food Network Show. Explore the National Weather Center and Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum. There are so many exciting stops on this route, so reserve your spot today!

From **\$3,019** per person, land, based on double occupancy

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AAA EXCLUSIVE INCLUSIONS:

- 7-night accommodations
- Lincoln Home National Historic Site
- St. Louis Gateway Arch
- Meramec Caverns
- Will Rogers Memorial
- Pioneer Woman Mercantile and Lodge
- Oklahoma City Memorial
- National Weather Center
- Chickasaw Cultural Center & Bedré Chocolate
- Entrance fees to attractions, National Parks and Monuments
- Meals: 7-Breakfasts, 4-Lunches, 5-dinners
- Services of a professional tour director
- Services of a AAA Tour Manager



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Sep 11

Arrive Chicago

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in the heart of Chicago. Your Route 66 tour begins as you take a short walk, one block from the hotel, to the starting point of Route 66 at the corner of Adams & Wabash. Then take your first drive along the historic route as you travel to Del Rhea's Chicken Basket on the edge of town for a welcome dinner. The Chicken Basket, as it is today, opened in the summer of 1946 and the perfect stopping place going to or from Chicago. Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL (D)

Sep 12

Chicago - St. Louis

Depart this morning for breakfast at a Chicago landmark, Lou Mitchell's breakfast counter (serving for nearly 80 years). Then drive south to the first iconic Route 66 stop, Pontiac, Illinois at the Route 66 Museum. Then we are off to Springfield, the capital of the state of Illinois. We will pay a visit to the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, where he lived in with his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, from 1844 until 1861 when he became US president. Then on to St. Louis, Missouri and The Gateway Arch, commemorating the settlement of America's West. Journey to the top and revel at the awe-inspiring view from 630 feet up. Drury Inn at Union Station, St. Louis, MO (B, D)

Sep 13

St. Louis - Springfield, MO

Cross the Mississippi river and tour Meramec Caverns which were opened to tourists in the 1930's. In the late 1860's, Jesse James used them as a natural hideout. Next, stop in Ozark Country at a roadside retreat, the Missouri Hick BBQ in Cuba. Then it's on toward the Ozarks and Springfield where Route 66 was "born". Springfield offers a unique mix of large-city amenities and

Sep 14

Springfield - Pawhuska

Depart Missouri this morning with a very short pass through Kansas, making a fun stop at the Kan-O-Tex, otherwise known as Cars on the Route. Then enter the state of Oklahoma and stop in Claremore for touring of the Will Rogers Memorial, a tribute to America's famous humorist. This afternoon, we will veer away from Route 66 for our chance to meet the Ree Drummond, the Pioneer Woman, at the Pioneer Woman Mercantile in Pawhuska, OK. Enjoy a tour of the Lodge where she films her Food Network Show! Tonight, dinner will be at the Mercantile where Ree frequently visits (fingers crossed we will get to meet her!). After dinner we will head to our hotel for the night in Bartlesville. Hilton Garden Inn, Bartlesville, OK (B, D)

Sep 15

Pawhuska - Oklahoma City

Our first stop today will be Arcadia and POPS. POPS Restaurant is reminiscent of an old drive-in with all your favorite burgers, hot dogs, fries and shakes. With over 600 different kinds of soda, a POPS soda guru can guide you to a refreshing alternative or an old time favorite. Later, arriving in Oklahoma City, enjoy a little free time to explore this picturesque area. After dinner we will take an inspiring nighttime stroll through the Oklahoma City Memorial. Hampton Inn Bricktown, Oklahoma City (B, L, D)

Sep 16

Oklahoma City

Today, we will visit the National Weather Center, in

Norman OK. Enjoy a fascinating look into what has become THE center for monitoring and forecasting weather across the globe! Then continue to Sulphur, heart of the Chickasaw Nation. Here we will tour the Chickasaw Cultural Center which offers a world of opportunity to learn and connect with Native American culture. Watch performances, reenactments and demonstrations at one of the largest tribal cultural centers in the United States. Your Chickasaw experience will continue with a stop at Bedré Chocolate, the only Native American tribe to create its own brand of fine chocolate. We end our day at the Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum with 35 interactive exhibits. Hampton Inn Bricktown, Oklahoma City, (B, L)

Sep 17

Oklahoma City

Today we will visit the Remington Park Racetrack and participate in a fun culinary experience! A local chief will lead the group in a cooking demonstration of a few local favorites. Along with the wonderful food, a local Bricktown Brewery Cicerone will serve flights of beers. Visit the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, with more than 28,000 Western and American Indian art works and artifacts. Join the group in the museum's Dub & Mozelle Richardson Theater for a delicious BBQ buffet dinner and private screening of The Cowboys, a John Wayne classic western from 1972. What a fun evening of western art, food and entertainment! Hampton Inn Bricktown, Oklahoma City, OK (B, L, D)

Sep 18

Home

After breakfast, say goodbye and transfer to the Oklahoma City Airport for your flights home.