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America's Main Street

Guided Self Drive Route 66

August/September 2017




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Take this opportunity to drive the famous Route 66. This iconic road, that maps the growth and culture of America, draws to it those looking for the quintessential American experience. Immerse yourself in Detroit's motoring history before visiting many of Chicago's significant landmarks. Chicago is known for its extraordinary and varied architecture. Then take the keys of your personally selected American muscle car and head west! (or in vehicle of your choice). Think Camaro, Mustang or Challenger as you become one with the "Mother Road". Capture the experience of the American pioneers who have gone before you. This tour offers the flexibility to drive at your own pace whilst enjoying the comfort, company and security of a group experience. You'll visit amazing places, see extraordinary sights, create unforgettable memories and make friendships that will last a lifetime created through this shared adventure.

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DAY 1	AUSTRALIA – LOS ANGELES	Wednesday 16th August 2017
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Meet at your international airport for your flight to **Los Angeles**

Board your flight, arriving early morning the next day

DAY 2	LOS ANGELES – DETROIT	Thursday 17th August 2017
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Morning Arrive in Los Angeles and board your connecting flight to Detroit

Afternoon Upon arrival in Detroit, meet your coach driver and drive approximately 1 hour to **Walter P Chrysler Museum** or alternative.

Drive approximately 30 minutes to Detroit and check into your hotel

Evening **Dinner**

Overnight in Detroit

DAY 3	DETROIT	Friday 18th August 2017 (B)
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Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation**

Main Group This morning, drive approximately 20 minutes and take a **factory tour** at **Ford Rouge**

9:30-5:00pm **FORD ROUGE FACTORY TOUR**

Put yourself at the centre of sheer manufacturing might. Beyond the awe-inspiring sweep, scale and action of the real-life factory floor where the new military grade aluminium-alloy body Ford F-150 is made, get set for some eye-opening encounters with the technology of tomorrow

Ford Rouge Factory Tour is a five-part experience that includes:

Legacy Theatre

Learn about the triumphs and tragedies surrounding the Rouge, much of it told through rare, never-before-seen historic footage

Manufacturing Innovation Theatre

A multisensory exploration of the manufacturing experience, from concept to highway. Filled with jaw-dropping special effects, from “floating” 3D laser projection mapping and high-energy audio to a breathtaking behind-the-wheel finale

Observation Deck Tour

View the ground-breaking living roof from our 80-foot-high Observation Deck

Assembly Plant Walking Tour

See where the new military grade aluminium-alloy body Ford F-150s are assembled in a lean and flexible manufacturing plant. Visitors will have the opportunity to view the final assembly process from an elevated walkway

Legacy Gallery

View five historic vehicles made at the Rouge and hop in a new F-150

Afternoon Lunch

This afternoon visit The **Henry Ford Museum**

9:30-5:00pm **HENRY FORD MUSEUM**

The Henry Ford (also known as the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, and more formally as the Edison Institute) is a large indoor and outdoor history museum complex and a National Historic Landmark in Detroit. Named for its founder, the noted automobile industrialist Henry Ford and based on his desire to preserve items of historical significance and portray the Industrial Revolution, the property houses a vast array of famous homes, machinery, exhibits and Americana. The collection contains many rare exhibits including John F. Kennedy's presidential limousine, Abraham Lincoln's chair from Ford's Theatre, Thomas Edison's laboratory, the Wright Brothers' bicycle shop, and the Rosa Parks bus



Alternative This morning, take a **guided tour of Detroit**

DETROIT

Detroit experienced astonishing growth at the end of the 19th century, transforming into a thriving metropolis. Now the once-booming car factories are eerie ruins and neighbourhoods that were home to vibrant communities are in danger of vanishing. The Detroit exodus really took off after the summer of 1967 when 43 people died in the Twelfth Street Riot. For many it was the last straw. The troops were sent in. More than 7,200 people were arrested. Some 2,000 buildings were destroyed. As the population fell so did the tax receipts vital for city services. In the 1950s, when the car industry was still thriving, 1.85 million people called Detroit home. It was the fourth most populous city in America. Less than 720,000 live there now, a drop even since 2000 of 20 per cent. The city's fortunes have always been tied to the car companies, and it is only five years since they were contemplating total oblivion. New York almost went bust in 1976. It begged for federal cash and Gerald Ford said drop dead. Yet the Big Apple survives. Believers in Detroit insist that this bankruptcy, although humiliating, is exactly what is needed. It can be a forbidding town, to be sure. But may it yet find better days and rise from the ashes



The themes that are shaping Detroit right now are community, collaboration and opportunity and on this tour you'll see how those themes are woven throughout the city. The route includes an overview of the people, places and neighborhoods that make up Detroit's core including Downtown, East Riverfront, Midtown, New Center and Eastern Market. You'll also see distressed neighborhoods surrounding the core that are developing unique solutions to the challenges they face. Whether you've been in Detroit a day or a lifetime this tour will give you a better understanding of Detroit's past, present and future

Afternoon Lunch

Later this afternoon, take a **sightseeing cruise on the Detroit River**

3:30pm

SIGHTSEEING CRUISE ON THE DETROIT RIVER

Cruise the Canadian Shoreline and hear about the new Water Retention Plant, the History of Hiram Walkers, Prohibition Days, the Assassination of Charlie Brooks and the Commemorative Peace Fountain, the curse of Peche Island and view the beautiful waterfront from a different perspective. Cross at the Livingston Light and see Belle Isle, River Walk, Cobo Hall, Joe Louis Arena and the historical sites along the Detroit Shoreline. Cross back under the Ambassador Bridge and learn about the Sculpture Gardens, the Plywood Palace and Windsor's historical connection to Dieppe



Evening

Dinner

Possible evening activity of your choice (pending availability). Choose from the following:

- [Concert at the Fox Theatre](#)
- [Baseball game at Comerica Park](#)
- [Attend an Opera](#)

Return to your accommodation

Overnight in Detroit

DAY 4**DETROIT****Saturday 19th August 2017**

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodation**Main Group**

Today we drive approximately 20 minutes to Woodward Avenue and take part in the **Woodward Dream Cruise**

9:00-9:00pm

WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE

The Woodward Dream Cruise is the world's largest one-day celebration of classic car culture that attracts over 1 million visitors, and more than 40,000 muscle cars, street rods, custom, collector and special interest vehicles. The Dream Cruise takes place along a 16-mile stretch on the historical Woodward Avenue through nine host communities including Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Pontiac and Royal Oak, in Southeast Michigan. The majority of the cars on display are those that were available and prevalent during the 1950s, 60s and early 70s



There are bands and djs performing and music entertainment up and down the route, some performing outside the arena and others inside the venue

Afternoon**Lunch****9:00-5:00pm** This afternoon, visit the **Automotive Hall of Fame**
AUTOMOTIVE HALL OF FAME

Visit the Automotive Hall of Fame, where you can celebrate the men and women whose automotive innovations changed the world and revolutionized our way of life. Inside the Automotive Hall of Fame you will discover the intersection with cars and all aspects of our daily lives. Exhibit galleries with permanent and changing exhibits on the early days of the automobile, the rise of the auto industry around the globe and the beauty of auto styling and how it has changed every part of our daily lives. True to its mission, the Hall honours members of the automotive industry each year. More than 250 members have been inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame so far. These inductees include the founders of Benz, Bosch, Bugatti, Buick, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Citroen, Cord, Daimler, Dodge, Duesenberg, Durant, Duryea, Ferrari, Ford, Honda, Maybach, Olds, Peugeot, Porsche, Renault and Toyota among others



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Alternative

This morning, drive approximately 40 minutes to the **Great Lakes Crossing Outlets** for shopping time, with over 150 stores to choose from!

10:00-9:00pm **GREAT LAKES CROSSING OUTLETS**

Great Lakes Crossing Outlets is the market's dominant retail outlet and entertainment destination, attracting customers throughout the Midwest and Canada. With 185 manufacturer's outlets and traditional retail stores, Great Lakes Crossing Outlets is Michigan's only enclosed value-regional mall. Great Lakes Crossing Outlets has over 50 stores and restaurants that can't be found anywhere else in Michigan, including Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, Disney Store Outlet, Rainforest Café, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th, Neiman Marcus Last Call Clearance Centre, Victoria's Secret Outlet and Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill—just to name a few!

**Evening****Dinner**

Return to your accommodation

Overnight in Detroit

DAY 5**DETROIT****Sunday 20th August 2017 (B)****Morning****Breakfast at your accommodation****Main Group**

This morning, experience the birthplace of the Model T with a **guided tour of the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant**

10:00-4:00pm FORD PIQUETTE AVENUE PLANT

The Ford Piquette Avenue Plant is recognised as one of the most significant automotive heritage sites in the world. The 1904 plant is the birthplace of the Ford Model T. It was here – before the introduction of the moving assembly line- that Ford became the world’s largest producer of automobiles. Henry Ford already had America’s best-selling car in 1906. But Ford knew the Model N could be improved and in 1908 he introduced the Model T. The lightweight, durable, affordable car was a hit. By 1924, half the cars sold in the world were Ford Model T’s.



10:00-12:00pm Guided tour

Walk the worn wood floors and touch the brick walls where Henry Ford and his team of automotive pioneers developed the car that led to an automotive and social revolution. This is where the Ford Motor Company set the world’s record for auto assembly in 1907—six years before Ford introduced the moving assembly line at Highland Park. The long view down the centre of the plant offers stunning photo opportunities. Experience Henry Ford’s office as it was in 1908, just before he introduced the Model T. See the Experimental Room where the Model T was developed and learn how Ford’s small team of hand-picked talent created the car that changed the world

GENERAL MOTORS HERITAGE CENTRE

The GM Heritage Centre is home to hundreds of the world's most significant cars and trucks. It also houses a massive collection of archived documents, artefacts and assorted automobile. From original brochures, manuals and build sheets, to rare examples of badging and signage, this unique and growing repository reflects the historical accomplishments upon which GM is building its future. For each of the approximately 600 vehicles that constitute the GM Heritage Centre Collection, there are countless stories. From your favourite Corvette of your youth to a concept car still on the drawing board, the Featured Stories dive into the past, present and future of GM automobiles. For as long as there are GM vehicles, there will be the innovations, people, history and stories behind them



The Collection

The GM North American Heritage Collection is made up of approximately 600 cars and trucks. Many reflect GM's industry firsts, like the first electric self-starter, used on the 1912 Cadillac, the first production V8 that powered the 1915 Cadillac, and the first air bag, found on 1974 Buick, Cadillac, and Oldsmobile models. Others are technological experiments like the first American gas turbine-powered car, Firebird 1, or the world's first hydrogen fuel cell-powered vehicle, the 1966 Electro-van. Concept cars and special-interest styling/performance one-offs are part of the mix, along with significant race cars and milestone production vehicles such as the first production 1966 Olds Toronado featuring General Motors' front-wheel drive. The GM Heritage Collection is ever-changing. New vehicles are constantly being obtained to fully represent GM's product story of the past 100+ years



Afternoon Lunch

This afternoon, visit the **Motown Historical Museum**

MOTOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Motown Museum, which was founded by Esther Gordy Edwards in 1985, is one of Southeast Michigan's most popular tourist destinations. Visitors come from across America and throughout the world to stand in Studio A, where their favourite artists and groups recorded much-loved music and to view the restored upper flat where Berry Gordy lived with his young family during the company's earliest days. Home to an extensive array of Motown artefacts, photographs and other memorabilia, the Museum's mission, which is presented below, is to preserve the legacy of Motown Record Company and to educate and motivate people



Alternative This morning, enjoy a **Feet on the Street food tour of Detroit!**

FEET ON THE STREET TOUR

Stroll from shed to shed and visit specialty stores to learn about unique products, hear fun facts and history of the area, while going behind the scenes and sampling various foods. Enjoy locally produced pizza, popcorn, pickles and pastries; specialty sausages, cheeses and vinegars; authentic spinach pies and spreads. You will get to know local growers and vendors, their products and some tips for improving your health with Michigan foods. You will also visit an art gallery located in a former brewery or a letterpress shop

Afternoon Lunch

This afternoon visit the **Detroit Historical Museum**

10:00-5:00pm DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Detroit Historical Museum exhibits the history of southeastern Michigan, recreating Detroit street scenes from the 1840's, 1870's and early 1900. Cobblestone streets, 19th century stores, an auto assembly line, toy trains and a fur trading post from the 1700's are only a few of the wonders visitors see at the Detroit Historical Museum. The museum's signature exhibitions are permanent installations that showcase more than 300 years of Detroit's rich history



OPTIONAL You may choose to take the following guided tours:

Detroit Memories & Moments

During this 90-minute tour of the Detroit Historical Museum in Midtown, participants will experience 300 years of Detroit history with visits to the Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work, 1701-1901, America's Motor City and Streets of Old Detroit exhibits. Then, explore the role of the city during World War II in the Detroit: The "Arsenal of Democracy" exhibit and recall days gone by while viewing artefacts and stories in the Allesee Gallery of Culture – showcasing the iconic people, places and moments of Detroit in the 20th century

Historical Perspectives

During this 90-minute guided tour of the Detroit Historical Museum in Midtown, students will learn about significant geographic, economic, social and cultural developments of the city. Students will discover why the French settled the area and why the fur trade was important to the city's development. They will also learn the importance of Michigan's natural resources, their effect on Detroit's industrial development and how we became the Motor City. During this tour visitors will also stroll through the Streets of Old Detroit exhibit

The Detroit Historical Museum provides engaging educational and fun experiences for everyone. Join the docents on an exploration of the Museums' signature exhibits. After your tour, you are welcome to also view the limited engagement and special exhibits

Evening**Dinner**

Return to your accommodation

Overnight in Detroit

DAY 6**DETROIT – HICKORY CORNERS****Monday 21st August 2017 (B)****Morning****Breakfast at your accommodation**

This morning, pick up the keys to your preselected car and get ready to get behind the wheel! Drive approximately 40 minutes to the **Yankee Air Museum** in Ypsilanti

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

The Yankee Air Museum is an aviation museum located at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The museum has a small fleet of flying aircraft and a collection of static display aircraft outdoors. You may like to take an unforgettable flight of a lifetime on one of the vintage aircrafts. You can experience the B-17 "Yankee Lady" or B-25 "Yankee Warrior"

B-17 Yankee Lady

The Boeing B-17, nicknamed the "Flying Fortress", is a four-engine heavy bomber aircraft developed in the 1930's for the United States Air Force. From its introduction in 1938, the B-17 Flying Fortress evolved through numerous design advances. The B-17 was primarily employed by the U.S.A.F. and was given the task of destroying enemy war facilities through precision strategic bombardment during World War II. The Flying Fortress quickly proved to be a strategic weapon for the U.S. as a potent, high-flying, long-range bomber that was able to not only defend itself but also return home regardless of substantial damage. The B-17 secured itself as an effective weapons system by dropping more bombs than any other U.S. aircraft throughout WWII

**B-25 Yankee Warrior**

The B-25 Mitchell, nicknamed the "Yankee Warrior", is an American twin-engine medium bomber manufactured by North American Aviation. It was used by many Allied air forces, in every theatre of World War II, as well as many other air forces after the war ended, and was utilized in service across four decades. The B-25 was named in honour of General Billy Mitchell, a pioneer of U.S. military aviation. By the end of its production, nearly 10,000 B-25s in numerous models had been built. These included a few limited variations, such as the United States Navy's and Marine Corps' PBJ-1 patrol bomber and the United States Army Air Forces' F-10 photo reconnaissance aircraft

**Afternoon****Lunch****Main Group**

This afternoon visit the **Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum and Collection**

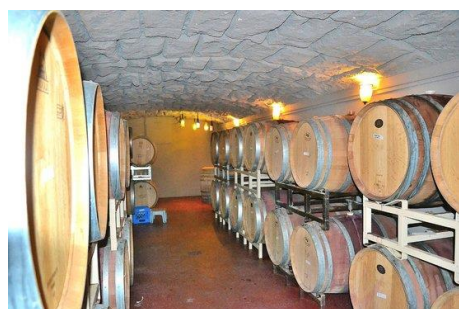
YPSILANTI AUTOMOTIVE HERITAGE MUSEUM (YAHM)

The Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum in Ypsilanti is a unique automotive museum that is home to cars from the local Willow Run Plant and cars from Hudson Motors. The collection includes the original Fabulous Hudson Hornet and a Tucker automobile movie prop from the movie Tucker: The Man and His Dream. The museum is an official site of the Motor Cities National Heritage Area, which is dedicated to preserving, interpreting and promoting the automotive and labour heritage of the State of Michigan. A featured car in the collection is #92, a 1952 Hudson Hornet race car owned by NASCAR champion Herb Thomas. Thomas drove Hornets to his second National Championship in 1953. Altogether, Thomas and his Hornets won 43 NASCAR races. Hudson Hornet race cars provided the inspiration for Doc Hudson in the 2006 Pixar film CARS



Alternative This afternoon, drive approximately 40 minutes to **Sandhill Crane Vineyards** for some wine tasting!

11:00-7:00pm SANDHILL CRANE VINEYARDS



Sandhill Crane Vineyards' charming winery, tasting room, and café is tucked in among their vineyards in eastern Jackson County. Using only fruit grown in Michigan, Sandhill Crane Vineyards produces award-winning wines and meads from their own grapes, apples, and pears, along with other local grapes and other fruits, honey, and maple syrup. Winemaker and family member Holly Balansag, makes use of her winemaking and organizational skills along with an exceptional palate to produce a wide range of clean, rich, complex wines. Made lovingly in small batches, the tasting list includes well-balanced acidic white wines, rich reds, flavourful fruit wines, and delicious sweet-tart dessert wines. All wines are made on the premises

Late this afternoon, drive approximately 2 hours to **Hickory Corners**

Evening **Dinner**

Overnight in Hickory Corners

DAY 7 HICKORY CORNERS – CHICAGO

Tuesday 22nd August 2017 (B)

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation**

Main Group This morning visit the **Gilmore Car Museum**

9:00-5:00pm GILMORE CAR MUSEUM

On a 90-acre historic campus midway between Detroit and Chicago is the Gilmore Car Museum. Here, visitors shoot the breeze in an old-fashioned gas station and stand inches away from a 1930 Rolls-Royce that's from a Disney® movie. Grandparents share stories about a '57 Chevy, as their smiles are reflected in the car's chrome. Stroll the campus and eat lunch at the authentic Blue Moon Diner. Walk right up to an amazing collection of over 300 vintage automobiles, motorcycles and memories



At the Gilmore Car Museum, you'll stroll through a beautiful campus and walk right up to automotive history. Join people from across the country as you browse through the collections—exhibit after exhibit of incredible vehicles, in a memorable setting. If you take them all in, you'll see over 300 vehicles and the ranges and brands of these models are breathtaking.

Everything from Model As to Cadillacs, Pierce-Arrows to Duesenbergs and Studebaker to Chevrolet. We also have exhibits that capture the best of each automotive era—cars from the Nickel and Brass Eras to the Classics to Post-War for example. Plus special exhibits of long-forgotten brands such as the Hudson, and of hot rods and a wide range of automotive classics

Alternative This morning, take a **tour of the Kellogg Manor House**

KELLOGG MANOR HOUSE



Former estate to cereal magnate W.K. Kellogg and his wife Dr. Carrie Staines Kellogg, the Manor House was built on the highest point overlooking Gull Lake in 1925-1926. A tour of the Kellogg Manor House provides information about the life of W.K. Kellogg, interesting details of this 1920s house and information about the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station. Built in 1925-1926, the Kellogg Manor House is a classic example of Tudor revival architecture with leaded glass bay windows, quarter-sawn oak coffered ceiling, a hand carved stairway and beautiful Rookwood tile fireplaces and bathrooms

Afternoon **Lunch**

Late this afternoon, drive approximately 3 hours **to Chicago**

Evening **Dinner tonight will be on your own**

Overnight in Chicago

DAY 8 **CHICAGO**

Wednesday 23rd August 2017 (B)

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation**

This morning visit Chicago's famous building, **360 Chicago**, formally known as John Hancock Cent

9:00-11:00pm **360 CHICAGO**

Not only will visitors find unbeatable views of the city when traveling up to the observatory, but also educational features which enhance the experience. Guests have the opportunity to gaze upon their favourite views and interactively learn about the sights from every angle imaginable. The panoramic touch screens feature 360-degree views of the Chicago Skyline as well as information on the city's history, architecture, natural scenery and culture. These interactive touch screens offer high definition views as seen from the 94th floor during both day and night. This even offers the opportunity to see the city panoramically, even when the weather is inclement



Afternoon **Lunch**

After lunch, you will take a **guided Loop Architecture and the Pedway walking tour of Chicago**

LOOP ARCHITECTURE AND THE PEDWAY

The Loop Architecture and the Pedway Tour will give you a good overview of Chicago's downtown, with a focus on the Loop's architecturally significant buildings. It will also give you a good feel for the hustle, bustle and strength of Chicago. Whether you're an architecture novice or a serious architecture buff, you'll find this tour of interest. After all, Chicago is the birthplace of the modern skyscraper and one of the most architecturally significant cities in the world. You can expect to see masterpieces of brick, steel and glass by the likes of Louis Sullivan, John Root, Frank Lloyd Wright, Helmut Jahn and Mies van der Rohe to name just a few. The walk will take you to the doorsteps and through the lobbies of more than twenty buildings until you are finally escorted below into the Chicago Pedway System, a subterranean "city unto itself" with nearly three miles of underground passageways that meander under the very giants you met at street level



Later this afternoon, spend some time at **Millennium Park** or shop till your heart's content at **Magnificent Mile**

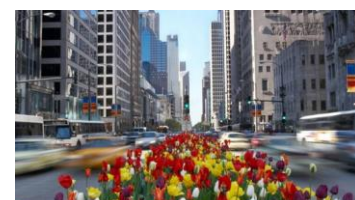
MILLENNIUM PARK

Millennium Park is Chicago's crown jewel, attracting thousands of visitors every day. Get a picture with the Cloud Gate sculpture or 'The Bean' as the locals call it or at the Crown Fountain - two 50 foot glass block towers at each end of a shallow reflecting pool. The towers project video of faces of Chicago citizens on LED screens and the water that flows through an outlet in the screen gives the illusion of water spouting from their mouths. At the southern tip is Lurie Garden, a 5 acre urban oasis featuring perennials, bulbs, grasses, shrubs and trees



MAGNIFICENT MILE

The Magnificent Mile is the greatest Chicago shopping experience with an abundance and variety of boutiques and stores to spark every interest, meet every need and delight every visitor. The shops on the Magnificent Mile are as diverse as the goods they sell, with towering shopping centres, chic designer studios, intimate specialty retail shops, iconic department stores, lavish luxury boutiques and trendy favourites all within an easy stroll



Evening **Dinner will be on your own tonight**

Overnight in Chicago

DAY 9 **CHICAGO – ODELL – SPRINGFIELD** **Thursday 24th August 2017 (B)**

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation**

This morning, drive approximately 1 hour to the **Volo Auto Museum**

10:00-5:00pm VOLO AUTO MUSEUM

Established in 1960, the Volo Auto Museum is an automobile museum and collector car dealer in the Chicago suburb of Volo. The museum contains an exhibit of collectors' autos from vintage to modern classics, with the main focus being American cars of the 1950-1980 period, TV and movie cars, bizarre cars, cars previously owned by the rich and famous, and a large one-of-a-kind Disney and Looney Tunes characters display. Unique to this museum is that many of the vehicles on display (in five large buildings) are for sale. A military-oriented "Armed Forces Exhibit" was added in the late 2000s

Afternoon Lunch

After lunch, drive approximately 2 hours to the small town of **Odell** where you will see some classic Route 66 structures and history

10:00-4:00pm ODELL STATION

This beautiful old gas station was built in 1932 and served travellers on Route 66 until the mid-1960s when it stopped selling gas. This station then was used as a body shop until it closed its doors in 1975. Years of neglect took their toll on this old Standard station. The station would have disappeared if it had not been for the preservation efforts of the Illinois Route 66 Association and their Preservation Committee. Odell Station is now an award winning restoration by the Route 66 Preservation Committee of Illinois. This site offers the traveller the opportunity to visit a station as it was in 1932, complete with original gravity flow pump and numerous original items inside

Drive approximately 2 hours to **Springfield**

Evening Dinner will be on your own tonight

Overnight in Springfield

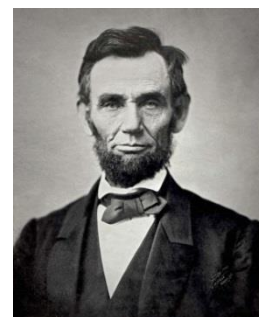
DAY 10 SPRINGFIELD – ST LOUIS**Friday 25th August 2017 (B)**

Morning Breakfast at your accommodation

This morning visit the **Lincoln Home National State Historic Site and the Lincoln Tomb**

8:30-5:00pm LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Lincoln Home National Historic Site preserves the home and a historic district where Abraham Lincoln lived from 1844 to 1861, before becoming the 16th President of the United States. The presidential memorial includes the four-blocks surrounding the home and a visitor centre. Abraham Lincoln believed in the ideal that everyone in America should have the opportunity to improve his/her economic and social condition. Lincoln's life was the embodiment of that idea. We know him as the sixteenth president but he was also a spouse, parent and neighbour who experienced the same hopes, dreams, and challenges of life that are still experienced by many people

**LINCOLN TOMB**

The Lincoln Tomb is the final resting place of the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln and three of their four sons. At the close of the events marking Lincoln's death, his body was placed in a nearby receiving tomb and later in the state tomb



Afternoon Lunch

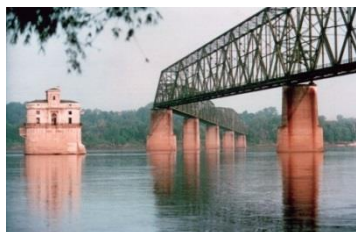
This afternoon drive approximately 30 minutes to the **Red Brick Road** – one of the few remaining sections of original brick Route 66

**THE RED BRICK ROAD**

The Red Brick Road in Auburn is truly exceptional. Indeed, Route 66's original surfacing is seldom seen anywhere. This beautiful 1.4 mile long piece of restored hand-laid brick road is a segment of 66 done in 1931 and placed over a concrete roadbed. Here, it is decorated with large red bricks on a long stretch and is still used by some locals today

Afternoon Later this afternoon, drive approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes to **St Louis**

Main Group Visit the famous **Chain of Rocks Bridge**, a significant landmark for travellers driving Route 66

CHAIN OF ROCKS BRIDGE

The Old Chain of Rocks Bridge spans one of the most scenic areas of the Mississippi River. When it was completed in 1929 it shortened travel time between St. Louis, Missouri and Edwardsville, Illinois. It is 5,353 feet long and is one of the longest continuous steel truss bridges in the country. One of the most distinctive features of the Chain of Rocks Bridge is the 22-degree bend in the middle. This feature allowed southbound riverboats to align with the current, slip between the Bridge's piers and avoid crashing into two water intake towers midstream just south of the Bridge. The Chain of Rocks Bridge became a part of Route 66 in 1936 and was used until 1968

Alternative Visit the **Gateway Arch**

GATEWAY ARCH

Standing 630 feet tall, the Gateway Arch - America's tallest man-made monument, anchors the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial and stands as the iconic monument symbolising the westward expansion of the United States. Here, you can journey to the top of the Gateway Arch, watch the monument to the dream - an award-winning documentary about the construction of the Gateway Arch, see the Old Courthouse with temporary exhibits from the Museum of Westward Expansion or cruise on the Gateway Arch riverboats



Evening Dinner

Overnight in St Louis

DAY 11 ST LOUIS – JOPLIN

Saturday 26th August 2017 (B)

Morning Breakfast at your accommodation

This morning, leave at 8am and drive approximately 2 hours to the **Hooker Cut**, a fault over 90 feet deep in the mountains which allowed the passage of Route 66

THE HOOKER CUT

The Hooker Cut got its name from the highway workers as they gouged a deep cut into a mountain near Hooker, so they could lay a four-lane highway and bypass a dangerous two-lane alignment of Route 66. The Hooker Cut project was considered quite a highway marvel at the time. Most people say this four lane alignments of Route 66 is abandoned, however that is not necessarily true. It's still used by local motorists



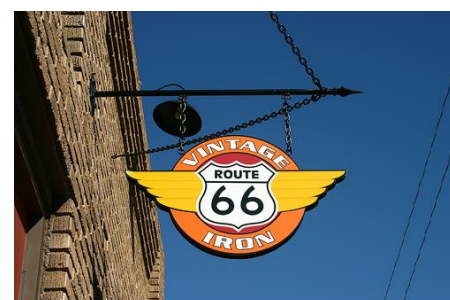
Drive approximately 2 and half hours to **Galena**

Afternoon **Stop for lunch at Cars on the Route**

Main Group After lunch, visit the **Vintage Iron Motorcycle Museum** on Route 66

10:00-6:00pm **ROUTE 66 VINTAGE IRON MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM**

The 2,000 square foot museum has an eclectic collection of rare vintage motorcycles, including a 1917 Harley Davidson, a 1949 AJS and a 1957 Ariel Red Hunter. There are also some very rare trials and off road bikes, and a huge collection of memorabilia and gear from the 50's and 60's. There is a rotating special exhibition space at the Route 66 Vintage Iron Motorcycle Museum which at the moment features a collection of Evel Knievel artefacts, including his actual Snake River Canyon Jump Mission Control Van



There is a rotating "special exhibition" space at the Route 66 Vintage Iron Motorcycle Museum which at the moment features a collection of Evel Knievel artefacts, including his actual Snake River Canyon Jump Mission Control Van. If you need gloves, goggles, or a helmet for your ride, Route 66 Vintage Iron Motorcycle Museum has a great riding accessories shop right when you walk in. There is a huge selection of very cool t-shirts with logos of long gone motorcycle marques

Late this afternoon, visit the **Marsh Arch Bridge**

MARSH ARCH BRIDGE

Marsh Arch "Rainbow Bridge" is found on the old alignment of Route 66. Through the efforts of the Kansas Historic Route 66 Association this historic bridge was saved and restored in 1992. Not only does this bridge make great photo opportunities, but you can still drive over it. It is the only remaining Marsh Rainbow Arch Bridge on Route 66



Alternative After lunch, take a **tour of the Candy House Chocolate Factory**

9:30-5:30pm **Candy House Chocolate Factory**

The Candy House has been providing quality chocolates to its loyal customers since 1970. Since our humble beginnings in historic Reedings Mill near Route 66, a tradition was started and perfected. Only the finest ingredients go into Candy House products, and one taste will convince you that there is no substitute. The quality you'll taste will bring you back to a sweeter and simpler time. See the factory employees at work and be guided through the process of creating chocolate treats. Make sure you stop at the gift shop so you can purchase and taste the finished product!



Late this afternoon, visit the **Grand Falls**

Grand Falls

One of Missouri's least-talked-about wonders is located on Shoal Creek, just south of Joplin. Grand Falls, Missouri's largest natural, continually flowing waterfall, is like a miniature Niagara Falls. On a breezy day, you'll feel the mist hit your face. It's exhilarating to find a natural, beautiful spot such as this on a warm summer day in the Missouri Ozarks. You can climb down a bit of umber-coloured chert, also known as flint, as you head toward this scenic stop. One of the widest waterfalls in the state, Grand Falls is caused by unusually thick layers of chert rock. As you walk toward Grand Falls, be sure to take in the beauty of the rock formations. The chert is often pocked with pools of water, making tiny natural swimming pools for frogs or small plants to grow and abide



Evening **Dinner is on your own tonight**

Pending availability, you may wish to [watch a movie at the Route 66 Drive-in](#)

Overnight in Joplin

DAY 12 JOPLIN – OKLAHOMA CITY

Sunday 27th August 2017 (B)

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation**

This morning drive approximately 3 hours to **Oklahoma City**

En route, take a photo stop in **Foyil** and see the **world's largest totem pole!**

ED GALLOWAY TOTEM POLE PARK

The Ed Galloway Totem Pole Park is a Route 66 icon and home of "The World's Largest Concrete Totem Pole." One of Oklahoma's landmarks, it has been featured in several important articles and books on environmental folk art and Route 66 lore. In 1999, the park was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Ed Galloway spent his retirement years building a unique park, a monument to the American Indian from stone, concrete and his imagination. The centrepiece is a giant Totem Pole building supported by an enormous concrete turtle



Afternoon **Lunch**

Main Group After lunch, visit the **Stafford air and Space Museum**

1:00-5:00pm **STAFFORD AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM**



The Stafford Air & Space Museum is located in Weatherford, Oklahoma. The museum was named a Smithsonian Affiliate in June 2010. The museum features exhibits about aviation, space exploration and rocketry and a collection of over 20 historic aircraft. Displays include artefacts from the Space Shuttle program, Hubble Space Telescope and the Mir Space Station, a Moon rock, a Titan II missile, a Mark 6 Re-entry vehicle and a Gemini spacecraft

Alternative After lunch, visit the **Myriad Botanical Gardens & Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory**

11:00-6:00pm MYRIAD BOTANICAL GARDENS & CRYSTAL BRIDGE TROPICAL CONSERVATORY

Nestled in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City's skyscrapers and historic business district, the Myriad Botanical Gardens & Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory is an urban paradise that attracts locals and out-of-towners alike. Visitors to the Myriad Botanical Gardens are treated to a vast green space complete with tranquil streams, an interactive playground area for the kids, and live music from the gardens' contemporary band shell, all within the hustle and bustle of Oklahoma City's thriving downtown area

**Evening Dinner**

This evening, spend some time in **Bricktown Entertainment District**

BRICKTOWN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

Once a busy warehouse district, Bricktown is Oklahoma City's hottest entertainment and dining area, with numerous restaurants, clubs and shopping available. Other attractions include the Bricktown Ballpark, home to the Oklahoma Dodgers Triple AAA baseball team, a Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World store, 16-screen movie theatre, horse-drawn carriage rides, the Spirit of Oklahoma Trolley and water taxi boat tours on the Bricktown Canal. The Bricktown Entertainment District is a popular area for foot traffic and is abuzz with energy into the night on a daily basis

Overnight in Oklahoma City

DAY 13 OKLAHOMA CITY – AMARILLO**Monday 28th August 2017 (B)****Morning Breakfast at your accommodation**

Main Group After breakfast, visit the **National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum**

11:00-5:00pm NATIONAL COWBOY & WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum is a museum in Oklahoma City, with more than 28,000 Western and American Indian art works and artefacts. The facility also has the world's most extensive collection of American rodeo photographs, barbed wire, saddlery and early rodeo trophies. Museum collections focus on preserving and interpreting the heritage of the American West

Alternative After breakfast, visit the **Oklahoma City Museum of Art**

OKLAHOMA CITY MUSEUM OF ART

Surround yourself with bold colours, towering blown glass pieces, the texture of paint on canvas and modern sculpture at the illustrious Oklahoma City Museum of Art. Enter the museum's main galleries scattered across three entire floors and reflect upon everything from international traveling exhibitions and 19th century European art, to Latin American paintings, avant-garde sculpture and one of the largest collections of Dale Chihuly glass pieces in the world

**Afternoon Lunch**

Drive approximately 4 hours to **Amarillo, Texas**

Evening **Dinner at the Big Texan Steak Ranch**

Overnight in Amarillo

DAY 14 AMARILLO – ALBUQUERQUE

Tuesday 29th August 2017 (B)

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation**

This morning, visit the **Cadillac Ranch**

CADILLAC RANCH

The "Cadillac Ranch" of Stanley Marsh 3, directly on Route 66, portrays the evolution of the automobile brand "Cadillac" over the decades. The sculpture consists of 10 models with their nose driven into the Texas desert. Repainted regularly, visitors are allowed to tag them in the spirit of "Public Art", a participatory artistic movement with strong presence along Route 66



Drive approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes to the **Route 66 Museum in Santa Rosa, New Mexico**

Afternoon **Lunch**

9:00-7:00pm

ROUTE 66 MUSEUM

One of the finest museums dedicated to Route 66. It does not simply display photos, objects and press articles on the historic route, but also offers real, amazingly well-crafted reconstructions of some iconic sites of Route 66's heyday such as a family diner, gas stations and garages



Later this afternoon, drive approximately 2 hours to **Albuquerque**

Evening **Dinner is on your own tonight**

Overnight in Albuquerque

DAY 15 ALBUQUERQUE – WILLIAMS

Wednesday 30th August 2017 (B)

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation**

After breakfast, take a walk through history around **Albuquerque's Old Town**

ALBUQUERQUE'S OLD TOWN

Historic Old Town has been the heart of Albuquerque since the city was founded here in 1706. Today, historic Old Town Albuquerque is the city's cultural centre, with five museums and more than 100 shops, galleries and restaurants. Old Town was the first neighbourhood in 1706, when a group of Spanish families settled here, not far from the Rio Grande. The settlers organized their new town in the traditional Spanish colonial way, with a central plaza anchored by a church. When the original adobe church collapsed after the long, rainy summer of 1792, they rebuilt, and in 1793 San Felipe de Neri church was completed. Today, this adobe church with walls five feet thick is the oldest in Albuquerque and its white towers mark Old Town from a distance. It remains a functioning Catholic church, and as you wander around the neighbourhood you may see couples posing for wedding pictures in the Plaza's gazebo. More than 300 years after it was founded, Old Town remains a centre for culture, architecture, shopping art and cuisine. Quiet hidden patios, winding brick paths, gardens and balconies are waiting to be discovered. Shopping in Old Town is a truly delightful experience. Unique items from around the world, as well as those that are distinctly South-Western, can be found in more than 150 shops, boutiques, galleries and artist studios



Drive approximately 4 hours to see the **Meteor Crater** in **Winslow, Arizona**. Stop for lunch en route

Afternoon

METEOR CRATER WINSLOW

49,000 years ago, the Arizona desert was hard hit by a meteorite crashing at more than 28,000 mph, destroying all plant and animal life within a 90-mile radius. On impact, the meteorite created a spectacular 4,000 ft. wide and 570 ft. deep crater. The site, accessible for a fee and fitted with viewing platforms, is slightly off Route 66



Later this afternoon, drive approximately 1 hour to **Williams**, a town in Arizona that ends route 66 and begins the gateway to the Grand Canyon

Evening

Dinner

Overnight in Williams, Arizona

DAY 16

WILLIAMS – OATMAN

Thursday 31st August 2017 (B)

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodation

Today is spent at **The Grand Canyon**, a must see on your journey through Northern Arizona



THE GRAND CANYON

Vast, magnificent and inarguably beautiful, the Grand Canyon is easily Arizona's most distinguishable landmark – and a natural wonder that you simply have to see to believe. Stretching 277 miles from end to end, steep, rocky walls descend more than a mile to the canyon's floor, where the wild Colorado River traces a swift course southwest

You may like to choose a **tour** of the Grand Canyon from the following:

AROUND-THE-RIM TOURS

Explore the Grand Canyon with a guided tour or ride – on a bike, on foot or perched atop a friendly mule

AIR TOURS

See the canyon from high above with a helicopter or airplane tour

HIKING

From easy rim hikes to rigorous multi-day backpacking trips, Grand Canyon hiking has something for everyone

Afternoon **Lunch**

This afternoon drive approximately 3 hours to **Oatman, Arizona**

Evening **Dinner is on your own tonight**

Overnight in **Oatman, Arizona**

DAY 16

OATMAN

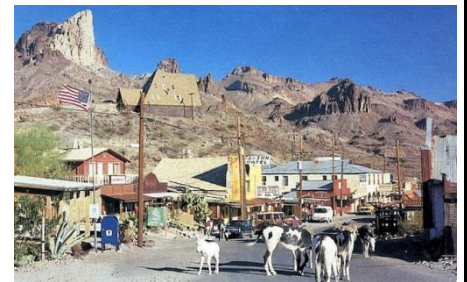
Friday 1st September 2017 (B)

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation**

This morning visit the historic mining town of **Oatman**

OATMAN

Oatman Arizona, an old Gold Mining Town, dates back to the late 1800's. In its prime Oatman and its neighbour Gold road were the largest gold producers in Arizona. Located up the hill from Bullhead City and Laughlin on the Colorado River, old timers will remember it as a Route 66 stop over as the famed road passes right through the middle of town. Today it is host to 40 plus gift and antique shops, gun fight shows and wild burros



You may like to spend some time in the Oatman area to explore the town and have lunch

Afternoon After lunch visit the **Sitgreaves Pass**, a narrow route 66 section of road between Oatman and Kingman

SITGREAVES PASS

Captain Lorenzo Sitgreaves is where the pass that goes through the mountain gets its name. The Captain and a group of artists, topographers and naturalists along with fifty infantrymen went through the area during 1851 to explore the rivers. November 11, 1926 is when Route 66 first became a roadway, at the time some cars lacked the ability to get up the mountain. The result was that a number of cars had to back up the Sitgreaves Pass to the top of the mountain. Today there are some historical buildings or rather remains of historical buildings along this route



Evening **Dinner is on your own tonight**

Overnight in **Oatman, Arizona**

DAY 17 OATMAN – LOS ANGELES Saturday 2nd September 2017 (B)
Morning Breakfast at your accommodation

After breakfast, drive approximately 30 minutes to **Needles, California**, famous for the fabled Route 66 (the "Mother Road") that runs through the downtown area



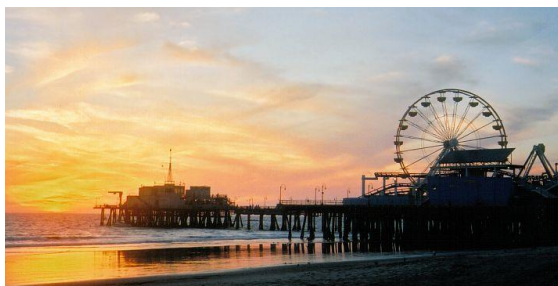
Later this morning, drive approximately 4 hours to **Los Angeles**. You will drive along the Ashforth section of original route 66 which takes you through to California

Stop for lunch en-route

Afternoon Upon arrival in Los Angeles later this afternoon, finish your tour of Route 66 at Santa Monica Pier

SANTA MONICA

After nearly 2,500 miles, Route 66 comes to an end before the world-famous panel of Santa Monica Pier, the platform of the chic little town of Santa Monica, a suburb of Los Angeles on the Pacific Ocean shore



Spend time in Santa Monica at your leisure

Evening Dinner

Overnight in Los Angeles

DAY 18 LOS ANGELES – AUSTRALIA Sunday 3rd September 2017 (B)
Morning Breakfast at your accommodation

This morning spend your day touring the beautiful icons sites of **Beverly Hills**, home too many famous actors/actresses, TV shows/movies, Rodeo Drive and many more

Afternoon Take time for lunch in the Beverly Hills area

Transfer to Los Angeles airport for your flight home to **Australia**

Flight times to be advised

DAY 19**CROSS THE INTERNATIONAL DATELINE****Monday 4th September 2017****CROSS THE INTERNATIONAL DATELINE****DAY 20****ARRIVE HOME TO AUSTRALIA****Tuesday 5th September 2017**

Arrive home, proceed through immigration and collect your bags.

END OF TOUR ARRANGEMENTS**INCLUSIONS****ACTIVITIES**

- **Guided Ford Rouge Factory Tour**
- Entrance to Henry Ford Museum
- **Guided tour of Detroit**
- **Sightseeing Cruise on Detroit River**
- **Possible evening activity (pending availability)**
- Entrance to Woodward Dream Cruise
- Entrance to Automotive Hall of Fame
- Visit to Great Lakes Crossing Outlets
- **Guided tour of the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant including General Motors Heritage Centre**
- Visit to Motown Historical Museum
- **Guided Feet on the Street food tour of Detroit**
- Entrance to Detroit Historical Museum
- Entrance to Yankee Air Museum
- Entrance to Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum
- Entrance to Sandhill Crane Vineyards
- Entrance to Gilmore Car Museum
- **Guided tour of Kellogg Manor House**
- Entrance to 360 Chicago
- **Guided Loop Architecture walking tour of Chicago**
- Visit to Millennium Park and Magnificent Mile
- Entrance to Volo Auto Museum
- Visit to Odell Station
- Entrance to Lincoln Home National Historic Site and Lincoln Tomb
- Visit to The Red Brick Road
- Visit to Chain of Rocks Bridge
- Visit to Gateway Arch
- Visit to the Hooker Cut
- Entrance to Route 66 Vintage Iron Motorcycle Museum
- Visit to Marsh Arch Bridge
- **Guided Candy House Chocolate Factory tour**
- Visit to Grand Falls
- **Route 66 Drive-Ins (pending availability)**
- Photo stop in Foyil
- Visit Ed Galloway Totem Pole Park
- Entrance to Stafford Air and Space Museum
- Entrance to Myriad Botanical Gardens & Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory

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