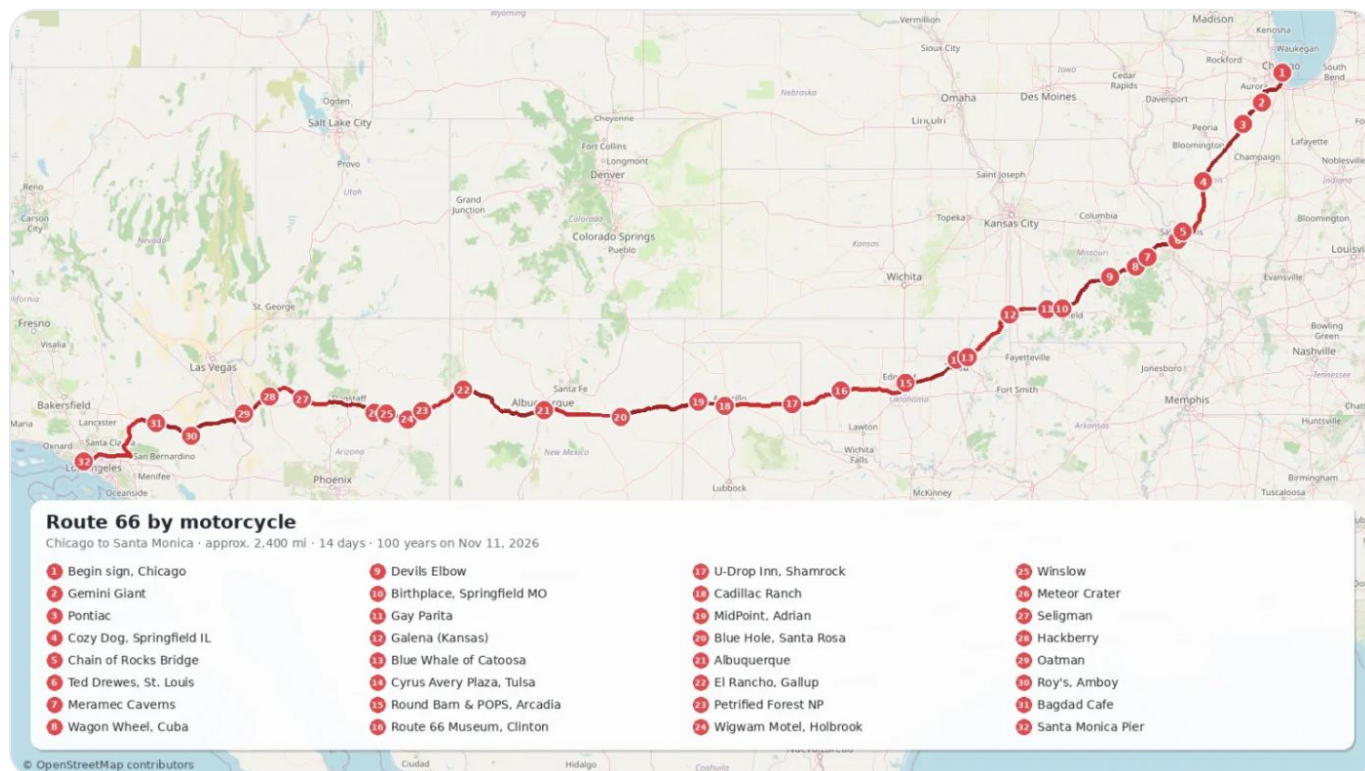


Route 66 by Motorcycle: 14 Days, Map, GPX and Rider Tips

Length
3,664 km

As of
October 26, 2026



Stops

1 Begin sign in Chicago

The start at Adams Street and Michigan Avenue.

2 Gemini Giant in Wilmington

The 1960s astronaut is the first real Route 66 moment after the big city.



3 Route 66 Museum in Pontiac

A small museum on Route 66 in Illinois, and the town centre is full of murals.

4 Cozy Dog Drive In in Springfield (Illinois)

The 1946 diner is a classic end to the first day.



5 Old Chain of Rocks Bridge

The bridge with the famous bend is closed to motorcycles; only pedestrians and cyclists may cross.



6 Ted Drewes Frozen Custard in St. Louis

The custard stand on the old alignment is packed with riders on warm evenings.

7 Meramec Caverns near Stanton

In summer the cave is the best way to cool off on this leg, as it stays cool inside all year.

8 Wagon Wheel Motel in Cuba

The 1938 stone cottages are a classic overnight stop, with your bike parked right outside the door.



9 Devils Elbow Bridge

One of the best stretches for riders in Missouri: the old alignment winds through woods to the 1923 bridge on a river bend.

10 Birthplace of Route 66 in Springfield (Missouri)

This is where the number 66 was chosen on 30 April 1926.

11 Gay Parita near Paris Springs

The replica Sinclair station sits on a quiet stretch of old road, perfect for a retro photo of your bike in front of the vintage pumps.

12 Galena (Kansas)

Kansas has only about 13 miles of Route 66, but they are a pleasure to ride.

13 Blue Whale of Catoosa

The smiling concrete whale is the Route 66 icon of Oklahoma.



14 Cyrus Avery Plaza in Tulsa

The plaza honours the "Father of Route 66".



15 Round Barn and POPS in Arcadia

The 1898 round barn and, right next to it, POPS with its giant soda bottle.



16 Route 66 Museum in Clinton

One of the best museums on the whole route, with vehicles, a diner scene and music.



17 U-Drop Inn in Shamrock

The 1936 Art Deco gas station is at its best at night under neon.



18 Cadillac Ranch near Amarillo

Ten half-buried Cadillacs, and spray painting is allowed.



19 MidPoint Cafe in Adrian

According to the sign, the exact midpoint: 1,139 miles to Chicago and to Los Angeles.

20 Blue Hole in Santa Rosa

A crystal-clear spring in the middle of New Mexico and, after hours in riding gear, the best way to cool off on the route.

21 Central Avenue in Albuquerque

The longest urban stretch of Route 66, with neon signs and the KiMo Theatre.



22 El Rancho Hotel in Gallup

The 1937 hotel of the Hollywood western stars.



23 Petrified Forest National Park

The only national park on Route 66, with the Painted Desert Inn and a rusty Studebaker on the old alignment.



24 Wigwam Motel in Holbrook

Sleep in 1950 concrete tepees, with your bike parked among the classic cars outside.



25 Standin' on the Corner in Winslow

The corner from the Eagles song, with statue and mural.

26 Meteor Crater (detour)

An impact crater about 0.75 miles across, some 6 miles south of I-40.

27 Seligman and the Snow Cap

This is where the longest continuous stretch of Route 66 in Arizona begins, for many riders the best part of the whole route: sweeping curves and hardly any traffic.



28 Hackberry General Store

The lonely store with vintage pumps sits right on the great stretch between Seligman and Kingman.



29 Oatman and Sitgreaves Pass

The highlight for riders: the old road over Sitgreaves Pass has tight hairpins, steep drop-offs and very few guardrails.

30

Roy's in Amboy

The Googie sign in the middle of the Mojave.

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Bagdad Cafe in Newberry Springs

The filming location of "Bagdad Cafe" is a must for German riders.

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Santa Monica Pier

The finish: "End of the Trail" on the pier.

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