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RV THERE YET?

BUCKLE UP

Because we're taking you on an extended RV trip that is sure to provide some Good Livin'. This destination is where you can get your kicks, see some of the untamed wild west landscape, visit mom-and-pop diners, and view some of America's greatest tourist stops. Gas up the rig, we're taking you on a roadtrip that screams classic Americana. We're hitting Route 66!

That's right. You're in for more than 2,600 miles of tire-rolling fun on America's most historic roadway, and you'll see some amazing sights along the way. We know you will, because we're providing you with our fool-proof guide to Living the Good Life while on Route 66. We've packed this guide full of fun facts, destinations and places to camp along the way.

We know you love the free wheeling nomadic lifestyle. We do, too. So let us guide you on this trip, Good Life style.



All the way back in 1925, Congress approved a plan for the construction of Route 66. Before then, many small towns didn't have access to major roads. The diagonal direction of this route linked hundreds of small communities, enabling farmers to easily transport grain. The road was useful, and also marked the dawn of a new era of American travel.

Nicknamed "The Main Street of America," Route 66 linked Chicago to Los Angeles. Winding through 8 different states along the way, Route 66 provided a path for many Americans to drive through more than half of the country. Today, Route 66 has been updated and replaced by I-40. There are still original segments of the road in some areas, and although the road system has been updated, the historic value of the original Route 66 will never change.



MAINSTREET of AMERICA

- Des Moines IA
- | Chicago IL
- | Springfield MO
- | Amarillo TX
- | Holbrook AZ
- | Grand Canyon
- | Las Vegas NV
- ↓ Santa Monica Pier CA

Our comprehensive map provides you our suggested legs of the trip, along with stops for each.

Total trip and miles:
39.5 hours - 2,624 miles



Driving the complete route takes about 39 hours, which we suggest you spread out so that you are not driving more than 8 hours each day. While you're out on the open road you may feel a spark of that good old American adventure spirit, and you may want to take detours or modify the route to fit your travel needs best.

Remember that you can take your time driving over four or five days, or longer, depending on how many stops you'd like to make. We include campgrounds along the way, but make sure you call and make reservations before you get rollin' to ensure your camping space.

LEG 1 Des Moines IA to Chicago IL



FUN FACTS

Walt Disney was born in Chicago in 1901. He studied drawing at Chicago's McKinley High School and the Institute of Fine Arts.

The Twinkie was invented in 1930 by Chicagoan Jimmy Dewar, at the time, manager of Chicago's Continental Baking Company.



The Bean

WORTH A STOP



If you're feeling reflective, you need to visit **The Bean**. Located in Millennium Park, this reflective sculpture is an iconic Chicago landmark.

Enjoy Chicago's lakefront and take a visit to **Navy Pier**. The Pier has tons of shops and restaurants, and don't forget to take a ride on the ferris wheel!

Tame your wild side at the **Lincoln Park Zoo**, one of only three major free zoos in the country. Lincoln Park Zoo is one of the country's oldest with an estimated annual attendance of 3.5 million.

GREAT GRUB

Hamburg Inn No. 2 214 N Linn St, Iowa City, IA

If you need to stop for some stomach fuel, try Hamburg Inn No. 2 in Iowa City. Many politicians have visited this Iowa City landmark during Iowa Caucuses to try their famous pie shake.

Giordano's 223 W. JACKSON BLVD Chicago, IL

To get your deep dish fix, stop by Giordano's. With 17 locations in the Chicago area, they have been slinging pizzas since 1945.



Giordano's Deep Dish



LEG 1 Des Moines IA to Chicago IL



SAY  CHEESE!

— Photo Opps —

The World's Largest Truck Stop I-80

Exit 284, Walcott, Iowa

"Iowa 80" currently serves 5,000 customers per day and has parking spaces for 900 tractor-trailers, 250 cars and 20 buses. While there, be sure to check out 'The Truck Stop Museum' and take your pick from one of the many road distractions that "Iowa 80" offers up while taking your pic!



WHERE to STAY

Emerald Trails Campground

3132 E Goodenow Rd, Crete, IL
(708) 672-8700

www.emeraldtrailscampground.com

Less than 40 miles outside of Chicago, this campground has full amenities.



"Iowa 80"
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LEG 2 Chicago IL to Springfield MO



Fantastic Caverns

WORTH A



Stop and smell the roses at the **Springfield Botanical Gardens**.

Take a ride through the only cave in North America large enough to fit a ride through: **The Fantastic Caverns**.

GREAT GRUB

Avanti's Italian Restaurant

407 Main Street, Normal, IL

The specialty is Avanti's Famous Gondola which is ham, salami, American cheese and lettuce on their own Italian bread.

Joe Rogers' "The Den" Chili Parlor

820 S. 9th St, Springfield, IL 62703

Stop by Joe's for a cup of... chili. Customers have come from all over the world, to taste the restaurant's chili. Since the meat and beans are cooked separately, diners can truly customize their chili.

Bogarts Smokehouse

1627 S 9th Street St Louis, MO

Looking for some downhome BBQ? Bogarts is the place for you. Give their pulled pork or smoky beef brisket a try.

FUN FACTS

The Missouri territory

was part of the Louisiana Purchase of 1803.

In 1865, **Wild Bill Hickok**

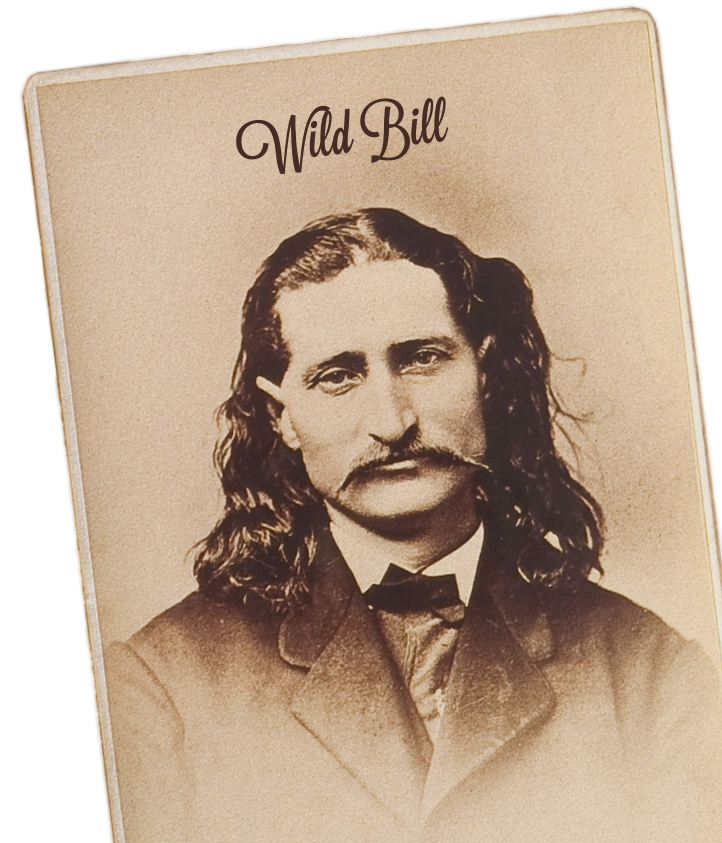
was in a fast draw shootout on the town square.

Honor history by visiting

Honest Abe's house in Springfield, Illinois.



Joe Rogers' Chili



LEG 2 Chicago IL to Springfield MO



See The
**World's Largest
Covered Wagon**

SAY  CHEESE!

— Photo Opps —

Route 66 Shield Mural 110 W Howard St, Pontiac, IL

While visiting the Route 66 museum in Pontiac, be sure to head out back where museum visitors can walk on a strip of the original route! Make certain you grab the camera for a quick snapshot in front of the giant mural for your scrapbooks!

Railsplitter Covered Wagon (Abe Lincoln) 1750 5th Street, Lincoln, Illinois

The Guinness Book of World Records recognizes this attraction as the World's Largest Covered Wagon and you'll recognize the 12-foot replica of one of our nation's founding fathers. You'll want to play with camera angles on this one when you put the family front and center with the larger than life Abe Lincoln as he sits on a wagon double the height!



Route 66 Shield Mural



WHERE to STAY

Stage Stop RV Park

1751 W. Boat Street, Ozark, MO 65721

417-830-1184

www.stagestoprv.com

Family owned and operated since 1999, this is a full service park with 34 level pull-through sites. Each site is 75ft long with full hookups including 30/50 amp electrical service, sanitary connections and city water.



Railsplitter Covered Wagon

LEG 3 Springfield MO to Amarillo TX



Round Barn

WORTH A



Before you head out of Springfield, take in the **Rock Fountain Guest Cottages**, a surviving overnight stop that hosted travelers

along Route 66 beginning in 1945. Back in the day, almost ninety percent of the tourists on the road stayed in small mom and pop motels every night.

As you keep heading west, don't blink or you'll miss the 12 mile stretch of road that takes you through Kansas. Keep an eye out for the **Baxter Independent Oil and Gas Service Station**, built in 1930 to gas up Model A's on their way west. Out the windshield you'll see cow country and oil wells as you roll up the miles across Oklahoma.

Just outside Arcadia you can log a free visit to the famous **round barn**. Built in the late 1800's, the barn originally stored hay but locals say the musical acoustics are as good as the Mormon Tabernacle.

GREAT GRUB

Rock Cafe 114 W. Main St., Stroud, OK

Oklahoma cafe built from rocks dug up in the construction of route 66. Try any grilled item off of Betsy- their 75 year old grill that has served up over 5 million burgers.



POPS 660 W Hwy 66, Arcadia, OK

Outside of POPS stands a soda bottle that is 66 feet tall. On any given day POPS has more than 500 varieties of sodas from around the world available at their Soda Ranch.

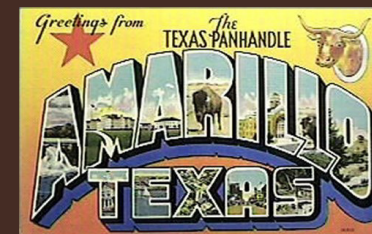
Stockyard Cafe 100 S. Manhattan St, Amarillo, TX

This cafe is in the big sale barn at the Amarillo stockyards where they auction off thousands of cattle a week. Here you will find some big breakfast food like steak and eggs, breakfast burritos and a hearty stack of flapjacks.

FUN FACTS

Amarillo is the fourteenth most populous city in Texas and has a long standing record of being America's cattle shipping capital. Oddly enough, Amarillo was once the self-proclaimed "**Helium Capital of the World**" for having one of the country's most productive helium fields. The city is also known as "The Yellow Rose of Texas." Why? Hint: the Spanish word for yellow is...

Before you settle in for the night in, pull up a stool and tip back a cold one at the **Golden Light Cantina** which has been playing honky tonk since 1946. It may also be the longest continuously operating restaurant on Route 66.



LEG 3 Springfield MO to Amarillo TX



SAY  CHEESE!

— Photo Opps —



Will Rogers Memorial Museum

1720 W Will Rogers Blvd, Claremore, OK

While you're visiting the museum, stop by and snap some pics at the Will Rogers Memorial Museum while learning about his life and wisdom. You'll soon see that he was more than just a cowboy while your family and friends will soon see you posing at the birthplace of one of America's earliest box office stars.

Cadillac Ranch

I-40 Frontage Rd, Amarillo, TX

Created in 1974, this public art installation consisting of lines of Cadillacs is one of the more popular photo opportunities along Route 66. Visits are encouraged here as well as your own graffiti! Scrawl your name or spray paint a self portrait... seriously!



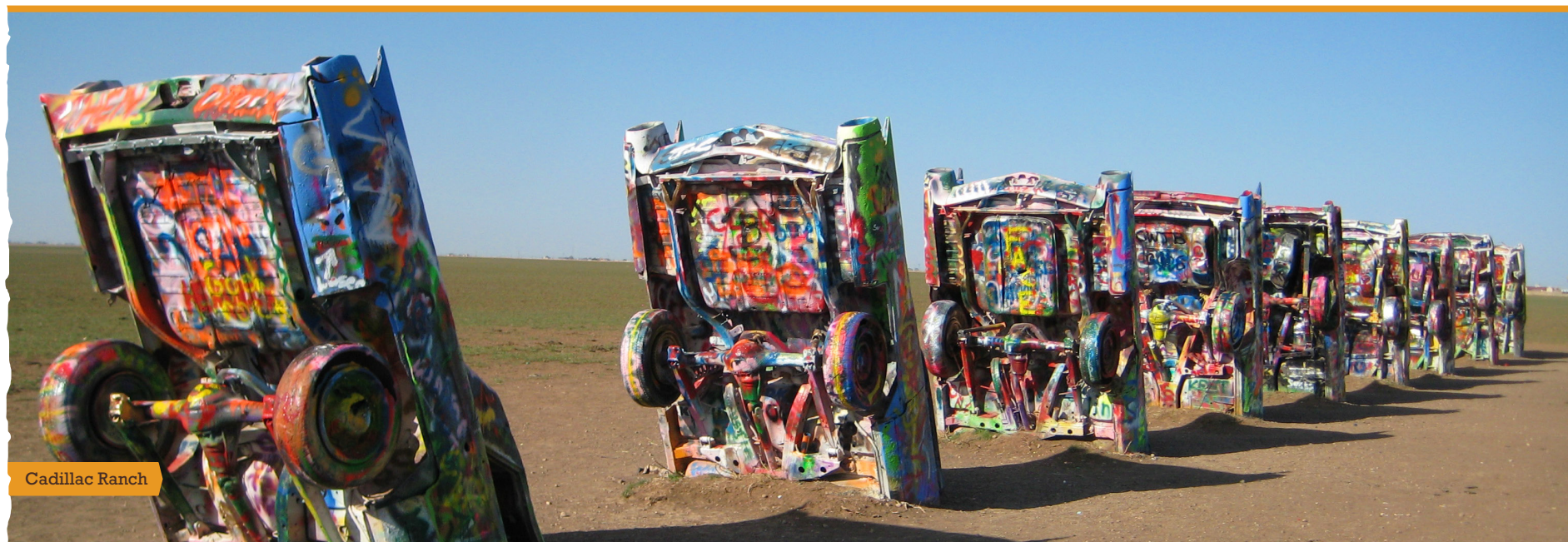
WHERE to STAY

Route 66 RV Ranch

10801 Interstate 40, Amarillo, TX
(806) 359-0921

www.route66rvranch.com

Located just minutes West of Amarillo, Texas, this park offers free wifi, pull through spaces and 30/50 AMPS.



Cadillac Ranch

LEG 4 Amarillo TX to Holbrook AZ



Loretto Staircase

WORTH A STOP

Crossing into New Mexico, the sagebrush is thick and tumbleweeds chase you down the road. Stop in **Tucumcari** and pick up some Indian souvenirs for the folks back home at the famous **Tee Pee Curios**. You'll pass through the Petrified Forest and right into the heart of Navajo country before stopping for the night.



Tee Pee Curious

FUN FACTS

Santa Fe is a haven for history buffs, and you might want to stop by to see the **Loretto Staircase** and the oldest continually operating church in North America. If you have extra time, check in for a guided tour online.

GREAT GRUB

66 Diner 1405 Central Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM

This diner will make you feel like you're going back in time to the '50s. Hit the jukebox, and grab some diner comfort food.

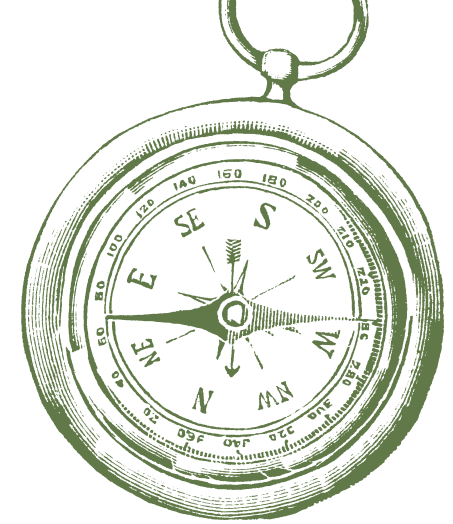
Frontier Restaurant 2400 Central Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM

This vintage late-night Mexican hub is a classic student dive across from the University of New Mexico's campus. Give the Fiesta Burger a try!

Badlands Grill 2201 West Highway 66 Gallup, New Mexico

This locally-owned steak & seafood joint will have you reminiscing about glory days of the Mother Road and the western heritage.

LEG 4 Amarillo TX to Holbrook AZ



SAY  CHEESE!

— Photo Opps —

Midpoint Cafe 305 Rte 66, Adrian, TX 79001

You'll want to capture this memory! Snap a selfie in front of the Midpoint Cafe – your official halfway point. Seriously, folks. This spot is the actual geographical center point between Chicago, IL and Los Angeles, CA.

Petrified Forest National Park I-40/Hwy. 180 - NE Arizona

It was set aside as a national monument in 1906 but you'll most definitely want to set aside plenty of time to capture the raw beauty of Petrified Forest National Park. Strike a pose or two by the colorful concentrations of petrified wood that span for miles. This painted desert is one scene you'll want to be seen in.

The park has a North Entrance off Interstate 40 and a South Entrance off Highway 180. Visitors may enter at one end of the park and exit at the other.



WHERE to STAY

OK RV Park, LLC

1576 Roadrunner Road, Holbrook, AZ

928-524-3226

www.okrvpk-llc.com

This park has full amenities, and they even offer free cable and wifi! This campground is located close to attractions. While you're there walk to historic downtown Holbrook, enjoy Native American Heritage and visit the Old Courthouse.



Midpoint Cafe



Petrified Forest



LEG 5 Holbrook AZ to Grand Canyon



Grand Canyon

WORTH A



Take a ride on the **Grand Canyon Railway** that stretches from Williams Arizona to the Grand Canyon.

Participate in the **Grand Canyon Field Learning Adventure** where you are lead by experts while backpacking and hiking through the canyon. You might even learn something about geology and archaeology!

Of course, you'll have to make multiple stops to see **Grand Canyon vistas**. If you're really brave, take a walk on the wildside by stepping out onto a suspended glass skywalk operated by the Hualapai tribe.

GREAT GRUB



Flagstaff Brewery 16 East Route 66, Flagstaff, AZ

The Flagstaff Brewing Company has one of the largest selections of single malts in the US. Try the "The Great Golden Ale."

Tacos Los Altos 3650 Historic Rte 66, Flagstaff, AZ

No-nonsense fast-food restaurant serving tacos, burritos, tostadas & other Mexican specialties.

FUN FACTS

The **Route 66 Museum** in Kingman, AZ is a must-see for fans of the Mother Road. Displays trace the road's history from Native Americans to government surveyors, Dust Bowl migrants and 1950s vacationers.



Grand Canyon Railway

LEG 5 Holbrook AZ to Grand Canyon



SAY  CHEESE!

— Photo Opps —



Barringer Meteor Crater

Interstate 40 Exit 233, Winslow, AZ

Never mind hole in the wall. We're talking hole in the ground, here... one massive hole in the ground! Designated as a National Natural Landmark in 1969, this crater's origin has been dated back to 50,000 years ago. The hole was caused by a meteorite that would have got one heck of a speeding ticket. Scientists estimate that it was travelling close to 30,000 MPH before impact.



WHERE to STAY

Grand Canyon Railway and Hotel

601 W. Franklin Ave. Williams, AZ 86046

1-800-843-8724

www.thetrain.com/lodging/rv-park/rv-park-location

Centered around natural beauty, this campground has full amenities.



LEG 6 Grand Canyon to Las Vegas NV



Bellagio Fountains

WORTH A STOP

While you're in Vegas you must see the **Bellagio Fountains and Botanical Garden**.

Then head north to see **Hoover Dam**, the largest man-made structure in the country. From there, roll past **Lake Mead** and make your way right to the **Las Vegas Strip** for a taste of glamour and fine dining.



Las Vegas Strip

GREAT GRUB

Mr. D's Route 66 Diner

105 E Andy Devine Ave, Kingman, AZ

Try washing down your burger and fries with Mr D's Root Beer Float at this Route 66 classic diner.

Sunset & Vines Aston MonteLago Village Resort

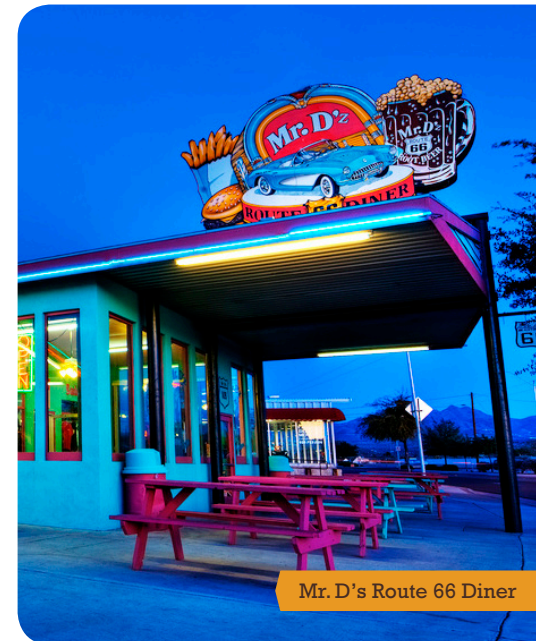
40 Costa Di Lago Henderson, NV

Located on Lake Las Vegas, sit back and relax with fine food, wine and brews.

FUN FACTS

About 65 miles north of Las Vegas is the **Nevada Test Site**, where over 100 above-ground nuclear tests were conducted between 1952 and 1962, when the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty was ratified.

Paleo-Indians first arrived in the Las Vegas valley more than 10,000 years ago. Later groups left behind rock art that is still visible on the landscape.



Mr. D's Route 66 Diner

LEG 6 Grand Canyon to Las Vegas NV



SAY CHEESE!

— Photo Opps —

Yavapai Point *Grand Canyon National Park, AZ*

Yavapai Point is touted by professional and amateur photographers alike as one of the best panoramic view locations you'll find. Bring your photo gear (but leave your fear of heights at home) and you'll get fantastic shots over the South Rim, including great unobstructed views over Bright Angel Canyon.

WHERE to STAY

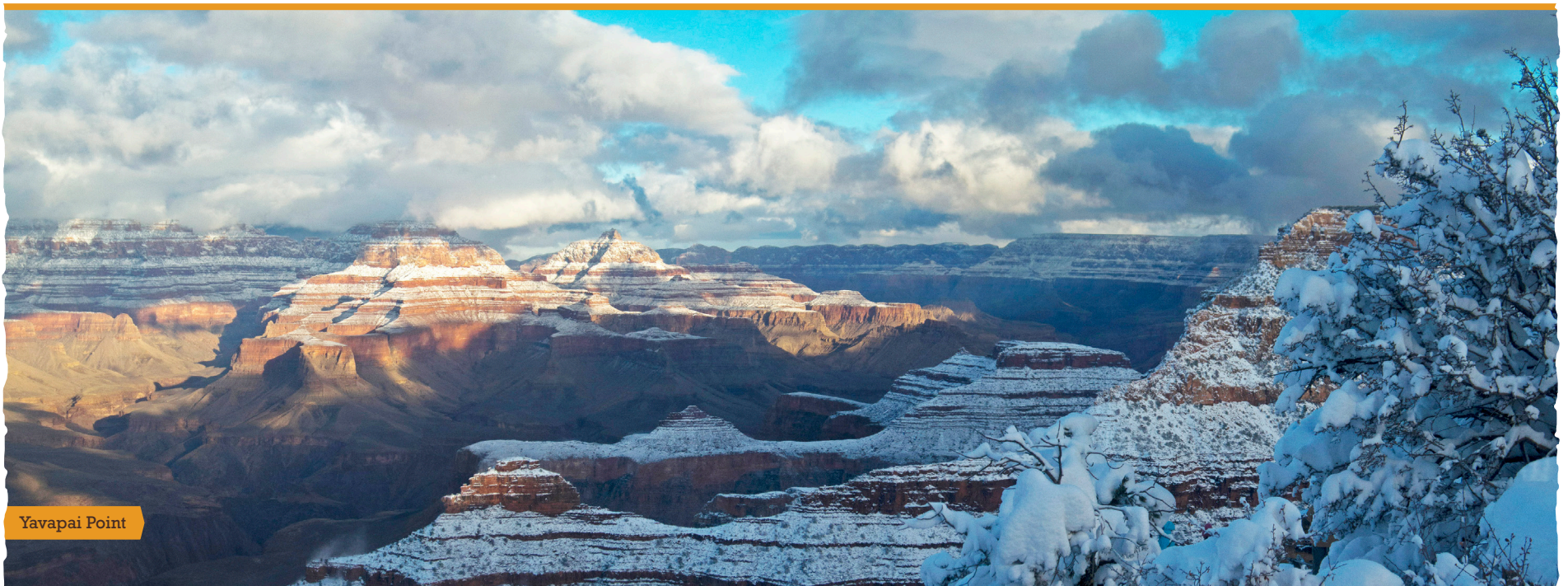
Las Vegas RV Resort

3890 S Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas, NV

(702)451-8005

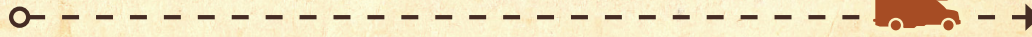
www.lasvegasrvresort.com

Located just minutes from the famous Las Vegas strip, you can find an RV getaway with full amenities and perks like a fitness center and pool. Note that this park is restricted to guests ages 18 and up.



Yavapai Point

LEG 7 Las Vegas NV to Santa Monica Pier CA



WORTH A STOP

Santa Monica has a great **bike path system**, with over 20 miles of road. Try renting a bike and going on one of the bike tours.

Hit the **Santa Monica Pier** for shopping, restaurants and rides.

FUN FACTS

The original **Muscle Beach** used to be located just south of the Santa Monica Pier.

GREAT GRUB

Idle Spurs Steak House 690 Hwy 58, Barstow, CA

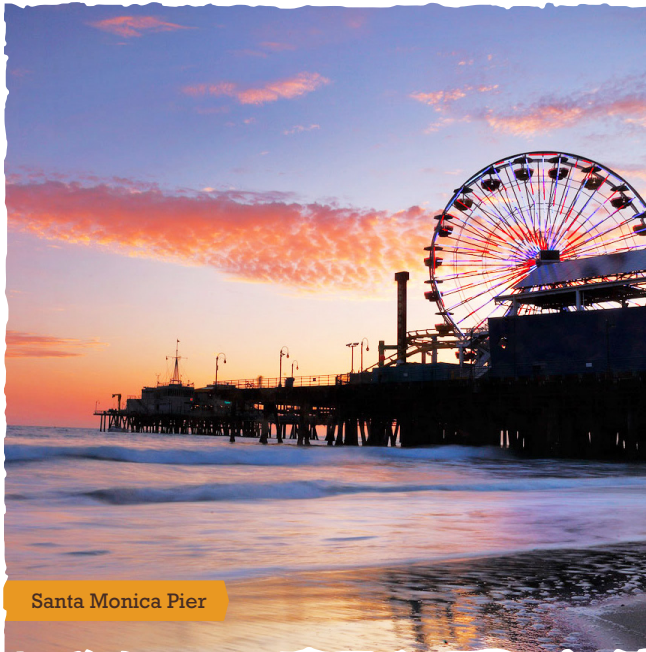
Known for their signature slow roasted prime rib, this restaurant will make you feel at home, because Idle Spurs was originally designed as a home and the restaurant.

Mercado Third Street Promenade 1416 4th St, Santa Monica

Have a taste of Mercado's creative Mexican cuisine located just one block from the beach. They also offer 70+ tequila options!

The Albright 258 Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica, CA

You've made it to the pier, which means it's time for seafood! The Albright has some of the best seafood around served with local flare and craft brews of your choice.



Santa Monica Pier

LEG 7 Las Vegas NV to Santa Monica Pier CA

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*Amboy Is A
Real-Life
Ghost Town*



SAY  CHEESE!

— Photo Opps —

Welcome To Las Vegas! *5100 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV*

Before you leave Vegas, you've got to take a pic of this. You've seen it in the movies, admit it. It's the famous neon sign that reads "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas!" on one side while reading "Drive Carefully" and "Come Back Soon!" on the back. In a nod to Nevada's nickname as "the Silver State," across the top of the diamond sign are white neon circles, designed to represent silver dollars. You'll hit the jackpot with this shot!

Roy's *87520 National Trails Hwy, Amboy, CA*

You'll probably remember this abandoned looking locale from a Hollywood flick or two, as well. Amboy is a real-life ghost town reminding tourists traveling Route 66 of what it once used to be. Stop and snap a shot in the shade the canopy of the gas station offers. Many motorcyclists still stop there just to get a break from the intense heat of the California desert.

The Hollywood Sign *Mount Lee, Hollywood Hills, CA*

You'll be yelling Hooray for Hollywood when you stop to make some take home memories in front of the famous sign. The iconic sign that sprawls through the hills spells out HOLLYWOOD in 45 foot tall white capital letters. You can choose a number of different locations to grab a picture of the giant letters from, though the view from Griffith Park Observatory is top-notch. Access to the Observatory is through Griffith Park, which has several entrances along Los Feliz Boulevard.



WHERE to STAY

Balboa RV Park

*7740 Balboa Blvd. Van Nuys, CA 91406
(818) 785-0949
www.balboarvpark.com*

This offers 30/50 amp electric and sewer and water, and it's located only 13 miles away from Universal Studios.



MAINSTREET of AMERICA

We hope you loved your journey on the Mother Road!

Getting your kicks on Route 66 means enjoying the journey just as much as the destination. Now you've got plenty of scrapbooking material to showcase the precious memories of exploring a classic American road trip with your loved ones.

Are you excited to start planning your next trip? Lucky for you, Good Life has already planned it! Head on over to glrv.com to get more trip guides.

HAPPY RVING!

COVER Sam Howzit - Route 66 Sign

LEG 1 Mike Warot - The Bean
GoRVing - Playing Football

LEG 2 Dean Souglass - Fantastic Caverns
GoRVing - Father & Son

LEG 3 GoRVing - Group Around Campfire

LEG 4 el-toro - Tee Pee Curios
GoRVing - Kids in Grass

LEG 5 Grand Canyon National Park - Grand Canyon
GoRVing - Canoe

LEG 6 Kevin Cole - Mr. D's on Route 66
GoRVing - Couple with RV

LEG 7 Pacheco - Santa Monica Pier
TheBusyBrain - Steak
Laurent Goujon - Las Vegas Sign
Christopher Michel - Roy's Sign

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