

HISTORIC ROUTE 66

ILLINOIS * MISSOURI * KANSAS * OKLAHOMA * TEXAS * NEW MEXICO * ARIZONA * CALIFORNIA

Greetings from the Team at WAI!

The "Mother Road" starts in Chicago and we trace its entire length to sunny southern California. Travelers have the option of seeing all of the Mother Road or only a part of Route 66. Part 1 begins in Chicago and ends in Amarillo, Texas. Part 2 begins in Amarillo and finishes in Santa Monica, California. We avoid the freeways and search for the heartbeat of America in places as diverse as the metropolis of Chicago; a barb-wire museum in McLean, Texas; Spanish colonial Santa Fe; and seaside Santa Monica, the proverbial "end of the road." This Adventure offers walks and sightseeing in Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. This is one of the few "themed Adventures" we offer, and we believe it's a fascinating tale, one that bears sharing at least one more time.



Changes along the Mother Road

We've made a couple of changes to this edition of Route 66. In Illinois, we've added a half day to enjoy Amish country, including an outstanding home-cooked lunch in an Amish home, plus extended time in Springfield to take in the brand new and highly acclaimed Abraham Lincoln Museum and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. In Arizona, we've removed the day at the Grand Canyon since we include this in our National Parks of the American Southwest Adventure and it is not on Route 66. But we've added an interesting stop just off the Route at Meteor Crater in Arizona. At nearly a mile across, it's considered the best preserved meteor crater on the planet.

How do I lock in my place on this Adventure?

If you are among the travelers who submitted an Early Bird deposit, your spot on the list is secure until **December 18**. Travelers who have submitted Early Bird deposits will be accepted in the order in which they submitted their deposit. After **December 18**, we will begin filling any open spots that have become available. A maximum of 30 travelers will be accepted on any one departure.

Cancellation policy

Due to the changing contract policies of our vendors, we have adjusted our cancellation policy for 2010. **Please see the General Tour Conditions sheet for more details.**

How is airfare arranged?

If you're joining us for Part 1 only, we'll start in Chicago and finish in Amarillo, TX. Travelers signing up for Part 2 only will join us in Amarillo and fly home from Los Angeles. If you're experiencing the full version of the Mother Road, you'll fly into Chicago and out of Los Angeles at the end of the trip. More details about flight arrangements and travel agent contact information will be provided in the *Adventure Advice* flyer, enclosed with your first invoice after you register for the Adventure. **Please do not book your airfare prior to receiving the Adventure Advice flyer!**

Travel Insurance

Walking Adventures has negotiated with an insurance carrier to provide travel insurance in the form of a Preferred Benefits™ policy. We are pleased to make this package available and believe that it will provide travelers with an important element of security at a reasonable price. (See the enclosures for more detailed information.)

IMPORTANT: The insurance policy includes time-sensitive coverage provisions for a couple of extra benefits, including pre-existing conditions and trip cancellation coverage for any reason (with additional fee), **provided you purchase the insurance within 14 days of your registration.** *Should you choose to add the cost of your airline tickets to your insurance policy, contact our office after you purchase your airfare.*

Group Travel Credit

If you are part of a Group, remember that your full deposit of \$500 is still required to hold your spot on this Adventure. Your group leader is responsible to submit your name in writing to us before you make any deposits, qualifying you for the Group Travel Credit, but a full registration payment is needed to officially reserve your place.

What Happens Next?

Upon registering for this Adventure, you will receive a welcome letter and an *Adventure Advice* flyer with important information about steps to take in the months before your trip. The final payment for the program is due 90 days before departure, and you will receive a final billing about 2 weeks prior to that point, along with a factsheet of additional information about the Adventure to help you get prepared! Then, about 3 weeks before departure, you will receive a final packet with all the details of the program, including hotel names and contact information, a list of fellow travelers, and a more detailed daily schedule.

We look forward to exploring “America’s Main Street” with you, experiencing a nostalgic slice of our shared American heritage. Start anticipating scintillating scenery, eye-opening excursions, wonderful walks, and an overall Apple Pie Americana Adventure as we walk Historic Route 66 in the fall of 2010!



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