# 21-Day Route 66 Essentials Itinerary with Times and Overnight Stays

## Day 1: Chicago -> Springfield (200 miles)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 08:00 AM - Breakfast at Lou Mitchell's, Chicago
  - 09:00 AM - Depart Chicago, stop in Joliet
  - 11:00 AM - Pontiac Route 66 Museum
  - 02:00 PM - Arrive Springfield, Cozy Dog Drive-In
- Overnight Stay: Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center

## Day 2: Springfield (local)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
  - 07:00 PM - Route 66 Drive-In Theater
- Overnight Stay: Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center

## Day 3: Springfield -> St. Louis (100 miles)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 11:00 AM - Chain of Rocks Bridge
  - 03:00 PM - Gateway Arch
- Overnight Stay: Holiday Inn Route 66 / La Quinta Inn / Wayside Motel

## Day 4: St. Louis -> Rolla (110 miles)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Meramec Caverns
  - 12:30 PM - Lunch in Cuba (Wagon Wheel Motel cafe)
- Overnight Stay: Wagon Wheel Motel

## Day 5: Rolla -> Tulsa (280 miles)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Springfield Route 66 Car Museum
  - 04:00 PM - Blue Whale of Catoosa
- Overnight Stay: Campbell Hotel, Tulsa

## Day 6: Tulsa -> Oklahoma City (120 miles)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Rock Cafe, Stroud
  - 12:00 PM - Round Barn, Arcadia
  - 02:00 PM - Pops Soda Ranch
- Overnight Stay: Holiday Inn Route 66 / La Quinta Inn / Wayside Motel

## Day 7: Oklahoma City -> Amarillo (260 miles)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 09:00 AM - Lucille's Gas Station
  - 12:00 PM - Clinton Route 66 Museum
  - 04:00 PM - Cadillac Ranch
- Overnight Stay: Big Texan Motel, Amarillo

## Day 8: Amarillo -> Tucumcari (120 miles)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Midpoint Cafe (Adrian, TX)
  - 02:00 PM - Tucumcari murals & Tee Pee Curios
- Overnight Stay: Blue Swallow Motel / Motel Safari

## Day 9: Tucumcari (local)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Explore murals & neon signs
  - 12:00 PM - Lunch at Del's Restaurant
  - 03:00 PM - Tucumcari Historical Museum
- Overnight Stay: Holiday Inn Route 66 / La Quinta Inn / Wayside Motel

## Day 10: Tucumcari -> Albuquerque (180 miles)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Santa Rosa Auto Museum
  - 02:00 PM - Route 66 Diner, Albuquerque
- Overnight Stay: Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town / El Vado Motel

## Day 11: Albuquerque (local)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Old Town Albuquerque
  - 12:00 PM - Frontier Restaurant
  - 03:00 PM - El Vado Motel courtyard
- Overnight Stay: Hotel Albuquerque / El Vado Motel

## Day 12: Albuquerque -> Holbrook (320 miles)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Gallup murals
  - 01:00 PM - Petrified Forest National Park
  - 04:00 PM - Wigwam Motel, Holbrook
- Overnight Stay: Holiday Inn Route 66 / La Quinta Inn / Wayside Motel

## Day 13: Holbrook -> Flagstaff (90 miles)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Lowell Observatory
  - 01:00 PM - Historic Downtown shops
- Overnight Stay: Wigwam Motel / Little America Hotel

## Day 14: Flagstaff -> Kingman (150 miles)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 09:00 AM - Meteor Crater
  - 12:00 PM - Seligman revival town
  - 03:00 PM - Hackberry General Store
- Overnight Stay: El Trovatore Motel, Kingman

## Day 15: Kingman -> Oatman (60 miles)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Oatman burros
  - 01:00 PM - Route 66 mining town charm
- Overnight Stay: Oatman Hotel

## Day 16: Oatman -> Barstow (200 miles)

- Key Stops & Activities:

  - 09:00 AM - Drive through Mojave Desert
  - 01:00 PM - Amboy Crater stop
- Overnight Stay: Oatman Hotel

### Day 17: Barstow -> Santa Monica (60 miles)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 11:00 AM - Arrive Santa Monica Pier (Route 66 End Sign)
- Overnight Stay: Fairmont Miramar Hotel / Sea Shore Motel

### Day 18: Santa Monica (local)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Venice Beach boardwalk
  - 01:00 PM - Santa Monica Farmers Market
- Overnight Stay: Fairmont Miramar Hotel / Sea Shore Motel

### Day 19: Santa Monica (local)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Hollywood Boulevard
  - 01:00 PM - Griffith Observatory
- Overnight Stay: Fairmont Miramar Hotel / Sea Shore Motel

### Day 20: Santa Monica (local)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Malibu drive
  - 01:00 PM - Coastal diners
- Overnight Stay: Fairmont Miramar Hotel / Sea Shore Motel

### Day 21: Santa Monica (local)

- Key Stops & Activities:
  - 10:00 AM - Relaxation day
  - 07:00 PM - Farewell dinner at Santa Monica Pier
- Overnight Stay: Fairmont Miramar Hotel / Sea Shore Motel