Tammy's Journeys

Route 66 Revisited

Marking the 100th Anniversary of the "Mother Road"

Tour Dates: July 17 – July 25, 2026

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Tour the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

DAY 1 Arrive in Illinois: Arrive in Chicago today and transfer to your downtown hotel. Meet your Tour Manager and traveling companions at 6:00 p.m. for a welcome dinner. **Meal: D**

DAY 2 Chicago Sightseeing: This morning, a local guide conducts a tour of Chicago, famed for its bold architecture, impressive museums and friendly Midwest attitude. In the afternoon, climb aboard your river vessel for an Architectural Cruise of Chicago. Experienced guides narrate the history of the city's legendary architecture. With over 40 Chicago landmarks, learn about the 130-year history that made the city's buildings, architecture and engineering that made the city famous. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 3 Route 66 in Illinois: Depart the city this morning to begin the journey along Historic Route 66. Make a photo stop at the Old Joliet Prison for a quick look at its beautiful limestone façade. In Wilmington, come face to face with the legendary Gemini Giant, a reminder of the old Launching Pad Drive-In. Then stop at Dwight to see the historic Ambler/Becker Texaco Station, which dispensed fuel for 66 continuous years. In Springfield, visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum which documents the life of the 16th U.S. president, and the course of the American Civil War. The museum ranks as one of the most visited presidential libraries in the nation. In the evening visit the Illinois State Fairgrounds for the Legends Neon Park where re-creations or restorations of neon signs of past Route 66 businesses brightly glow. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 4 Springfield, Abraham Lincoln and the Old Brick Road: Begin the day at the Abraham Lincoln Home National Historic Site to see where a young Lincoln lived and worked. Then, tour the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Dana-Thomas House. This Prairie School-style home was built in 1902-1904. Before departing town, make a photo stop at Shea's Gas Station. Then, drive down a 1.4 mile-long stretch of restored hand-laid brick road segment of the original Route 66. Be sure to take your selfies on this National Register of Historic Places attraction. Before coming to St. Louis, stop at the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge which spans the Mississippi River. Imagine the sights and sounds of 1930s roadsters as they crossed the bridge. **Meals: B, Drury Kickback Reception**

DAY 5 Gateway Arch and St. Louis: Begin the day at the Gateway Arch National Park which features the Museum of Western Expansion that commemorates President Thomas Jefferson's vision of a continental nation. See the Gateway Arch, which stands at over 600 feet before taking to the water for a narrated cruise along the Mississippi River. After lunch, stop at Ted Drewes Frozen Custard, a Route 66 favorite, for a tasty treat. Then visit the National Museum of Transportation and see why it is considered one of the largest collections of transportation vehicles in the world. See the Bobby Darin "Dream Car" and the rare Chrysler Turbine Car before having dinner tonight at Favazza's on the Hill. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 6 Route 66 in Missouri: Begin this day on Route 66 with a drive through Lone Elk Park. This wildlife management area is home to bison, wild turkey, waterfowl, elk and deer so keep an eye open as you pass through. Near Stanton, stop at Meramec Caverns, a complex cavern system formed from the erosion of large limestone deposits for over millions of years. See the rare and colorful mineral formations as well as pre-Columbian Native American artifacts. Later, stop at the Fanning 66 Outpost and see the over 42-foot tall Red Rocking Chair, once the largest in the world. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 7 Route 66 in Kansas: Just a short 13-mile stretch of historic Route 66 runs through Kansas. In Galena, make a photo stop at the Kan-O-Tex Service Station to see the rusty

See the Gemini Giant along Illinois Route 66 in Wilmington

old tow truck that inspired the character "Tow Mater" for the animated movie *Cars*. In Baxter Springs, stop at the Route 66 Visitors Center to see the exhibits and visit the gift shop. Two miles west of Riverton, cross the famed "Rainbow Bridge," a single-span concrete Marsh arch bridge. This is the sole surviving bridge of this type on the entire length of the former highway. Then, stop at the Blue Whale of Catoosa, one of most recognizable attractions on old Route 66. At Pops 66, the landmark diner and gas station, see the hundreds of sodas and the 66-foot tall soda bottle. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 8 Oklahoma City and the National Cowboy Museum: This morning a local guide conducts a narrated tour of Oklahoma City including Bricktown, the Stockyards and the Oklahoma City National Memorial. This memorial site honors the victims, survivors, rescuers, and all who were affected by the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, 1995. At the First Americans Museum you will experience the collective histories of 39 distinctive First American Nations in Oklahoma today through state-of-the-art exhibitions and exclusive items created by premiere First American artists. The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum features more than 28,000 Western and Native American art works and artifacts. The facility also has the world's most extensive collection of American rodeo photographs, barbed wire, saddlery, and early rodeo trophies. Tonight, your farewell dinner is a Cattleman's Steakhouse. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 9 Travel Home: After breakfast, a group transfer to the Oklahoma City International Airport is available for flights out after 12:00 p.m. **Meal: B**

Tour Highlights

- 16 Meals: 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 5 dinners and 1 Drury Kickback Reception
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend two nights in Chicago and enjoy a narrated tour of "The Windy City"
- Enjoy a narrated Architectural cruise of Chicago and learn about the 130-year history of the city
- Illinois Route 66 stops including the Old Joliet Prison, the Gemini Giant and the historic Ambler/ Becker Texaco Station
- Tour the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum which documents the life of the nation's 16th U.S. president
- Visit the Illinois State Fairgrounds to see the re-creations or restorations of neon signs of past Route 66 businesses
- Tour the Abraham Lincoln Home National Historic Site as well as the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Dana-Thomas House
- See Shea's Gas Station and drive down a 1.4 mile-long stretch of restored hand-laid brick road segment of the original Route 66
- Visit the Gateway Arch National Park including the Museum of Western Expansion, the Gateway Arch and narrated cruise along the Mississippi River
- Enjoy a tasty treat at Ted Drewes Frozen Custard and have dinner at Favazza's on the Hill
- Tour the National Museum of Transportation and see its amazing collection of vehicles
- Missouri Route 66 attractions including Lone Elk Park and the Fanning 66 Outpost 42-foot tall Red Rocking Chair
- Visit Meramec Caverns filled with rare and colorful mineral formations
- Kansas Route 66 sites including the Kan-O-Tex Service Station, the Route 66 Visitors Center and the Marsh arch "Rainbow Bridge"
- Photo stops at the Blue Whale of Catoosa and Pops 66 landmark diner
- Enjoy a narrated tour of Oklahoma City, including the Oklahoma City National Memorial
- Tour the First Americans Museum and the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
- Farewell dinner at Cattleman's Steakhouse

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Visit the Gateway Arch National Park in Saint Louis, Missouri

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 and 2 – Embassy Suites, Chicago, Illinois
Day 3 – Drury Inn and Suites or Courtyard by Marriott, Springfield, Illinois
Days 4 and 5 – Drury Plaza Hotel at the Arch, St. Louis, Missouri
Day 6 – Drury Inn and Suites, Springfield, Missouri
Days 7 and 8 – Sheraton Downtown Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Rooms for the night before and after the tour are available. Cost for a room in Chicago in $499 and in Oklahoma City is $299, tax and breakfast included.

Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
July 17, 2026	$4,549	$1,599

Pricing includes roundtrip airfare from Pensacola or Fort Walton Beach, Escorted Land Tour, Taxes & Transfers

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – $399 per person
This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

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- 60 to 31 days prior: 20% of tour cost
- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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