



## Get Your Kicks in Arizona! The People and Places of Route 66

This trip will appeal to writers with an appreciation of small towns and great stories. It offers an opportunity to explore the people and places along Historic Route 66 going from east to west.

### Day 1 - Phoenix – Holbrook – Winslow

Drive from Phoenix to Holbrook, drive time is approx. 3.5 hours.

**Take a picnic lunch and visit [Petrified Forest National Monument](#).** Within an area of colorful and strangely eroded badlands are paleontological wonder-trees that have turned to stone and fossilized animal bones from 225 million years ago. At the northern end of the park is the Painted Desert, a vast area of purple, red and orange sediments which form colorful badlands. Facilities include the Rainbow Forest museum, two picnic areas, curio shops and a restaurant. Info on self-guided auto tours, interpretive trails, a 17-minute film, and wilderness backpack camping is available at the visitors center. Federal law prohibits collection or removal of any natural objects. Violators are subject to fines or arrest. Hours: Summer, 7 am to 7 pm Winter, 8 am to 5 pm Call for current hours or see web site.

Drive from the Petrified Forest National Park to Holbrook, drive time is approx. 25 minutes

**Stop in Holbrook at [Jim Gray's Rock Shop](#).** Originally known as the Holbrook Rock Shop, Jim and Cathy Gray started the Petrified Wood Company more than 40 years ago with little more than a pickup truck and a pile of petrified wood. From those humble beginnings we have since grown to become the worldwide premier dealer of Arizona Rainbow Petrified Wood. We own the mineral right to several sections of land near the Petrified Forest National Park. We do our own digging, cutting and polishing, creating stunning full rounds, tabletops and bookends. Jim Gray's Petrified Wood Company remains a family owned and operated business.

147 Hwy 180, Holbrook, AZ 86025

Drive from Holbrook to Winslow, drive time is approx. 30 minutes

**Check into overnight accommodations at any one of numerous hotels or in downtown Winslow at the [La Posada Hotel and Gardens](#).** This National Historic Landmark dating back to 1930, is the last Harvey House built in the U.S. The architect and designer of this building, Mary Colter, designed all of the Grand Canyon buildings except El Tovar. Allan Affeldt has restored the building and grounds and has opened the house as a hotel. There are currently 53 rooms available at different size configuration. All rooms are beautifully furnished and each offers you a glimpse of how it must have been to stay in this great hotel during the 30's. Surrounded by seven acres of lawns, flowers, and one of the largest stands of cottonwoods, you can walk, relax and watch the trains pass, as if moving the world before your very eyes.

303 E 2nd St, Winslow, AZ 86047

**Walk over to tour the [Old Trails Museum](#).** The Old Trails Museum explores the history and cultures of Winslow, Arizona and the surrounding area. Open Tuesdays-Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. [www.oldtrailsmuseum.org](http://www.oldtrailsmuseum.org)

212 Kinsley Ave., Winslow, AZ 86047

**Visit [Standing on the Corner Park](#)** - The lyrics from the song "Take It Easy", written by Jackson Browne and Glenn Frey, were made famous by "The Eagles". It's a song almost everyone knows, hums and sings and has put Winslow on the map! You can stand on the corner in historic downtown Winslow, like thousands of people do every year, and have your picture taken at the Standin' on the Corner Park. The park features a two-story mural by Trompe L'oeil artist John Pugh and a life-sized bronze statue created by sculptor Ron Adamson depicting a 1970's man standing on the corner wearing jeans, boots, shirt and vest with a guitar standing on the toe of his boot.

Old Hwy 66, Winslow, AZ 86047

**Walk down the First Street pathway and end at the historic [Winslow Visitor's Center](#)** located in a former Hubbell Trading Post. It includes elements of Winslow's past and present including 30 signs with rhyming messages as would have been found on Route 66.

523 W 2nd St, Winslow, AZ 86047

**Suggested dinner: [The Turquoise Room](#).** The Turquoise Room is one of the southwest's unique restaurants, providing a mesmerizing interpretation of Arizona food. Treat yourself at this hidden oasis and discover a wonderful road restaurant as you travel Arizona and explore the renovated Fred Harvey Winslow hotel - La Posada.

305 E 2nd St, Winslow, AZ 86047

## Day 2 - Winslow – Flagstaff

Drive from Winslow to Meteor Crater, approx. drive time is 30 minutes

**Visit [Meteor Crater](#)** – Located in Northern Arizona, a visit to the Meteor Crater Visitor Center provides you with an enjoyable educational experience in well maintained, modern facilities. The Discovery Center includes displays on the never-ending process of impacts and collisions in our solar system. There are twenty-four exhibits, making it the most extensive and informative museum of its type on planet earth. Also included in the Discovery Center are two interactive computer displays that contain information and high-tech graphics on space, meteorites and asteroids, the solar system, and the Shoemaker-Levy 9 comet that impacted Jupiter. Weather permitting there is a guided rim tour that takes you for 1/2 mile hike as well as 3 observations areas right on the rim of the crater. Open daily 8 am – 5 pm. The Visitor Center is located off I-40 at exit 233, Meteor Crater Road, then 6 miles south on the paved road.

35 miles east of Flagstaff, 20 miles west of Winslow.

Drive from Meteor Crater to Flagstaff, approx. drive time is 45 minutes

Take a spin on Route 66 on a motorcycle! [EagleRider Flagstaff](#) offers guided and self-guided motorcycle tours along the Mother Road.

**Check into any number of overnight accommodations along Route 66 including the [Best Western Pony Soldier Inn & Suites](#).** The Best Western Pony Soldier Inn is located on historic Route 66 on the east side of Flagstaff near the famous Museum Club. It is 100% non-smoking, pet friendly and provides a complimentary continental breakfast. The hotel offers free high speed internet to guests. Check in after 2:00 p.m. Check out before 11 a.m.

3030 E Route 66, Flagstaff, Arizona, 86004-3936

**Visit [The Museum Club](#).** The Museum Club is a historic landmark built in 1931 and was at one time the largest log cabin in Arizona. Now it plays host to national acts as well as regional bands. It has a large wood dance floor and two full-service bars as well as 12 booths and table seating.

3404 E. Route 66, Flagstaff, AZ 86004

## Day 3 - Flagstaff

**Suggested breakfast: [Martanne's Burrito Restaurant](#).** Martanne's is a breakfast/brunch Mexican restaurant favored by locals.

112 E Rt. 66, Flagstaff, AZ 86015

Walk over to the Visitor Center from Martanne's

**The Flagstaff Visitor Center** is guaranteed to answer any and all questions about Flagstaff and its many wonders. Next explore historic downtown Flagstaff, which offers unique shopping opportunities, restaurants, art galleries, Native American culture, jewelry, one-of-a-kind gifts and more – perfect for those looking for the spirit of Flagstaff.

One E. Route 66 Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Downtown Flagstaff offers a variety of sites which can be discovered on [self-guided walking tours](#). There are tours for art lovers, those who want to take a selfie or two, scare up a ghost on a haunted tour or just stroll back into time and soak up the historic ambience.

**Suggested lunch:** [Karma Sushi](#). Try their “Pluto Roll and Route 66 Roll”. Karma Sushi Bar Grill serves it up: fresh, beautiful and delicious sushi, plus grilled items and cocktails in the hip, casual setting of one of downtown Flagstaff's best restaurants.

6 Historic Route 66, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

**Visit [Lowell Observatory](#).** Founded in 1894, Lowell is an astronomical research facility that also features visitor programs. During the day explore the Observatory's history and current research by joining guided tours. In the evening, view through a variety of telescopes and experience interactive live presentations in the mini-planetarium. Also featured at the facility are multi-media programs, an exhibit hall and gift shop. *Call or visit website for seasonal hours and information.*

1400 W. Mars Hill Rd.

**Visit the [Flagstaff Ale Trail](#) for another self guided tour this afternoon or evening.**

Begin with [Mother Road Brewing Company](#). *Mother Road Brewing Company* is a brewery and Tap Room offering craft beers brewed in small batches for Arizona distribution.

7 Mikes Pike, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

**Suggested dinner:** [Pizzicletta](#). Pzzicletta makes Neapolitan pizza, made to order with only fresh ingredients. Gelato is made in house, from scratch and they serve regional beers & food-friendly wines.

203 W Phoenix Ave, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

## Day 4 - Flagstaff - Williams - Seligman – Kingman

Drive from Flagstaff to Williams, drive time is approx. 40 minutes.

**Only in Williams** will you enjoy the beauty of a mountainside town, the best-preserved stretch of Route 66, outdoor adventure to suit every need, a railway to get you to the Canyon in style, an outdoor drive-thru wildlife park, a true western setting with cowboys swaggering through town, and a friendly atmosphere.

Williams was the last town on Route 66 to be by-passed by Interstate 40 (I-40) in 1986. Many of the buildings along Route 66 in Williams were constructed in the late 1800's. Visitors still flock to walk and ride along the 'nicest stretch of Route 66' in Arizona. An Historic Walking Tour of Williams is available at the [Williams and Forest Service Visitor Center](#) on Railroad Avenue.

Drive from Williams to Seligman/Snow Cap, drive time is approx. 45 minutes

[Seligman](#) – Today a visit to this small town is a step back in time and tourism is still an important part of the economy. The town remains an odd mixture of roads, cattle and rails. Seligman is a great town, where the people are friendly and the town is clean. Like other towns along Route 66, Seligman is a place you do not want to rush through. If you are in the neighborhood, stop by the Delgadillo's Route 66 Gift Shop and Visitor Center and pick up a Walking Tour Guide to Historic Seligman. This walking tour takes about 20 minutes and guides you through the original center of Seligman. On the walk you will glimpse the colorful history of a thriving railroad town and feel the friendly, comfortable atmosphere which made Seligman a welcome stopping point for train and highway travelers.

While researching the history of Route 66 for the 2006 Disney movie Cars, the creative directors met Angel and Juan Delgadillo, the brothers responsible for the Snow Cap Drive-in's reputation as a Route 66 Icon. Seligman barber and Route 66 historian, Angel Delgadillo, explained how traffic through the town virtually disappeared on the day that nearby Interstate 40 opened.

**Suggested lunch: The Snow Cap.** The world-famous Snow Cap Drive-In was owned and operated by Angel's brother, Juan Delgadillo, who was famous for having fun with unsuspecting tourists. Working on a shoestring budget, Juan and Mary Delgadillo built the Snow Cap from scrap lumber in 1953 along Route 66. Juan became well known through many magazines and newspaper articles as one of the co-founders of Historic Route 66. He was cherished by tourists for the antics he pulled on them while they were trying to order food and drinks. The Snow Cap is perhaps one of the wackiest, off-beat burger joints around. Many people will stop and say that the place is the same as it was when they came here as a young person. Today, visitors from around the world, as well as those from the United States seek the nostalgia of Historic Route 66 and the jokes that are famous at the Snow Cap. Juan's family continues the tradition of serving up a generous dose of humor.

301 AZ-66, Seligman, AZ 86337

Drive from Seligman to Grand Canyon Caverns, drive time is approx. 30 minutes

**Tour the [Grand Canyon Caverns](#).** Grand Canyon Caverns a natural limestone cavern 210 feet underground and the largest dry cavern in the U.S. You enter and leave the caverns by means of an elevator. Tours are every 30 minutes beginning at 9:00 a.m.

115 Mile Marker AZ-66, Peach Springs, AZ 86434

Drive from Grand Canyon Caverns to Kingman, drive time is approx. 1 hour.

**Check into any one of numerous accommodation choices in Kingman or try the [Kingman Ramada Inn](#).** The hotel offers free Wi-Fi Internet access, free hot breakfast, guest laundry, and free parking for cars, RVs and trucks. Relax or recharge in the fitness center and outdoor swimming pool. Guest rooms feature desk, iron, ironing board, hairdryer, coffeemaker and flat screen HDTV. Please inform our front desk if you would like a microwave and mini refrigerator in your room.

3100 E Andy Devine Ave, Kingman, AZ 86401

**Suggested dinner: [The Garlic Clove](#).** The Garlic Clove restaurant is located in Historic Downtown Kingman, Arizona and features pizza, Italian diners, lasagna, spaghetti, ravioli, baked spaghetti, and a salad bar.

509 E. Beale St., Kingman, AZ 86401

## Day 5 - Kingman – Oatman - Phoenix

**Before leaving town, visit the Arizona [Powerhouse Route 66 Museum](#).** Kingman's Historic Powerhouse Museum depicts the historical evolution of travel along the 35th parallel that became Route 66. Brilliant murals, photos and life-size dioramas capture each of the groups that have traveled what came to known as the Mother Road. New in 2014, the Route 66 Electric Vehicle Museum, the first of its kind anywhere, is now open and is accessed through the museum. It includes twelve (and counting) vehicles on loan from the Historic Electric Vehicle Foundation. To preserve the history of and examples of electric vehicles from the nineteenth to the twenty-first century.

120 W. Andy Devine Ave., Kingman, AZ 86401

Drive from Kingman to Oatman, drive time is approx. 1 hour.

**Time to roam [Oatman](#).** A former mining town located in the Black Mountains of Mohave County, Arizona, Oatman was all but abandoned by the 1960s after the gold mines closed in the 1940s and Route 66 in 1953. Today, Oatman has undergone a renaissance of sorts in recent years thanks to burgeoning worldwide interest in Route 66. Wild burros (donkeys) freely roam the town and can be hand-fed carrots and "burro chow," both readily available in practically every store in town.

Drive from Oatman to Phoenix, drive time is approx. 4 hours

**Stay in the Phoenix metropolitan area for a few more days or begin planning your next visit to Arizona!**

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