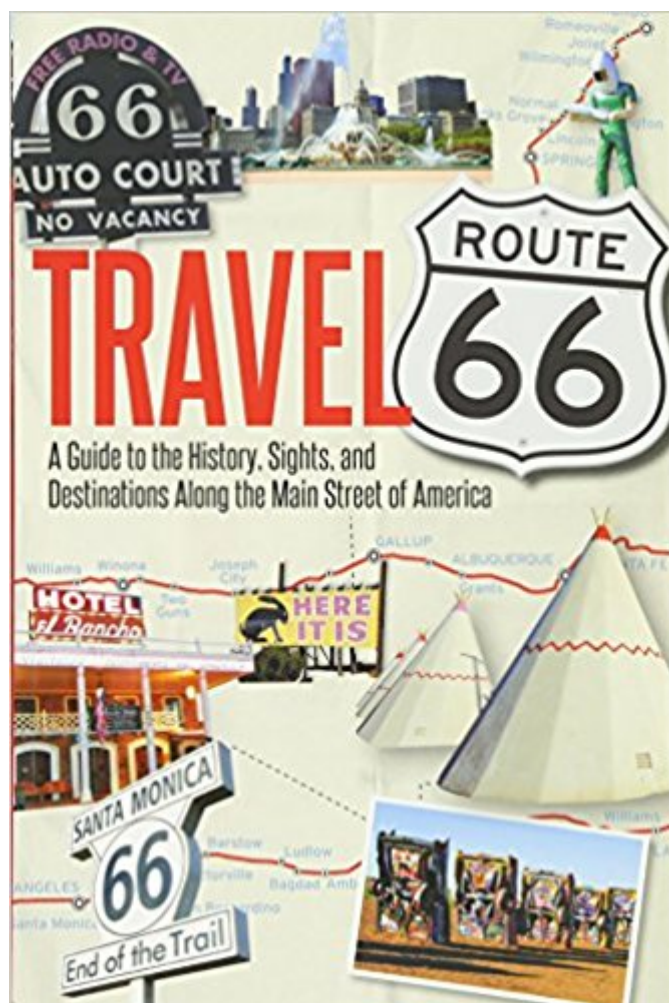


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Travel Route 66: A Guide To The History, Sights, And Destinations Along The Main Street Of America



Synopsis

Long one of America's most cherished byways, Route 66 remains a popular tourist attraction and travel route for thousands of travelers every year. While stretches of the once-glorious road have been paved over or bypassed by the interstates, the journey from Chicago to Santa Monica along the path of the "double six" remains chock-full of unique roadside attractions, spectacular natural landscapes, and fascinating historical landmarks. Communities throughout each of the eight states touched by the "Main Street of America"—Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California—have embraced this vital piece of American history and offer a vast array of opportunities to experience the grandeur as well as the lost innocence of the glory days of Route 66. In *Travel Route 66*, Route 66 expert and enthusiast Jim Hinckley provides detailed descriptions and itineraries that allow travelers of all ages and inclinations to explore the myriad wonders to be found along the highway's 2,500 miles. In addition to specific recommendations for places to visit, eat, and spend the night, Hinckley presents history for the highway and its attractions and suggests detours and daytrips off the beaten path, all while providing a vivid picture of the road that has long captured the imaginations of travelers from throughout the world. Illustrated with a wealth of color photos and vintage memorabilia, *Travel Route 66* is a practical and entertaining guide to the American's Mother Road.

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Since his childhood, Jim Hinckley dreamed of being an author. After numerous detours into truck driving, mining, ranching, and a variety of other endeavors, he turned to writing a weekly column on automotive history for his local newspaper, the Kingman Daily Miner, in his adopted hometown of Kingman, Arizona. From that initial endeavor more than twenty years ago, Hinckley has written extensively on his two primary passions: automotive history and travel. He is a regular contributor to Route 66, American Road, Hemmings Classic Car, and Old Cars Weekly, and he was an associate editor at Cars & Parts. Book reviews and original features on automotive history and travel can be found on his blog, www.route66chronicles.blogspot.com and on his popular podcast, Jim Hinckley's America & Route 66 Adventures.

Jim Hinckley's *Travel Route 66* is a winner from the cover that displays Route 66 icons to the handy index in the back. It is a nice size for armchair reading or to toss in the car for road trips. Organized state-by-state starting with Illinois, it can be read straight through or you can dip in to find what are the most tempting topics to you. It has detailed descriptions to guide the Route 66 traveler along the road. The book is colorful and well illustrated with bright photos. Its attractive layout makes it easy on the eyes. Hinckley does a good job chronicling the people, places, and the activities of the Mother Road and makes sure that you don't miss the highpoints or hidden gems along the road. It's definitely worth the price of admission for this trip down 66 whether you are preparing for a road trip or have a fascination with this aspect of American Culture.

Good color commentary describing places to see along the route. Nice color pictures as well. However, if you want something that shows how to drive as much of Old Route 66 as possible, get "EZ66 Guide for Travelers" by Jerry McClanahan.

very informative and gives main route to take....also gives details on staying on the orig rte 66. What roads not to take, especially if in a motorhome. My route is already marked for the 30 day trip we will be taking in april.....from Chicago to California and everything in between. thanks for the great explanations and stories.

Excellent for our trip. Read along the way and was very informative and fun filled with history, facts and places to see. I would definitely recommend. It made the trip fascinating.

It's not what I expected. I was looking for a history book on the Rt 66 in New England.

My wife and I are planning a trip west and plan on taking part of Rt. 66 to California. This book seems to have a great amount of information that would make it useful during this trip.

This was so handy. We used it to find a ton of great stops to make on our epic Route 66 trip. Definitely recommended! I think we would have missed so many things without this.

I loved it...had it before, loaned it to someone, and it ended up LOST in Texas....just had to have it again....have been to quite a few of the spots highlighted in the book...

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