

# Borgward Route 66 Tour Itinerary...

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**Please Note:** This tour is not escorted, however this road book should contain all of the documentation that you require to enjoy your weekend. In the case of an emergency we can be contacted on 07739 332940.

**Please be aware that these are long days, so we would advise that you leave early each day.**

**17 SEPTEMBER** - Flights as per your travel documentation. If you are flying into Newark Airport, you will then take the complimentary shuttle from **Terminal P4** to the **Hilton Newark Airport Hotel**, where you will be based for two nights. Your evening is at leisure.

**18 SEPTEMBER** - For those of you who are not collecting your cars today, enjoy a day at leisure to explore the sights and sounds of **New York City**. In about 30-40 minutes, you can be in the centre of it all. Take the complimentary airport shuttle to station P4 at the Newark Airport. From there, you can take the **AirTrain** to the NJ transit station where the train to **Penn Station** in **Manhattan** will pick you up. We highly recommend that you take advantage of the **New York Pass**, which allows you cash free entry to over 90 tourist attractions in New York, including the **Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Madame Tussaudes, Empire State Building** and **Top Of The Rock** depending on how many days you have purchased. Your evening is at leisure in New York City.

**19 SEPTEMBER** - After you check out from the hotel, today you will be departing Newark, New Jersey as you head towards **Binghamton, New York**, for your next stop. Your routing takes you east of the **Hudson River**, where you might like to take the **Walkway over the Hudson**, and up towards **Poughkeepsie**, then north to **Kingston, Palenville**, and **Lexington** which surrounds the picturesque **Catskill Mountains**. Your accommodation is at the **Fairfield Inn Binghamton** where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure in **Binghamton**.

*Direct Mileage: 276 Miles*

**20 SEPTEMBER** - Today you will be departing **Binghamton** as you head towards your next hotel at **Niagara Falls, New York**. Your routing takes you via **Whitney Point**, and **Ithaca**, where you might like to stop and see one of their fantastic waterfalls. There are over 150 waterfalls within 10 square miles. Your routing will also take you via **Watkins Glen State Park**, and the **International rack track** where you also might like to spend some time. After Watkins Glen, your routing takes you past the **Finger Lakes**, so you may like to spend some time exploring the beautiful lakes. Your accommodation is at the **Holiday Inn Niagara Falls** where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure in Niagara Falls, USA.

*Direct Mileage: 233 Miles*

**21 SEPTEMBER** - Departing Niagara Falls, USA, you will head towards **Westlake, Ohio**. Time permitting, you may like to spend the day at the **Niagara Falls State Park**, to see the magnificent sight of the waterfall, or even take a drive over the **Rainbow Bridge** to Canada. Your routing today takes you along the coastal road of **Lake Erie**, and through **Cleveland, Ohio**, famous for its **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame**. Your accommodation is at the **Courtyard Cleveland Westlake**, where you will be based for one night.

*Direct Mileage: 227 Miles*

**22 SEPTEMBER** - After you check out from the hotel, your routing takes you via **Auburn**, and the **Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum**, where you might like to spend some time. After visiting the museum, it is recommended that you will need to take Highway 6 all the way into Chicago. Your accommodation is at the **Congress Plaza Hotel Chicago**, where you will be based for two nights. **Please see your hotel sheet in the road book for parking details.** Your evening is at leisure in Chicago.

*Direct Mileage: 349 Miles*

**23 SEPTEMBER** - A day at leisure in Chicago - Explore Chicago's famed **Magnificent Mile, Michigan Avenue, Watertower Place, the Navy Pier, the Merchandise Mart, Shedd Aquarium and the Field Museum**. Your evening is at leisure.

**24 SEPTEMBER** - Today is the day where you begin your journey on Route 66. **This morning, Samuel Girgis, one of the founding members of the Autobahn Country Club in Joliet, has invited the club to visit the club. Cris Guns will provide more information regarding this, whilst on tour.** The start of Route 66 has moved a few times. Originally, Route 66 began on Jackson Blvd. at Michigan Ave. In 1933, the start (and end) was moved east onto the reclaimed land for the world fair to Jackson and Lake Shore Drive. In 1955, Jackson Blvd became one way west of Michigan Ave. and Adams St. became the westbound US-66. However the start of US-66 remained on Jackson at Lake Shore Drive. So, even while currently Adams Street at Michigan Avenue is marked as the starting point, Route 66 never departed from there. Most of today will be spent travelling through Illinois farmlands on your way to **Springfield**. Sights you will see on the way include the **Two Cell Jail**, the iconic **Gemini Giant**, the **Pontiac Oakland Auto Museum** in Pontiac, **Funks Grove**, and the **World's Largest Wagon**. Once you have arrived in Springfield, you may wish to visit the **Lincoln Home National Historic Site**, which is the centrepiece of a four block historic neighbourhood. The President's Tomb, the Presidential Library and original law office are also open for touring. Your accommodation is at the **Hilton Garden Inn Springfield, Illinois**, where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure. *Direct Mileage - 187 Miles*



**25 SEPTEMBER** - Check out followed by your next leg on the Route 66. From Springfield, it's only a couple of hours drive to **St. Louis**, the crossroads where highways from Chicago, Kansas City, Memphis, Nashville, and Indianapolis meet. Along the route, be sure to stop off and see the **Lady of the Highways** monument in Raymond, the **Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Centre**, and **Ariston Cafe**, which is believed to be the oldest restaurant on Route 66. As you cross from Illinois into Missouri you'll be crossing the historic **Chain of Rocks Bridge**. Be sure to stop at **Ted Drews Frozen Custard**, serving Route 66 travellers since 1929. In St. Louis, the original Route 66 tracked through town very near the **Gateway Arch** and we definitely recommend riding the elevator inside Arch to the top of the 630 foot structure. Spectacular views of the **Mississippi River** await. In the evening, you can catch up with the St. Louie Blues, which were born right here and taste the fruits of Anheuser-Busch, the world's largest brewer. Your accommodation is at the **Best Western Kirkwood Inn, St. Louis, MO** where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 109 Miles*

**26 SEPTEMBER** - Today marks the day you will travel from St. Louis to Springfield, Missouri takes you through the lush rolling hills of the Missouri Ozark Mountains. The road follows the Great Osage Trail, a major Indian path across the state and a route used by Jess James, of famed James Gang fame, who locals knew as 'just a nice Missouri boy!' One of the most famous attractions on Route 66, **Meramec Caverns** was also used by the James Gang as a hideout when escaping the law. Even though most of Route 66 through here is now Interstate-44, remnants of the old road are everywhere just off the highway. Interestingly, Springfield is considered the mother of the Mother Road itself. It was here that Cyrus Avery of Oklahoma who fought for a route through Oklahoma met with John Woodruff of Springfield, to plan and promote the idea of an interregional link that would bring trade and access to the area. In honour, Springfield has preserved much of the old highway frontage along St. Louis Street as well as the 'Chestnut Expressway.' You may even like to visit the **Jesse James Wax Museum**, or even stop off at **Cuba**, the Mural City, or the **Mark Twain National Forest**, all of which are on route from St. Louis to Springfield. Your accommodation is at the **Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven, MO** where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 205 Miles*

**27 SEPTEMBER** - Today you will begin your journey from Springfield, MO to Tulsa, OK. Oklahoma was the home of Cyrus Avery, who came to be known as the 'Father of Route 66.' After he was appointed to head the commission that reviewed the routes of new national highways, he fought for several years to bring a major highway through his home state, knowing it would boost the economy. Ultimately, he was successful in the choice of a route that followed the National Old Trails Road in 1925, which just happened to cross right through the middle of Oklahoma. There are a whole host of things to see and do along this route so please be cautious of your time. We highly recommend that you visit **Jasper County Courtyard**, based in Carthage, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The **Joplin Museum Complex**, in Joplin is also on the list of things to see along the way. Even though you are not staying in Kansas, we have included a few attractions and points of interest you might like to see including the **Brush Creek Bridge**, the **Galena Mining and Historical Museum** and the **Baxter Springs Heritage Center and Museum**. When you get closer to Oklahoma, you will see more and more along the route that you will love to see, including **Allen's Fillin' Station**, the **Dobson Museum**, and **Ed Galloway's Totem Pole Park**. However a must see in Catoosa, is the **Blue Whale**, which is a roadside attraction and one of the most recognisable icons on the Route 66. Your accommodation is at the **Best Western Plus Downtown Tulsa, OK** where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 181 Miles*

**28 SEPTEMBER** - Today you will be leaving your hotel in Tulsa, as you head towards your next hotel in **Oklahoma City**. Your routing takes you via **Sapulpa** where you might like to visit the **Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum**, and **Chandler**, where you might like to visit the **Route 66 Interpretive Centre**. Your accommodation is at the **Best Western Saddleback Inn** where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 106 Miles*

**29 SEPTEMBER** - Your next leg on your journey involves driving from Oklahoma City to Amarillo, Texas. For the traveller going west on Route 66, Texas is Cowboy Country. It is here that some of the most wonderful icons of Route 66, those functional simple buildings that were adorned with all manner of exterior signs promising all things larger than life, still exist. Two headed snakes, reptile farms, alligators, wondrous caves and petrified mummies all vied for the attention of the vacationer in a unique side show that would have made P. T. Barnum proud. Be sure to make time and see the **Stafford Air and Space Museum**, which houses one of the finest collections of aviation and space flight. There are also a whole host of other roadside museums on route, including the **Oklahoma Route 66 Museum**, the **National Route 66 Museum** and the **Sand Hills Curiosity Shop**. When you reach Texas, you might like to visit the fun and quirky **Devil's Rope Museum** and the hugely popular **VW Slug Bug Ranch**, located in Panhandle. Your accommodation is at the **Best Western Santa Fe, Amarillo, TX** where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure. We would highly recommend that you dine at the **Big Texan Steak Ranch and Brewery** this evening, and if you are feeling especially hungry, why not try and attempt the Texas King Challenge. Attempt to finish a 72 ounce steak in one hour and you will receive your dinner for free! However if you do not finish this, you will have to pay the bill!

*Direct Mileage - 249 Miles*



**30 SEPTEMBER** - Your journey continues as you begin your routing from Amarillo, Texas to Santa Rosa, New Mexico. For many people travelling the old Mother Road during its hey-day, New Mexico presented their first glimpse of the more exotic cultures of the Southwest. New Mexico still has the most miles of original Route 66 that can be driven today. On your way between Amarillo and Santa Rosa, be sure to stop at **Cadillac Ranch** to see the ten tail-finned Cadillacs buried in the sand. We also recommend that you take some time to visit **Dot's Mini Museum** or the **Glenrio Ghost Town**, which is one of the country's best preserved mid-century ghost towns. Your accommodation is at the **Hampton Inn Santa Rosa, NM** where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 172 Miles*

**1 OCTOBER** - Today you will begin your next leg of Route 66 travelling from Santa Rosa to Grants, New Mexico. Along the route, you will see a wide range of points of interest and attractions that you might like to see and do, including the popular **Blue Hole**, which is a fantastic spectacle. The famous Route 66 continues to guide visitors through Albuquerque from the volcanoes on the city's far west side past the **Rio Grande Botanical Garden** and the **Albuquerque Aquarium** through the historic Old Towns and Downtown business districts and continuing eastward through the University of New Mexico and trendy Nob Hill, where you'll find many of the city's best restaurants, distinctive shops and boutiques. If you have time, you may like to travel via Santa Fe to see the Palace of the Governors, and the San Miguel Mission, apparently the oldest church in the USA. Your accommodation is at the **Travelodge Grants, NM** where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 366 Miles*

**2 OCTOBER** - Today you will depart your hotel in Grants, as you head for your next location in **Winslow, Arizona**. Your routing takes you via the fabulous **Red Rock Plant**, and the magnificent **Petrified Forest National Park** and **Painted Desert**. Your accommodation is at the **Best Western Plus Winslow Inn**, where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 189 Miles*

**3 OCTOBER** - Today you will depart your hotel in Winslow as you make your way to **Phoenix, Arizona** for your next hotel. You have a choice of 2 routes to take, one is the direct route which takes you via **Flagstaff** and the fabulous **Meteor Crater** and down Highway 17, or if you would like to take the alternative scenic route via Highway 87 to Phoenix. Your accommodation is at the **Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites Phoenix Downtown**, where you will be based for the next two nights. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 201 Miles*

*Scenic Mileage - 201 Miles*

**4 OCTOBER** - A full day at leisure in Phoenix, Arizona. You may wish to visit one of the many popular attractions in and around Phoenix, such as the **Botanical Garden**, 140 acres of botanical garden located in the desert, or how about the fantastic **Goldfield Ghost Town**, famous for being a mining town. However we highly recommend that you take a trip to the **Airplane Boneyard** in **Tucson** for the fantastic tour to see the world's largest aeroplane boneyard. However please be aware that this is long commute to Tucson, so leave yourself plenty of time. **Please be aware that you will have to go to the Pima Air & Space Museum for the tour tickets, for individuals please note that the tour tickets are on a first come first served basis each day. However for a group rate (20+) you will have to pre-book by either calling 520 574-0462 Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm Mountain Standard Time or contacting them via <http://www.pimaair.org/explore/contact-us>.** Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage to Pima Air & Space Museum - 246 Miles (return journey)*

**5 OCTOBER** - Today your routing will take you north to **Kingman**, the heart of Route 66, where you might like to spend some time, before heading east on some of the original Route 66 via **Hackberry** until you reach your next hotel in **Williams, Arizona**. Your accommodation is at the **Grand Canyon Railway Hotel**, where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 303 Miles*

**6 OCTOBER** - Following your check-out from your hotel, today your routing will take you via the fantastic **Grand Canyon National Park, South Rim**, which is the 15th oldest national park in the United States. The park's central feature is the gorge of the Colorado River, which is often considered one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Please be aware that the vehicle permit is priced at \$30.00 per car and that admission to the park is for 7 days and includes both the North Rim and the South Rim. Your accommodation is at the **Kayenta Monument Valley Inn**, where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 210 Miles*



**7 OCTOBER** - Following your check-out from the hotel, today your routing will take you anti-clockwise around **Monument Valley**. Monument Valley provides perhaps the most enduring and definitive images of the American West. The isolated red mesas and buttes surrounded by empty, sandy desert have been filmed and photographed countless times over the years for movies, adverts and holiday brochures. The **Valley of the Gods** is a scenic sandstone valley that features stunning geologic formations. The statuesque formations are sculpted from Cedar Mesa sandstone dating to the Permian period, around 250 million years ago. Your routing will take you on a full circle bringing you back to **Kayenta**. Your routing for your next hotel takes you west towards the spectacular **Lake Powell**, and **Glen Canyon** until you reach your next hotel in **Page, Arizona**. Your accommodation is at the **Hampton Inn and Suites**, where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 332 Miles (via Monument Valley)*

**8 OCTOBER** - Today you will be leaving Page, and heading for your next hotel in **Las Vegas, Nevada**. Your routing will take you via **Bryce Canyon**, which is a fantastic spectacle, and **Zion National Park**, 15 miles long and half a mile deep. You may also wish to spend some time in **Beaver Dam** on route or even the **Valley of Fire State Park**, another fantastic spectacle located south of Overton, Nevada. Your accommodation is at the **Luxor Hotel, Las Vegas**, where you will be based for the next two nights. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 273 Miles*

**9 OCTOBER** - A day at leisure to explore the sights and sounds, and casinos of Las Vegas! Your evening is at leisure.

**10 OCTOBER** - Following your check out from the hotel, today you will depart Las Vegas, as you head to your next hotel in **Kingman, Arizona** via the fantastic **Grand Canyon Skywalk**. In order to get to the Skywalk from Las Vegas, you simply take Highway 95 out of Vegas, which becomes Highway 93 just before Boulder City, Nevada, this Highway then takes you through Boulder City and over the Colorado River Bridge to Arizona. Just a few miles or kilometres before the Bridge, you can drive down to a Parking Lot with access to the pedestrian walkway on the Bridge for view of **Hoover Dam**. Now, 73 miles after leaving Vegas on this Highway, make sure you turn left onto the Pearce Ferry Road by the big Grand Canyon Skywalk sign. This will take you in a North Easterly direction towards the Skywalk through Dolan Springs. Next, be looking for the Diamond Bar Road sign in about 31 miles, where you will turn right to the Skywalk. You then take the Diamond Bar Road for about 21 miles to the Grand Canyon West and Skywalk Tour Center. Park in the designated parking area when you arrive and enter the Tour Center. You can Check-In and purchase your Tour Package here. You can also Purchase a Tour Package Online at [GrandCanyonWest.com](http://GrandCanyonWest.com). You do not need to make Reservations to visit Grand Canyon West and the Skywalk. **Please note that no private vehicles are allowed beyond the designated parking area and Tour Center.** As of August 2017, the price is \$82.37 for the Legacy Gold package. Your accommodation is at the **Best Western Plus A Wayfarers Inn and Suites**, where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 200 Miles*

**11 OCTOBER** - Following your check out from the hotel, today you will depart your hotel in Kingman, Arizona, as you head for your next hotel in **Barstow, California**. Your direct routing will take you via **London Bridge** which is a sight to see, and Needles. However if you would like to drive the fantastic **Sitgreaves Pass** along **Oatman Road**, you may wish to take that route to Needles. We highly recommend that you take the scenic route as it has been regarding as one of the highlights on previous tours. Your accommodation is at the **Best Western Desert Villa Inn**, where you will be based for one night. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 206 Miles*

*Scenic Mileage - 195 Miles (via Sitgreaves Pass)*

**12 OCTOBER** - Today you will be leaving Barstow and heading for your next hotel in **Santa Barbara**. Your routing takes you via **Victorville**, where you might like to spend some time, and then you have the choice of taking the direct route through **Los Angeles**, or driving the scenic route via **Littlerock**. You may also wish to take a minor detour and take a trip to the **Joshua Tree National Park**, which has been declared a U.S. National Monument since 1936. Your accommodation is at the **Lemon Tree Inn**, where you will be based for the next three nights. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 203 Miles*

*Scenic Mileage - 194 Miles (via Littlerock)*

**13-14 OCTOBER** - Days at leisure with the **Borgward Club** in **Santa Barbara**. Your evenings are at leisure.



**15 OCTOBER** - Following your check-out from the hotel, today your routing will take you from your hotel in Santa Barbara to your last hotel in **Redondo Beach**. Your direct routing takes you via **Thousand Oaks**, however we highly recommend that you take the scenic route which will take you via **Malibu Beach** and **Santa Monica**, where the **End of Route 66** sign is situated on the pier, which is a fantastic photo opportunity. Your accommodation is at the **Hilton Garden Inn Los Angeles - Redondo Beach**, where you will be based for two nights. Your evening is at leisure.

*Direct Mileage - 103 Miles*

*Scenic Mileage - 103 Miles (via Santa Monica)*

**16 OCTOBER** - A day at leisure to explore the sights and sounds of **Los Angeles** and **Hollywood**. However those of you who are returning your cars to the port of Long Beach, we have provided a map for you from **Redondo Beach**. In the back of your route book is a bus timetable is information on how to get from **Downtown Long Beach** back to Redondo Beach. We recommend that you take bus **232** for this journey, and you will also need to use this bus in order to get from Redondo Beach to LAX Los Angeles International Airport the following day. For those who are not returning the car and wishing to go on any of the popular sight seeing tours in and around Hollywood and Los Angeles, you can book one up using the company **Starline Tours** ([www.starlinetours.com](http://www.starlinetours.com)), as they can pick you up from your hotel at **8:25am**. Your evening is at leisure.

**17 OCTOBER** - Following your early check out in the morning. If you are flying to LAX, we recommend that you either take the **232** bus or get a taxi to the airport for your flight back. Your flights are as per your booking details.