



ROUTE 66 CHICAGO TO ST. LOUIS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

May 18-22, 2026

- Guided tour from Chicago to Bloomington, IL to included:
 - Gemini Giant
 - Two Cell Jail
 - Route 66 Hall of Fame
- Ice Cream Sundae at the Polka Dot Diner
- Tour of Funk Prairie Home and Gem & Mineral Museum
- Mini-guided tour of Springfield, IL
- Tour of the Dana Thomas House State Historic Site
- Tour of Ace Sign Co.
- Treat at the Cozy Dog Drive In
- Visit the Illinois Route 66 Experience
- Guided tour from Virden to Mt. Olive, IL including:
 - Battle of Virden Monument
 - Admission to the Anderson Mansion
 - Cannonball Jail
 - "Million Dollar Courthouse"
 - Illinois Coal Mine Museum
 - Soulsby Station
 - Mother Jones Monument
- Ice Cream treat at the Whirl-A-Whip
- "Mocktails" at Duds Bar & Grill
- Guided tour of Edwardsville
- Tour of the Wildey Theatre, Edwardsville, IL
- Visit to the West End Service Station, Edwardsville
- Visit to the Chain of Rocks Bridge
- Tour of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
- Visit to the Pink Elephant Antique Mall
- Visit to Sprague's Super Service Station



Celebrating
100 Years



TOUR PRICING*

\$1,888 per person, double occupancy

\$2,288 per person, single occupancy

Activity Level: **Moderate**

Balanced blend of activity and relaxation with walks or stands of 60-90 minutes, occasional stairs, and daily walks of two to three miles.

* A \$100 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot.

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE:

March 23, 2026

INCLUSIONS

- Parking / Pick-up in Libertyville
- Admission to Attractions as Stated on Itinerary
- Additional Pick-up in Fox Lake With 6 or more guests
- Taxes & Gratuities for Included Services
- Private Deluxe Motorcoach with onboard washroom
- Porter Service of One Bag Per Person at Hotels When Available
- 4 Nights' Accommodations
- Professional Destinations with Nadine Tour Manager
- 12 Meals (4 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners)

For further information or questions, please contact:

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Optional Travel Protection is available.

Ask Nadine for a quote.



ITINERARY: ROUTE 66 – CHICAGO TO ST. LOUIS

Day 1: Monday, May 18, 2026

PONTIAC, IL

(L, D)

Let's celebrate the 100th anniversary of Route 66 by exploring the "Mother Road". It was one of the original highways in the National Highway System connecting rural communities and urban centers. Our exciting Route 66 adventure officially commences in downtown Chicago. The day is packed with quintessential Mother Road landmarks, beginning with the iconic **Gemini Giant**, a space-race era "Muffler Man." Highlights include the unique **Historic Two-Cell Jail** in Gardner, and the quaint 1933 **Ambler's Texaco Gas Station**. We will visit the **Route 66 Hall of Fame & Museum** in Pontiac and pause for a photo at the **largest Route 66 mural**. The morning features a stop for a "dessert before lunch" at the famous, retro **Polk-A-Dot Drive In**, followed by a light lunch at the Old Route 66 Family Restaurant, and concluding the day with dinner and lodging in Bloomington. (DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington)

Day 2: Tuesday, May 19, 2026

SPRINGFIELD, IL

(B, L, D)

The morning features a historical stop at the **Funk Prairie Home and Gem & Mineral Museum**, offering a glimpse into period life and natural history. Later, we arrive in Springfield for lunch at **Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill, and Museum**, a haven for car enthusiasts. The afternoon is dedicated to a **Springfield tour**, highlighting Frank Lloyd Wright's preserved **Dana-Thomas House** and a fascinating look at advertising history at the **Ace Sign Company and Museum**. At our hotel, enjoy the Drury Kickback and save room for a classic evening snack—the iconic Cozy Dog at the Cozy Dog Drive In—and a view of the **illuminated Illinois Route 66 Experience**. (Drury Inn Springfield)

Day 3: Wednesday, May 20, 2026

CARLINVILLE, IL

(B, L, D)

The morning focuses on a significant piece of labor history with the **Battle of Virden** conflict in Virden. Next, we are off to Girard for an ice cream treat at the classic **Whirl-A-Whip**, famous for its unique whipped cones. A light lunch is served at the **Anderson Mansion** in Carlinville. We'll step into the past at this historical landmark boasting a rich history. At this meticulously preserved sprawling 16.5-acre grounds estate, discover a remarkable collection of original fixtures, providing an authentic glimpse into the lives of those who once called it home. Explore a charming **historical village** featuring a classic one-room schoolhouse, a working blacksmith shop, a quaint country church, and an old-fashioned print shop. After which we will **tour the town's architectural treasures**. Highlights include the unique, reinforced **Cannonball Jail** and the magnificent **Macoupin County Courthouse**, often dramatically referred to as the "Million Dollar Courthouse." The day concludes with dinner at the Ariston Café in Litchfield, one of the oldest and most historic restaurants on the Mother Road. (Hampton Inn by Hilton, Litchfield)

Day 4: Thursday, May 21, 2026

ST. LOUIS, MO

(B, D)

The day focuses on the region's industrial past, starting at the **Illinois Coal Mine Museum** in Gillespie. Enjoy stories of **Benld's raucous history as you sip "Mocktails"** at Duds Bar and Grill. Learn about its Prohibition-era connection to a massive bootleg distillery humorously referred to as "Mine No. 5" (to mimic the legitimate coal mines), allegedly with ties to Al Capone's crime syndicate. A poignant stop is made at the **Union Miners Cemetery** in Mt. Olive, the only union-owned cemetery and the final resting place of legendary labor activist Mary Harris "Mother" Jones. You'll also see the historic **Soulsby Station**. Lunch is on your own at the nostalgic Route 66 Creamery in Hamel. The afternoon includes a visit to the meticulously restored **Wildev Theatre** and the historic **West End Service Station** in Edwardsville, followed by a walk on the distinctive, bent **Chain of Rocks Bridge**, marking the official exit from Illinois into St. Louis, Missouri. The evening concludes with a delicious dinner at Favazza's on "The Hill", followed by a **special talk by Salvatore Martorelli** about the history of the famous Italian-American neighborhood, "The Hill." (Drury Inn & Suites – St. Louis/Forest Park)

Day 5: Friday, May 22, 2026

ATLANTA, IL

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The day starts in St. Louis, Missouri, with a visit to the breathtaking **Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis**, famous for having one of the largest mosaic installations in the world. Returning to Illinois, the drive features a stop at the **Pink Elephant Antique Mall**, a quirky treasure trove of antiques and oversized roadside figures. Lunch is served at Doc's Just Off 66 in Girard, where the group will also see the vibrant **Postcard Mural and the Route 66 Monument**. The route continues on a restored segment of the 1931, hand-laid Illinois Brick Road before visiting the **American Giants Museum**, a little museum with quirky displays devoted to fiberglass giants and "**Muffler Men**" statues along Route 66. After a quick stop at **Sprague's Super Service Station**, the trip culminates with a celebratory dinner at the **historic White Fence Farm**, famous for its "World's Greatest Chicken" and classic Route 66 ambiance. Join us for this fun adventure!

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Double Tree by Hilton, Bloomington, IL
- Drury Inn & Suites, Springfield, IL
- Hampton Inn by Hilton, Litchfield, IL
- Drury Inn & Suites, St. Louis Forest Park



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PASSENGER INFORMATION(1st Traveler)

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s): _____

Last Name(s): _____

Preferred Name: _____ Gender (circle one): M F

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____
month / day / year

Dietary Needs: _____

Additional Special Requests/Needs: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact's Phone: _____

PASSENGER INFORMATION(2nd Traveler)

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s): _____

Last Name(s): _____

Preferred Name: _____ Gender (circle one): M F

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____
month / day / year

Dietary Needs: _____

Additional Special Requests/Needs: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact's Phone: _____

Tour Cost: per person, Double: \$1,888 Single: \$2,288

A \$100 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot.

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE: March 23, 2026

DEPOSIT PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Enclosed is my check, made payable to:
Destinations with Nadine, Inc.

In the amount of: _____

Mail Check to: Destinations with Nadine, Inc.
PO Box 304, Mundelein, IL 60060

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Two Beds One Bed

Roommate (name): _____

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PLEASE TURN OVER FOR SIGNATURE

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This policy must be read and signed before your tour reservation is accepted.

Optional Travel Protection Plan is Highly Recommended: Contact Nadine at 847-902-8064 for a quote.

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Activity Level: **Moderate**

Balanced blend of activity and relaxation with walks or stands of 60-90 minutes, occasional stairs, and daily walks of two to three miles.

Signature (1st Traveler): _____

Please initial indicating that you have
Read/agree to terms and conditions: _____

Date: _____

Signature (2nd Traveler): _____

Please initial indicating that you have
Read/agree to terms and conditions: _____

Date: _____

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