

## ROUTE 66 BY RAIL, 14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

Chicago > St. Louis > Albuquerque > Williams Junction > Grand Canyon > Los Angeles

### Overview:

Board Amtrak® and ride the rails along historic Route 66! Take in the iconic architecture of Chicago “The Windy City”, take a walking tour around historic Albuquerque, ride the Grand Canyon Railway to the Canyon’s South Rim, and tour Beverly Hills to see the homes of the stars and starlets of Los Angeles. Journey along the famous Route 66 highway system as you make your way south towards the Grand Canyon and marvel at the immense beauty at one of the 7 natural Wonders of the World. A magical trip across the country awaits on the Route 66 by Rail journey!

### Highlights:

- Multi-day hop-on, hop-off sightseeing tour of Chicago
- Admission to the Gateway Arch Tram Ride
- Walking sightseeing city tour of Albuquerque
- Roundtrip service in Coach accommodations on the Grand Canyon Railway
- Freedom Rim tour of the Grand Canyon
- Sightseeing city tour of the Star Homes in Los Angeles

### Package Also Includes:

- One-way Amtrak in Coach accommodations from Chicago to St. Louis, St. Louis to Albuquerque; Albuquerque to Williams Junction, Williams Junction to Los Angeles on the Texas Eagle® and Southwest Chief®
- 11 nights' hotel accommodations; 2 nights' onboard Amtrak
- 4 meals (1 breakfast, 3 dinners)

## TRIP ITINERARY

### DAY 1 YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS IN CHICAGO

Welcome to Chicago! Today your journey begins with a multi-day hop-on, hop-off sightseeing city tour. Visit the Magnificent Mile, Navy Pier, and many more Chicago destinations. Don't forget to hop-off and take a picture at the famous sign marking the start of Route 66! (Overnight in Chicago)

### DAY 2 CHICAGO

Enjoy the second day of your hop-on, hop-off sightseeing tour of Chicago and explore any sites you didn't get a chance to see yesterday. This fantastic day of sightseeing will be followed by an included dinner at a popular Chicago restaurant. (Overnight in Chicago) **D**

### DAY 3 CHICAGO > ST. LOUIS

Travel to Union station and board Amtrak's Texas Eagle to St. Louis. Head south as you journey to the great Midwest on your train ride through the "Show-Me-State" to your destination seeing amazing views that no cars get to see. (Overnight in St. Louis)

### DAY 4 ST. LOUIS

Begin your day with a visit to the "Gateway to the West" at the St. Louis Gateway Arch. At an astounding 630-feet tall, the magnificent Gateway Arch remains the tallest man-made national monument in the United States. Its unique shape and stainless steel facade remarkably represent the history made in the city of St. Louis. Tonight, enjoy your dinner at a popular restaurant. (Overnight in St. Louis) **D**

### DAY 5 OVERNIGHT ONBOARD AMTRAK

Travel to the station and board the Amtrak to Albuquerque for a relaxing overnight trip on the Southwest Chief. Travel past wheat fields and ranches, missions and pueblos as you journey west. Carving through canyon passages only a few feet wider than the train itself, you'll see spectacular landscapes and pristine vistas not visible from interstate highways (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

### DAY 6 ALBUQUERQUE

Arrive in Albuquerque later this afternoon and transfer on your own to your hotel. Enjoy your free time exploring the sights and sounds of Albuquerque, a city marked by its rich Spanish roots. (Overnight in Albuquerque)

**DAY 7 ALBUQUERQUE**

Today, explore historic Old Town Albuquerque on a private walking tour. Learn about the history of Albuquerque and Route 66 on this private tour. Your tour guide will escort you on an exciting adventure through time. Uncover Old Town's unusual and well-hidden architectural details you find most intriguing. Reminisce about the early southwest pioneers' daily struggle to survive. Relive the sights and sounds of the Civil War as Confederate soldiers entered the Plaza. Imagine early merchants as they traveled the Santa Fe Trail for trade. (Overnight in Albuquerque)

**DAY 8 ALBUQUERQUE > WILLIAMS**

Travel to the station and board Amtrak to Williams Junction on the Southwest Chief. Travel past wheat fields and ranches, missions and pueblos as you journey west. Upon arrival in Williams Junction, you will be transferred to Williams and the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel. (Overnight in Williams)

**DAY 9 GRAND CANYON**

Enjoy your breakfast at the Grand Depot Café and be sure to not miss the morning shootout before boarding the Grand Canyon Railway into the Grand Canyon National Park. Explore the South Rim with lunch on your motorcoach tour, and take in some of the most spectacular vistas in North America formed over 17 million years ago. (Overnight in the Canyon)

**B**

**DAY 10 GRAND CANYON**

Enjoy today at leisure in the Grand Canyon. Spend your free time enjoying the sights of the Canyon and drinking in the fresh air, amazing sights and many photo opportunities in the park. (Overnight in the Canyon)

**DAY 11 OVERNIGHT ABOARD AMTRAK**

After a good night's sleep, board the Grand Canyon Railway back to Williams. This evening, enjoy your included dinner at the Grand Depot Café. Board your transfer from the hotel to the Amtrak station and board the Southwest Chief train to Los Angeles. (Overnight onboard Amtrak) **D**

**DAY 12 LOS ANGELES**

Upon arrival early this morning, travel on your own to your hotel. Spend the day exploring Hollywood at leisure. Stop by the Walk of Fame or venture up to Griffith Observatory to view the Hollywood sign. There is so much to do and see in Los Angeles! (Overnight in Los Angeles)

**DAY 13 LOS ANGELES**

Today, enjoy a guided sightseeing city tour of Los Angeles. See the homes of famous movie stars, tour Hollywood, and visit the most popular California beaches, including Ventura Beach and Santa Monica Beach. At Santa Monica Pier make sure to take a picture at the sign marking the end of Route 66. (Overnight in Los Angeles)

**DAY 14 YOUR JOURNEY ENDS IN LOS ANGELES**

**Legend for meals: B - Breakfast, BR - Brunch, L - Lunch, D - Dinner**

**DISCLAIMER:**

Package prices are per person, double occupancy, tax included. Prices do not include rail from your hometown. Please call for pricing. Package prices are subject to change without notice, and all reservations are based upon availability at the time of booking. Amtrak travel is for Coach accommodations unless otherwise noted. Upgrades to Roomette or Bedroom accommodations on board Amtrak are available. Call for pricing. Other restrictions may apply. Activities referenced in the itinerary during free time are for suggested purposes only and are not included. Seasonal activity (if applicable): During the off-season, some tours may not be available. In this case, a similar tour will be substituted. Passports (if applicable): Passports are required when crossing the Canadian border. Amtrak and Amtrak Vacations are registered service marks of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

Included Cities	Included Hotel
Chicago	Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza

St. Louis	St. Louis City Center Hotel
Albuquerque	Crowne Plaza Albuquerque
Williams Junction	Grand Canyon Railway Hotel
Grand Canyon	Maswik Lodge
Los Angeles	The LA Hotel Downtown

*Alternative hotels may be available.*

DEPARTURE CITY	DEPARTURE TIME	ARRIVAL CITY	ARRIVAL TIME
CHICAGO	1:45PM	ST. LOUIS	7:21PM
ST. LOUIS	7:55AM	ALBUQUERQUE	9:55PM +1
ALBUQUERQUE	4:45PM	WILLIAMS JUNCTION	9:33PM
WILLIAMS JUNCTION	9:33PM	LOS ANGELES	8:15AM +1

#### AMTRAK UPGRADE FEES

Upgrade	Per person in double
Roomette	\$160
Bedroom	\$540

#### SELLING POINTS:

##### **Chicago**

- Home of popular attractions including Sears Tower, the fourth largest building in the world, and the Lincoln Park Zoo, one of the oldest zoos in the country
- Perfect for theatre lovers to see shows at Broadway, The Chicago Opera Theater and many other performing arts centers in the area
- Millennium Park is an architectural wonder and the venue for many concerts and events in the area
- Famous for excellent steaks and deep dish pizzas

##### **Grand Canyon**

- Beautiful and naturally created, the Grand Canyon is one of the most distinguishable landmarks in the country, spanning over 250 miles and descending more than a mile to the canyon floor
- Views that you have to see to believe, perfect for landscape enthusiasts
- No shortage of tours to go on including hiking, walking, helicopter, horseback, and more.

##### **Los Angeles**

- Entertainment capital of the world, with most motion picture, television, and recorded music operations centered here
- Home of Hollywood Boulevard and Universal Studios
- Beautiful weather for year-round beach activities especially surfing at popular beaches including Malibu, Santa Monica, and Huntington Beach