

# ROADHOUSE 66

## ***RIDING ROUTE 66 :: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS***

### **What exactly is a Guided Tour ::**

An riding adventure led along a pre-planned route by an experienced tour guide.

### **How many riders will participate in the tour ::**

The size is now limited to 25 motorcycles plus one tour guide. In addition to the 30 riders, there can be up to 25 passengers on the tour.

### **How long in mileage distance are the daily rides ::**

The daily rides will vary in size from 145 miles to 260 miles with an average of 195 miles per day. Plenty of stops and break time will be available throughout each day for sightseeing and photos.

### **Are most of the miles ridden on interstate highway or on two-lane highways ::**

By popular demand this tour follows more miles of old two-lane 66 than any other similar tour. Interstate highways (super slabs) are utilized when an appropriate two-lane highway is not available in the area and also when time constraints force the group to join the interstate to make up precious daylight time and get to the accommodations that will be pre-reserved for that evening. Each day a wide selection of two-lane highway and minimal interstate highways will be alternated and followed. This will be further explained in the RIDING ROUTE 66 Tour Book which has daily maps of the actual route, received at Check-In.

### **Are the participants required to stay together as a group ::**

Each participant is free to decide whether to ride with the group or ride on his or her own. One advantage to riding with the group is the participants can look out for each other and the guide is close by. If you decide to ride on your own, you should select a riding mate (or mates) and proceed in a group of at least two.

### **Do I need to bring Rain Gear ::**

Yes, it is highly recommended that each participant bring along his or her own rain gear for the tour. It almost always pours down rain somewhere along a 2,800 mile trip, especially along Route 66. It may rain in a couple of places or even for a day or two at a time.

### **Do I have to wear a helmet on the tour ::**

For your own safety, each participant should wear a helmet at all times when riding a motorcycle. By law, a helmet is only required to be worn in the Route 66 states of Missouri and California.

### **I would really like to join in on this tour ... may I drive my automobile ::**

After much discussion on this subject ... it has been decided that you may participate in the group Riding Route 66 Motorcycle Tour along Route 66 and drive your automobile.

## **Why aren't the necessary ground transportation transfers to and from the Airports, the Hotels, the Motorcycle Rental Shops and the Motorcycle Shipping Terminals included in the tour prices ::**

Ground transportation transfers are not included in the tour prices for several important reasons. The overall logistics of meeting the individual needs of 25 to 50 participants, who may be traveling from across the US, is mind boggling. The cost and the time that would be necessary to be spent co-ordinating and executing the logistics of everyone's transfers would have to be tallied, divided up and tacked onto each participant's tour price, even if that participant did not require any of the transfers.

If everyone was arriving on the same flight and everyone was renting a motorcycle at the same place, etc... it would be an quick and easy task to provide the group with those transfers. And of course, there will be some participants who will not require any transfers, but they would have to pay a certain amount of the other participants costs, which would not be fair.

It is for these same reasons that the AMA does not include any ground transportation transfers with any of their many tour packages. It is up to each tour participant to plan for and to provide their own.

## **Will I receive a confirmation letter after sending in my deposit ::**

After your Tour Registration Application and Tour Reservation Deposit is received and all other conditions of registration have been satisfied, each participant will receive a confirmation letter confirming your place on the Riding Route 66 Motorcycle Tour.

## **Does the itinerary provide any free days ::**

There are two free days, one in Williams, Arizona if you do not wish to travel to the Grand Canyon and one in Las Vegas, Nevada.

## **Will I receive any maps of the actual tour route since this is a Guided Tour ::**

Each rider will receive a set of detailed maps of the actual tour route, with the towns and cities, the mileage, and the address and phone number that nights hotel / motel all listed.

## **What about bringing laptop computers, internet access and checking my email ::**

Any participant is free to bring along a laptop computer as long as he or she is 100% responsible for the safe stowing of the computer on your motorcycle. Internet access fluctuates wildly along the Route 66 corridor. In some areas a host of wifi hotspots are available and in other places internet access is almost non-existent. Many hotels and motels say they have dial up during check-in but it is impossible to get connected. Some hotel / motels have a computer with internet access available in the lobby for all of their customers to use, and others charge by the minute for a connection or have a set fee for high speed internet. Each participant will be responsible for any and all costs associated with your internet usage in any hotel or motel. So the consensus is that the decision to bring along a laptop computer is up to each participant's needs. Cell phones can and may be easily used to contact your loved ones instead of email.

## **Should I bring a credit card or cash along for my expenses during the tour ::**

Your expenses for fuel, meals, snacks, water, refreshments, souvenirs and other expenses may mostly be paid for with a credit card, however most ground transportation and some merchants along the old highway simply do not accept credit cards. A rule of thumb would be to bring along \$50 to \$100

cash per day and at least one major credit card, if not two, in case one becomes overcharged or shut off for some reason during the duration of the tour. It is good advice to contact your credit card company and let them know you will be traveling across the country so they do not think it was stolen and start declining it. Travelers checks are another option. If you bring along cash, just be careful where it is stowed because of theft. Each rider should hide a \$20 bill somewhere on your bike in case of an emergency.

### **How much baggage may I bring ::**

Each participant will be limited to what ever you can safely carry or stow on your motorcycle or ship home.

### **What kind of clothing and other items should I bring ::**

Pack a good variety of jeans and or shorts (which take up less space) and maybe a couple of long sleeve riding shirts, but mostly just summer type T-shirts and don't forget the sunblock. Other than enough comfortable riding clothes, each participant should bring along a light jacket or hood to ward off the cool evening riding air, and don't forget a pair of comfortable tennis shoes for the evenings. Make sure you bring a good set of rain gear and swim suit if you like to swim. Any dressy clothes are not required and are at the participants own option. Each rider must bring a properly working portable travel alarm so they will be on time in the mornings.

### **Will there be laundry facilities available during the tour ::**

Some hotels do have a coin operated laundry available, but not very many do. The best thing to do is to either pack enough clothing to last you for the full two weeks or bring a roll of quarters and small boxes of laundry powder so you can quickly head out to a laundromat for a couple of hours, and do your laundry in one of the towns we are staying in for the night. The Tour Book will tell you where the hotels have a laundromat.

### **May I charge my Tour Reservation Deposit and Final Payment on a credit card ::**

You are welcome to if you have an online Paypal account or you can sign up for one online at [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com). There will be an additional 3% cost added to your tour prices to pay with a credit card online through Paypal. You are always free to send in a Money Order or a Personal Check (held until it clears) for your deposit and final payment and may always cash advance your credit card to fund the same. If making your payment by Paypal, send to paypal account: **cedar100@aol.com**  
**Or you can use a Mastercard or Visa Credit Card but it is subject to the same 3% additional cost**

### **Do I have to pay the full deposit amount to register for the tour ::**

Yes. A \$500 non-refundable deposit is required to register for the tour and make a reservation.

### **What if I wait until the last minute and send in my registration for the tour ::**

The Tour Reservation Deposit along with a completed Tour Registration Application and a signed copy of the Terms and Conditions form are all due by March 15, 2010. Any Tour Registration Applications received before April 15, 2010, will be subject to a \$100 additional late registration fee. Any Tour Registration Applications received before May 1, 2010, will be subject to a \$200 additional late registration fee. Any of these late applications will only be accepted if the full payment plus late fee are received at the time of registration and if an open slot on the tour is available.

### **What if I have to cancel / terminate my reservation ::**

If you have to cancel your reservation for any reason, and terminate your slot on the tour roster the following will apply: a) Prior to your final payment, there will be no refund of your deposit. b) After your final payment, any refund amount will be based on "if" your slot can or cannot be filled with another participant who is on standby. Any refund amount will not be paid to the cancelling party until 30 days after the beginning date of the tour. If there is any possibility that you may have to cancel your reservation, you should check into Travel Insurance (see Terms and Conditions).

### **Why do I have to provide so much personal information on the application ::**

Because said information is required for the planning, logistics and overall efficient operation of the tour and also for the safety, health and welfare of each tour participant.

### **How will the charges for the hotel mini bars and the internet access charges be monitored and paid for by the user ::**

Upon your check-in at any hotels or motels during the tour that have mini bars in the rooms or who charge a fee for internet access, each participant will be required to have their credit card imprinted so any such amounts due may be easily charged to the user. It is advisable to inquire about any charges made to your room during check-out the next morning.

### **I live in Oklahoma and wanted to know if I could just hook-up and ride with the group for a day or two ... say from, Tulsa to Amarillo :: (or something like that)**

Yes, and your presence of riding along with the tour group as a "local participant", for a day or two would be appreciated and warmly welcomed. You would of course, have to be prepared to pay your own way for any accommodations, meals, fuel and any and all other fees included and / or not included in the tour, as well as pay a daily participation fee of \$25 to the tour guide. The tour guides reserve the right to refuse any or all individual "local participant(s)" from joining the group tour if said participation would disrupt or undermine any scheduled itinerary stop or itinerary timing, or due to any reasons deemed appropriate by the tour guides. Any "local participant" should contact ROADHOUSE 66 by email at: [dave@roadhouse66.com](mailto:dave@roadhouse66.com) for more information if you are genuinely interested in riding along old 66 with the group for a day or two.

### **Why is the RIDING ROUTE 66 Tour such a great value ::**

Based on comparisons of other similar guided, and unguided tours, along Route 66, the price of this tour package appears to be very reasonable. It includes one more night of accommodations than most others. This tour not only travels across more actual miles of the old 66 roadbeds and alignments than any other tour ... but it has more daily activities, more daily stops at more icons along the old road, which portray the actual allure, and the attraction road warriors possess when traveling Route 66, and candidly speaking, the RIDING ROUTE 66 Motorcycle Tour has far more stuff and a lot less fluff.

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