

# ROADHOUSE

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

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

A 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 20 motorcycles plus one tour guide. In addition to the 20 riders, there can be up to 20 passengers on the tour.

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

The daily rides will vary in size from 180 miles to 365 miles with an average of 225 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 detailed “turn by turn” directions, along with approximate times and daily maps of the actual route, which each rider will receive at Check-In.

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

Each participant is encouraged to ride with the group, but are free to decide to ride on his or her own. Advantages to riding with the group is seeing more without getting lost and the participants can look out for each other and the guide is always close by. If you decide to ride on your own, you should select a riding mate (or mates), have good communications and maps and proceed in a small group of at least two or three riders.

### **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 rains a couple of times and may pour down rain somewhere along a 2,475 mile trip. Frog Togs are lightweight and stow easily.

### **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 an automobile. Automobiles will join the procession at the rear behind the motorcycles. You must set up any automobile rentals yourself.

### **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 20 or more participants, who may be traveling from abroad or even across the US, is mind boggling. The cost and the time that would be necessary to be spent coordinating 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 most other tours of this nature do 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.

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

Each rider will receive a Tour Book with detailed "turn by turn" directions and detailed maps of the actual tour route in relation to the nearby Interstate Highways, all stops on Route 66, with the towns and cities marked, 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. Roadhouse 66 LLC will not be responsible for any damage to any laptop computer or other electronic equipment stowed in the Support Vehicle. 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 may be easily used to contact your loved ones and most smart phones have internet access.

## **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 two credit cards, 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 has been 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 also hide a \$20 bill somewhere on your bike in case of an emergency.

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

Each participant will be limited to one large suitcase which you will be responsible for stowing into and retrieving out of the Support Vehicle on a daily basis and what ever other gear you can safely

carry or stow on your motorcycle. Helmets stowed in the Support Vehicle should be stowed in a protective bag as ROADHOUSE 66 LLC will not be responsible for any damage to your helmets.

**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 SUN BLOCK. 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 able to get up on time in the mornings.

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

Some motels/hotels do have a coin operated laundry facility available, but not all do. The best thing to do is to either pack enough clothing to last you for the full trip or bring a roll of quarters and a few small boxes of laundry powder so you can quickly head out to do laundry for a couple of hours. Or you may do your laundry in a Laundromat in one of the towns we are staying in for the night. The Tour Book will tell you which motels/hotels have on site laundry facilities.

**May I charge my Tour Reservation Deposit and Final Payment on a Credit Card ::**

Yes, you are welcome to use a MasterCard or Visa Credit Card only. There will be an additional 2.5% cost added to your Tour Reservation Deposit and final payment prices to pay with a credit card. You are always free to send in a Money Order or a Personal Check for your tour fees.

**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 your reservation. ROADHOUSE 66, LLC need to know who is serious about the tour and who is just talking.

**What if I wait until the last minute and send in my Application 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 May 27, 2012. Any Tour Registration Applications received between May 27, 2012 and before June 27, 2012, will be subject to a \$100 additional late registration fee. No Tour Registration Applications will be received after June 27, 2012 period. 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 or 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 canceling 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 in case of an emergency.

**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. ROADHOUSE 66, LLC will not be held responsible for these charges.

### **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 \$20 to the tour guide. The tour guide(s) reserve the right to refuse any or all individual "local participant(s)" from joining the group tour if: 1) the group would be too large. 2) 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: [excelltd@aol.com](mailto:excelltd@aol.com) for more information if you are genuinely interested in riding along old 66 with the group for a day or two and receive prior approval. There will be no tolerance for anyone who joins us to beg for tips or disrupts the tour with an uninvited presence.

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

Based on comparisons of other similar guided tours along Route 66, the price of this tour package appears to be very reasonable. This is because David Wickline is guiding this tour as something he has a passion for and wants others to experience the best that the old highway has to offer. David is not out to make a bunch of money, but cover the expenses of promoting, setting up and facilitating this once in a lifetime trip.

### **In Closing ....**

Remember, 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. Candidly speaking, the RIDING ROUTE 66 MOTORCYCLE TOUR has far more stuff and a lot less fluff than the other guided tours out there. If you are not along for the "real deal" and want to drink all night and sleep in, bitch about riding on a little gravel or getting your bike dusty, bitch about the heat and sunburn and being on a time schedule so we can see and experience what we have set out to see and experience as a group ... then I suggest you look for another tour. We get up early, we eat breakfast, we stow our gear and have our daily briefing all before being ready to saddle up at 9:00 am. One day we get up earlier to cross the desert and one night we get into the Motel about 7:30 pm. These are full days of riding and not like a poker run. And if you are one of those who need to sit down about 10:00 every morning with a newspaper for 20 minutes ... we WILL leave you behind. So make sure you are in this for what it is ... we are crossing the heartland of the United States as a group and traveling almost 2,500 miles in 11 days.

I will promise you one thing ... you will experience the true flavor of the old highway and meet the people who work along her and you will experience the ever changing scenery of the great Southwest along with the allure of riding this great two-lane ribbon of asphalt and crumbling Portland cement. You will remember this trip for the rest of your lives and you WILL return to ride old Route 66 again !!!!

Here's to "Life begins at the exit ramp" !! Hope to see you riding along with us this Summer !!!!

David Wickline, noted Route 66 Author / Historian and Owner of the Roadhouse 66 Bar & Grille in Columbus, Ohio.