



1 DAY ONE – PETRIFIED FOREST & HOLBROOK

Drive Phoenix ➤ Petrified Forest National Park **3 hrs 15 min**

Drive Petrified Forest National Park ➤ Holbrook **20 mins**

What to do

Two of Arizona's most surreal landscapes: **The Painted Desert & Petrified Forest National Park**. This 28-mile scenic drive is less about checking boxes and more about pulling over often. Highlights include:

- **Crystal Forest:** the densest concentration of petrified wood (it sparkles if the light hits right)
- **Agate House:** a 900-year-old pueblo built entirely from petrified wood (yes, really)
- **Painted Desert Inn:** a 1924 National Historic Landmark with views that feel painted on
- **Newspaper Rock:** 650+ petroglyphs etched into stone (binoculars provided use them)

It's quiet. It's vast. It's the kind of place that makes you lower your voice without realizing it. (Prepare to spend 2.5–3 hours in the park)

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Back in Holbrook, history comes with a little Wild West edge. Start at the **Navajo County Historical Society Museum**, housed in an 1898 courthouse and the site of an actual 1887 gunfight. Subtlety wasn't really a thing back then. holbrookazmuseum.org

Where to stay

Wigwam Motel (Holbrook): Discover 15 concrete teepees built in 1950, now a National Historic Landmark and one of Route 66's most photographed stops. Out front: vintage cars permanently parked like a mid-century movie set. Inside: retro charm with just enough modern comfort to call it a night. visitarizona.com/places/cities/holbrook

Where to dine

Cruise into **Studio 66 Cafe** (Holbrook) along historic Route 66 in Holbrook, Arizona, where every sip and bite feels like a playful pit stop on your retro road trip adventure! This charming family-owned spot whips up creative loaded hot dogs, crave-worthy loaded fries, panini sandwiches, and a rainbow of flavored lemonades, teas, and specialty coffees that'll make your taste buds do a happy dance.

[Facebook.com/HolbrookStudio66](https://www.facebook.com/HolbrookStudio66)



2 DAY TWO – WINSLOW, FLAGSTAFF AND WILLIAMS

Drive Holbrook ➤ Winslow **35 mins**

Drive Winslow ➤ Flagstaff **1hr**

Drive Flagstaff ➤ Williams **1hr**

What to do

Then it's on to a Route 66 classic: **Jack Rabbit Trading Post**. Between Holbrook and Winslow, you'll know it by the billboard that's been teasing "HERE IT IS" since 1949. Inside: souvenirs, photo ops, and exactly the kind of roadside nostalgia you came for.

Winslow: This stop makes for the ultimate selfie. You're officially standing on the corner at **Standin' on the Corner Park**, where a bronze statue, vintage flatbed, and trompe l'oeil mural bring the Eagle's "Take It Easy" lyric - and Insta moment - to life.

Just down the road, step into **La Posada Hotel**, a 1930 masterpiece by Mary Colter, the visionary behind the Grand Canyon's Desert View Watchtower. Fully restored, it's part hotel, part art gallery, part time capsule. laposada.org

Roll into Flagstaff, where historic Route 66 blends with pine forests, lively streets, and just the right amount of college-town fun. Stroll downtown for vintage storefronts and neon, including the Western Hills Motel sign (animated horses, best at dusk). The night sky isn't just visible, it's the main event. Home to **Lowell Observatory** (founded in 1894), this is where Pluto was discovered in 1930 and still celebrated today, demotion and all. lowell.edu

In **Williams**, the Mother Road runs right through the heart of town, lined with old road signs, classic diners, neon-lit bars, and shops that lean fully into that retro spirit. It's one of the best-preserved stretches of Route 66, and it shows.

Optional Add-On Day: Grand Canyon Railway. If you have an extra day in Williams, treat yourself to a trip aboard the Grand Canyon Railway, a vintage train ride from Williams to the **Grand Canyon South Rim**. No parking, no shuttles. Just scenic views, onboard entertainment, and a classic journey to one of the world's great wonders. thetrain.com

Where to stay:

High Country Motor Lodge (Flagstaff): A fully reimagined 1962 roadside gem sitting right on Historic Route 66, High Country Motor Lodge is equal parts vintage soul and modern mountain retreat. Rooms blend retro charm with ultra-plush bedding, spa-inspired baths, and pour-over coffee waiting at your bedside. Outside, a Nordic spa with sauna and plunge pool, crackling firepits, and a communal lawn invite you to slow down and soak it all in. highcountrymotorlodge.com

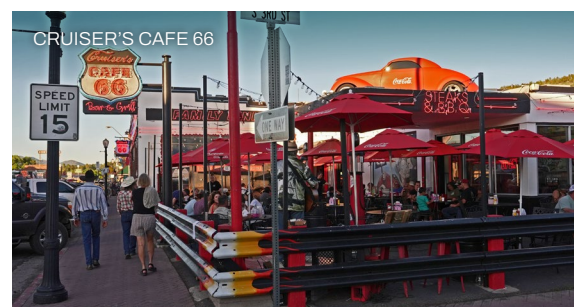
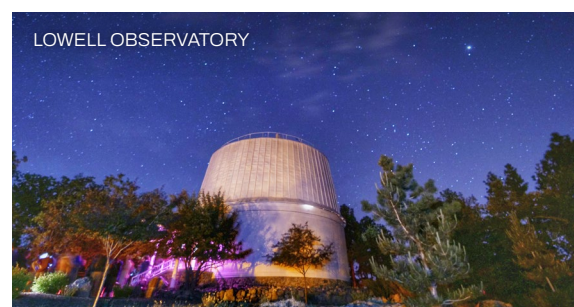
Trailborn Grand Canyon (Williams): Grand Canyon by day, Route 66 by night. Trailborn's design-forward Williams outpost delivers modern comfort wrapped in American West nostalgia, just over 50 miles from the South Rim. Gather around the fire pit, pull up a stool at Miss Kitty's Southwestern bar, or challenge your travel companions to a round of shuffleboard in the Camp Hall. With curated rooms, a seasonal pool, and genuine high-desert hospitality, it is the kind of place that turns a stopover into a highlight. trailborn.com/grand-canyon

Where to dine:

MartAnne's Breakfast Palace is known to locals as "the house that chilaquiles built," and you can get a mountainous platter smothered in chile from sun-up to sun-down. This mother-daughter-run gem serves up classic breakfasts and Mexican fare alongside a generous helping of quirk (the Friday lunch special is available every day, for example). It's a Route 66 don't-miss. martannes.com

Cruise into **Cruiser's Cafe 66** (Williams), right on historic Route 66 in Williams, Arizona, where a charming 1930s filling station has been transformed into a nostalgic diner playground celebrating the golden era of the Mother Road. cruisers66.com

Named after John Steinbeck's nickname for Route 66, **Mother Road Brewing Company** welcomes thirsty travelers into its downtown Flagstaff tasting room and patio. Sip on their limited-release craft beers and snack on barstool classics, like fried chicken, burgers, and pretzel bites. Ask around about the late-night cocktail lounge reportedly tucked behind the taproom, too! motherroadbeer.com



3 DAY THREE – SELIGMAN, KINGMAN & OATMAN

Drive Williams ► Seligman **45 mins**

Drive Seligman ► Kingman **1hr 30 mins**

Drive Kingman ► Oatman **1hr**

What to do

This marks the true beginning of Route 66, 158 miles of uninterrupted original alignment. Bypass Interstate 40 and experience the Mother Road as it was meant to be driven. On your way to **Seligman**, Exit I-40 at Crookton Road (Exit 139).

Just west of Crookton Road, you'll spot the iconic **Burma-Shave sign reproductions**. Read them in sequence (that's the whole point), and you'll get a dose of vintage humor that once lined roads across America:

No need to hurry • No need to race • The best of life • Isn't first place • Burma Shave

Angel & Vilma's Original Route 66 Gift Shop, where Angel Delgadillo, the man who helped save Route 66, still greets visitors most mornings. Then head to **Delgadillo's Snow Cap Drive-In**, a 1953 roadside legend, built from salvaged lumber, with burgers and shakes along with prank menus, fake door handles, and just enough mischief to keep you smiling. From there, wander the strip: quirky shops stacked with Coca-Cola memorabilia, vintage records, road signs, Elvis everything, and enough nostalgia to fill your trunk.

Grand Canyon Caverns: Here, the story doesn't unfold above the road; it drops 200 feet below it. Formed 345-million years ago from an ancient inland sea, these are the largest dry caverns in the U.S., vast, echoing, and completely unlike anything else on your Route 66 drive.

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Hackberry General Store: A classic Route 66 stop: a 1934 trading post with vintage gas pumps out front, and cold drinks waiting inside alongside all the Route 66 souvenirs you didn't know you needed.

explorekingman.com/day-trip-Hackberry-General-Store/

A roadside landmark that doesn't take itself too seriously, **Giganticus Headicus** at Antares Point stands 14 feet tall in the desert near Kingman — an unexpected, whimsical nod to Easter Island with a distinctly Route 66 personality.

In **Oatman**, wild burros roam Main Street like locals. Because they are. Beyond the donkey cameos, you'll find a lively stretch of shops, saloons, and wooden boardwalks that feel straight out of a Western.

Where to stay:

Tin Can Alley (Kingman): Can you get more Route 66 than staying in an Airstream trailer park nestled between an ice cream parlour and a candy shop? Book a refurbished airstream at Tin Can Alley on 66 for high-vintage vibes and some real American road history (the Route 66 Museum is across the street). <https://tincanalleyon66.com/>

Where to dine:

Oatman Hotel Restaurant & Bar (Oatman): Step inside and look up. Yes, those are dollar bills covering the walls and ceiling (and yes, you'll want to add one). This historic hotel-turned-saloon serves up drinks, stories, and a little Hollywood lore, so order a drink, stay awhile, and see who else might be hanging around. nps.gov/places/durlin-hotel.htm

Mr. D's Route 66 Diner (Kingman): Cue the jukebox: you've just stepped into a retro daydream. Housed in a former 1930s gas station, this Route 66 favorite brings the nostalgia with checkerboard floors, neon glow, and classic diner fare done right. Think cheeseburgers, patty melts, shakes, and that must-order root beer float.

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