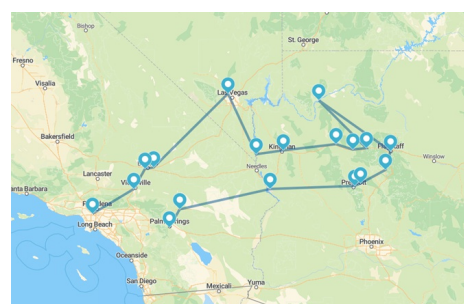




US, 12 Days · Tailor-made by car

West Route 66

Discover the classic "Route 66" through its roadside towns and venture into some of America's most popular national parks. The road trip starts in Palm Springs, the summer residence of many celebrities, and then heads straight into the desert. Visit the famous Joshua Tree National Park, a magnificent landscape blanketed with yuccas. Onward to the Prescott National Forest and the Tonto National Forest before reaching the jaw-dropping Grand Canyon. Round off your trip in Las Vegas, home to mega-casinos, spectacular shows and amazing nightclubs. In between, you'll get to see iconic towns whose glorious past is well worth discovering. This is the case of Prescott, Flagstaff or Williams. Come and join us on this once-in-a-lifetime road trip through the heart of America.



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Departure date: Departures from May 2026 till May 2027

From: Dublin, Shannon, Cork

Travel details

DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - LOS ANGELES - PALM SPRINGS

Flight departure from the city of origin to Los Angeles. Once at Los Angeles Airport, pick up your rental car and head for Palm Springs. And 200 kilometres later you'll be there. The whole Palm Springs area is a mini oasis in the middle of the rugged desert. The city as such sprung to life in the 1950s as the place where Frank Sinatra and other celebrities chose to disconnect from life in Los Angeles. Palm Springs has seen a resurgence in recent times and is now the place to go for chilling out and for enjoying great food, amazing nightlife and some wonderful retail therapy. The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway is also famous for its ten-minute rotation. (Note: Open from 9.00 am to 8.00 pm; \$24 adult / \$17 child). The views are outstanding both in summer and winter, and on the way you'll get to see different areas of vegetation, from desert to mountains. For dinner, you can go to Cheeky's and try the typical Californian food while soaking up its kitsch atmosphere. Overnight stay in Palm Springs.

DAY 2 · PALM SPRINGS - JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK - LAKE HAVASU CITY - PRESCOTT

Today is your first major day at the wheel. This first stretch will cover over 400 kilometres. Leave the city behind and head to Joshua Tree National Park. It stands at an ecological intersection, where the Mojave Desert meets the Colorado Desert. The result is a fascinating landscape dominated by these unique trees (a type of yucca). The park is especially beautiful in spring when the trees are in blossom. This is also when it's full of climbers and hikers. On the way to Prescott you'll pass through Lake Havasu City, a tourist resort that has several beaches and where you can go sailing, hiking or cycling. There's also an indoor water park for families. Arrival in Prescott. For dinner, stop by Lone Spur Café to try out some local specialities. Overnight stay in Prescott.

● DAY 3 · PRESCOTT - PRESCOTT NATIONAL FOREST - SEDONA - FLAGSTAFF

Prescott cherishes more than 500 historic buildings and the oldest rodeo in the world. The famous Whiskey Row, with its legendary saloons, pulls in crowds of tourists for drinks. Thumb Butte is a prominent landmark that can be seen from downtown Prescott. The trail around Thumb Butte is the most popular in Prescott National Forest, a place that features lakes and mountainous areas where you can go climbing, hiking or take part in water sports. Any recommendations? Give yourself about an hour and a half for a walk around Thumb Butte. Once you've finished, you'll only have about 150 kilometres to finish the day off in Flagstaff.

Before arriving in Flagstaff you have to stop at Sedona. From the city of Sedona, the route known as the Red Rock Scenic Byway heads east, taking you to possibly the two most famous rocky mountains in the region, Cathedral Rock and Bell Rock. On top of one of the mountains surrounding Sedona, right next to the city, you will find an interesting spot, the Chapel of the Holy Cross. Although its construction was very controversial, we cannot deny that it has its high points. It is open every day from 09:00 to 17:00 and is free. Climbing from Sedona to Flagstaff you will travel through the Oak Creek Canyon, a valley where the road runs along the river and you will see some of the most beautiful landscapes in the area.

Overnight stay in Flagstaff.

● DAY 4 · FLAGSTAFF - TONTO NATIONAL FOREST / MONUMENT VALLEY - FLAGSTAFF

Flagstaff has a small historic quarter and the city itself still holds memories of its past as a railway station.

It's currently a destination for travellers who want to venture into the Grand Canyon or the Tonto National Forest. Leave the city today to spend the day in the Tonto National Forest, the largest forest in the state of Arizona and one of the largest in the United States.

The Tonto National Forest has a very diverse landscape, switching between mountain and desert. This is partly due to its height differences, with an altitude ranging between 400 and 2,400 metres. This means that more types of activities can be enjoyed, such as leisurely strolls among cactuses or along the peaceful shores of a lake.

Another option, which would require a long but worthwhile detour, would be to visit Monument Valley.

Navajo descendants still live in the park, and it'll be strangely familiar even though you've never been here before. Don't worry, you're not losing the plot. It's all a product of the Western film genre. This was the setting for hundreds of battles between Cowboys and Indians. There's a demanding day on the road ahead, so you should choose whether to do a tour with a Navajo guide or simply stop off and admire the views en route. You'll also recognise this area from "Thelma & Louise" and from when "Forrest Gump" starts his epic run. Just a few kilometres from here, film buffs will love John Ford's Point, a tribute to the director and his westerns.

After the visit, head back to Flagstaff. If you have time, pop to the Museum of Northern Arizona, where you'll find archaeological remains of Native Americans and lots of interesting local history. (Note: The museum is open every day from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm and costs 10 dollars per person. Not included).

Overnight stay in Flagstaff.

DAY 5 · FLAGSTAFF - GRAND CANYON - WILLIAMS

It's good to get up early today and spend as little time as possible on the road, as the Grand Canyon, one of the world's most amazing natural wonders, lies ahead.

After driving through the main entrance, you'll instantly feel at one with nature. Everything is so mind-blowing that at times it can even overwhelm you. By definition, a "canyon" results from the weathering and erosion of the land caused by a river over thousands of years. Here, that definition falls short. The Colorado River has created a true work of art by moulding the land like a potter who creates a work for public enjoyment. You'll arrive first at Grand Canyon Village. (Note: Admission not included. Work out whether the annual pass for all National Parks is actually worth buying, not because you're going to return, but because you might save money just by visiting three different parks). From here, simply hop from viewpoint to viewpoint and take it all in. In fact, you can leave your car parked in the Visitor Center and get carried away literally on one of the free buses that run through the most interesting places in the area. Whatever you fancy. You might not enjoy the freedom of your own vehicle, but you will be able to unwind and know for sure that you're not missing out on anything, especially since there are places that are only open to these buses. There are several lines, so you just have to choose the one that takes your desired route. However, this isn't the only way to visit the Grand Canyon. More and more people are choosing to take a helicopter tour to admire this miracle of nature in all its glory. Just make sure you make the most out of the park and you'll take home some amazing memories. Another option is to hike along some of the signposted trails. That said, find out the average duration of the hikes as they tend to be designed for more than one day. To start rounding off the day, nothing better than admiring the sunset to the west and enjoying a true feast for the eyes. Think that you're experiencing once-in-a-lifetime moments and witnessing one of the world's very best sunsets.

Having taken advantage of the day in this paradise setting, it's time to head towards Williams for tonight's overnight stay. Williams lies on "Route 66" and is known as a gateway to the Grand Canyon. Many tourists take the old mining train to reach the southern part of the Grand Canyon. Take a stroll through the town and make sure you stop at the amazingly decorated Twisters Bar, which will whisk you back to 1950s America. One of the most popular trips in the Grand Canyon is a helicopter ride. It's a unique-in-a-lifetime experience. Watching the sun set over the Grand Canyon is definitely one of the most incredible natural spectacles you can see in the world. There are tours for all tastes: by plane, by helicopter, by raft down the Colorado River, by boat, with or without food, and lots of other activities. Prices start at \$200 per person. (Note: The permission to drive in the Grand Canyon National Park costs \$30, which covers non-commercial private vehicles and all their passengers, or you can get individual access on foot for \$15 per person). You'll need five hours to drive the 215 miles (346 km) from south to north. Having taken advantage of the day in this paradise setting, it's time to head back to Williams.

Overnight stay in Williams.

DAY 6 · WILLIAMS - ASH FORK - SELIGMAN - HACKBERRY - KINGMAN - LAUGHLIN

Over a route of some 230 kilometres, you'll visit some really pretty places before reaching Laughlin. Set off and decide where to stop off en route. Particularly worth visiting is Kingman, a small historic town in Arizona considered to be the heart of "Route 66". You can still perceive the golden years of Route 66, as the town retains many of the diners and restaurants of yesteryear. Stroll through its streets lined with historic houses and visit the Locomotive Park, with examples of the early days of the railroad. Then it's on to the city of Laughlin, on the banks of the Colorado River, where you'll be spending the night. Overnight stay in Laughlin.

DAY 7 · LAUGHLIN - OATMAN - LAS VEGAS

Laughlin is an oasis in the desert created for family fun with hotels, casinos, seasonal events, shopping malls, entertainment venues, water activities and much more. It has the unique attraction of being developed on the banks of the Colorado River, guaranteeing a panorama of mountains, water and desert. Before leaving for Las Vegas, we suggest stopping at Oatman, a picturesque town located about thirty miles southeast of Laughlin. It's an authentic Wild West ghost town with a historic mining area. Then it's around 150 kilometres to Las Vegas. Overnight stay in Las Vegas.

● DAY 8 · LAS VEGAS

Depending on the time you arrived yesterday, you were probably able to tick off some things on your Las Vegas must-do list. Whatever the case, you can start off today by heading down The Strip. You'll bump into hundreds of stag dos trying to emulate the stars of "The Hangover" and dozens of people handing out flyers. Take it easy, as the distances are vast and it'll take some time to get through everything you've highlighted on your map. A map that includes the entire world, as walking along this street will take you to the Eiffel Tower, the Statue of Liberty, the canals of Venice and the pyramids of Egypt. You can enter all the hotels you fancy. All the big ones are worth a visit, so spend as long as you want because they're true works of art. Before heading back to the hotel, you can also watch the water show at Bellagio Casino. Litres and litres of water frolicking to the music with a combination of lights and colours that will mesmerise you. Bellagio isn't the only venue for a free show. Some of the big hotels also have one. Once back at yours, try your luck at the casino or on the slot machines. You'll already have seen that almost everything here is free, but you'll ultimately end up spending more than you had budgeted for. It's normal, don't worry about it. It's difficult to resist the temptations of a city that revolves around money. There are shopping malls and themed shops that are free to enter, but will somehow convince you to buy things and give your credit cards a good outing. What's more, you'll spend so much time in enclosed spaces with artificial daylight that time will simply fly by. You might look at your watch and it's two hours later (or more) than you thought. Take it easy, it's also normal. Before lunch, you can take the typical photo of the sign on the way into the city. It's the must-take photo, but you'll love showing it off when you get home. You can marvel at the sunset from the High Roller Ferris Wheel. It's huge and will let you observe the city from above. Even if you're not a fan of attractions like this, we wholeheartedly recommend it. If you're an adrenaline junkie, make sure you go on the roller coaster at the New York-New York Hotel. When the sun starts to fade, make your way over to Fremont Street. Dotted with the odd decadent casino, its authentic feel will captivate you. As you'll know your Las Vegas dates in advance, we recommend checking out which shows will be on during your time in the city. World-famous music artists or major performing companies such as "Cirque du Soleil" have residencies here. If you look in advance, you might get significant discounts on ticket prices. And good news if you're thinking about saying 'I Do' soon. You can get married while dressed as Marilyn or Elvis at any time of the day. You can say your vows whenever you want, but (unfortunately, or fortunately) they have no legal standing. Overnight stay in Las Vegas.

● DAY 9 · LAS VEGAS - BAKER - YERMO - BARSTOW - BIG GOLD - VICTORVILLE - LOS ANGELES

Get ready for a fairly long trip today (about 400 kilometres). This route has been the scene for several films such as "Star Wars", "Lethal Weapon"; or "Kill Bill Volume 2". Las Vegas sits in the Mojave Desert, so to get out of it you have to cross this desert on a highway with very long straight sections. Quite an experience!

You'll see pocket-sized towns such as Baker, Yermo and Barstow en route, as well some ghost towns that were once mining hotspots.

There's virtually no trace of Route 66 on the whole of this stretch. Only in the town of Oro Grande, land of old gold mines, and in Victorville are there some legacies of the historic route. In the city you can visit the California Route 66 Museum (open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, except Tuesday and Wednesday). Time to leave Victorville to head to Los Angeles.

Overnight stay in Los Angeles.

DAY 10 · LOS ANGELES

LA is the largest city in California and one of the most important metropolises in the whole of America. It includes the city of Los Angeles itself and also Long Beach, Santa Monica, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Malibu. Everything will seem familiar, and you'll soon realise that you recognise the city from the movies. City Hall, for example, is one of the most famous buildings in all of LA for having been the headquarters - among others - of the "Daily Planet," the newspaper where Superman worked. Just around the corner are the Cathedral and the Walt Disney Concert Hall, a spectacular building. And a mere five minutes from here are two of the most typical neighbourhoods in the whole of Los Angeles: Chinatown and Little Tokyo. You'll be transported from the United States to China and Japan in the blink of an eye. Make sure you stroll along the Walk of Fame and look out for the star in honour of your favourite actress or actor, but keep your eyes peeled as you'll have a good chance of bumping into them in the flesh throughout the day. From here, you can make your way over to Beverly Hills. Before arriving at the city's most luxurious neighbourhood, stop off en route at the Sunset Strip for a bit of shopping. If you're a "Pretty Woman" fan, very near here is 9500 Wilshire Blvd the location of the hotel where Julia Roberts and Richard Gere shared a room. Overnight stay in Los Angeles.

DAY 11 · LOS ANGELES - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Night on board.

DAY 12 · CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Palm Springs - Ca.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Palm Springs - Ca.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Prescott - Az.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Prescott - Az.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Flagstaff - Az.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Flagstaff - Az.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Williams - Az.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Williams - Az.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Laughlin - Nv.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Laughlin - Nv.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Las Vegas.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Las Vegas.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Los Angeles.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Los Angeles.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Amount of the supplement for collection and return of the vehicle in a different office.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Electronic Authorization (ESTA/ETA) to enter in US.
- ✗ Resort fee US.
- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Insolvency protection.

Destinations Visited

Palm Springs - Ca



Joshua Tree



Lake Havasu City - Az



Prescott - Az



Prescott Valley - Az



Sedona - Az



Flagstaff - Az



Grand Canyon - Az



Williams - Az



Ash Fork - Az



Seligman - Az



Kingman - Az



Laughlin - Nv



Las Vegas



Yermo - Ca



Barstow - Ca



Metairie - Ca

Los Angeles

Victorville - Ca



Los Angeles



Important remarks

- Tips in US are a common practice.
- Generally in US the accommodation in the triple rooms have two double beds or one double and one single bed and the quadruple accommodation has two double beds.
- Driving in the USA: 1. Overtaking on the right is not only legal but everyone does it. And the sooner you get used to roads with more than five lanes, the better. 2. It is legal (and mandatory) to turn right on a red light when there is a signal to do so. 3. With regard to parking, make sure you check when you can park on the street and never park in front of a fire hydrant (even though there are no signs prohibiting it). If there are lines painted on the road to mark out parking spaces, leave the car right in the middle of them, however huge the gap may seem. Be especially careful in the centre of big cities and don't let the parking meter go over by even one minute (check before paying because there are days of the week or certain times when you don't have to pay). 4. Beware of tolls. They will be indicated with the words toll or turnpike and don't usually have a barrier, so you can drive through them without realising and then receive a fine a few weeks later. Don't drive in FasTrak Only lanes and make sure you have some cash on you, as some tolls are cash-only. 5. Unless you want a ticket and a stern chat from a Highway Patrol Officer, it's best not to drive more than five or ten miles above the maximum speed allowed for the road. If the police end up stopping you, keep your hands on the steering wheel and in sight at all times and don't even think about trying to be funny. 6. We recommend signing up to roadside assistance services and a GPS when you hire a car.
- Consult the entry restrictions and additional requirements for people who have previously traveled to destinations such as Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, etc.
- Hotels may charge a Resort Fee charge that must be paid directly at the destination. The amount can vary between approximately \$15 and \$65 per room per night. This charge is indicative and may be modified depending on the establishment's policy.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- You must give notice that you are going to cross the border while collecting the vehicle. Authorisation may be required to drive through certain countries or areas/states (as is the case in the US and Canada). Depending on the conditions set out in the rental contract and the company hired, you might be charged a surcharge payable at the destination office.