

7-Day Mother Road U.S. Route 66 (Houston Airport Pick-up) Tour (APHC7)

Departure Date : 5/23/2018, 7/8/2018, 8/29/2018, 10/28/2018

Price List

| 1st & 2nd Person | 3rd Person | 4th Person | Single |
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| \$1299/person | \$910 | \$910 | \$1690 |

Departure & Return Information:

| Departure Date | Airport Drop-off Note | End Day |
|----------------|---|-----------|
| 5/23/2018 | O'HARE Airport (ORD) Flight after 19:00 | 5/29/2018 |
| 7/8/2018 | Paid airport drop-off service (below) | 7/14/2018 |
| 8/29/2018, | MIDWAY Airport (MDW) Flight after 19:00 | 9/4/2018 |
| 10/28/2018 | | 11/3/2018 |

- Free Airport Pick-up IAH and HOU (George Bush Intercontinental Airport and William P. Hobby Airport) 9:00AM-10:00PM;
- Paid Pick-up: Available 24hrs, \$100 for the 1st and 2nd guest, \$20 extra per guest starts from the 3rd guest.

Itinerary Highlights

- I. Exclusive tour! Official recommended! Real American culture and the Mother Road, Route 66.
- II. Small size charter group, maximum of 12 people, hotels include breakfast. Depart after breakfast, have a no-rush tour.
- III. Experience driver and tour guide, 1-4 people (minivan, tour guide driver),5-12 people (high roof van, tour guide and driver)
- IV. Learn the spirit of "Cowboy culture", Enjoy the world famous "Rodeo" (Only tour departure on 5/23&8/29)
- V. Gulf of Mexico Dolphins Cruise、 NASA Space Center
- VI. Chicago River Cruise & Lake Michigan
- VII. The Mother Road's landmark, Pontiac.

Visiting : Chicago, Houston, Dallas, San Louis, Springfield, Oklahoma

Itinerary

Day 1 **Hometown-Houston**
Hotel : Crowne Plaza Near Sugar Land or equivalent

Please choose IAH (George Bush Intercontinental Airport) or HOU (William P. Hobby Airport) when you book your flight. Our professional tour guide will meet guests at the baggage claim area for the domestic flight, or at the Passenger Waiting Area for the international flight. Hotel check-in time would be after 3pm, guests arrive before 3pm may secure their luggage to the front desk. You may rest in the lobby or shopping around mall or stores nearby. Our tour guides will have the room keys, terms and conditions for the tour, breakfast voucher (if needed) ready for you.

Day 2

Gulf of Mexico-NASA

Hotel : Crowne Plaza Near Sugar Land or equivalent

Enjoy your breakfast before we start the tour!

We will make our first stop to **Battleship Texas**, took part in some of the most significant naval battles of the 20th century during both world wars. Now docked along the Houston Ship Channel, she serves as a memorial to those turbulent times. Then go **for San Jacinto Monument**, the world's tallest masonry column. It commemorates the decisive battle of the Texas Revolution. Led by General Sam Houston, the Texan Army engaged and defeated General Antonio López de Santa Anna's Mexican army in a fight that lasted just 18 minutes. The monument is 567 feet tall and 17 feet higher than Washington Monument in DC, topped with a Lone Star – the symbol of Texas. The most important part of the day is NASA Space Center. **Dolphin Cruise** in Gulf of Mexico, we bring you up close to view the dolphins in their natural habitat.

We will go to the **Space Center** for Tram tour to Rocket Park, see the control center, astronaut training center, space shuttle. The center features more than 400 space artifacts, permanent and traveling exhibits, attractions and theaters related to the exciting future and remarkable past of America's human space-flight program.

Day 3

Houston-Dallas

Hotel : Radisson Hotel Fort Worth or equivalent

Enjoy your breakfast before we start the tour!

We will follow the path of history to **George W Bush Presidential Library**. The mission of the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum is to preserve and make available for research the official records, personal papers, and artifacts of President George H.W. Bush, to support democracy, promote civic education, and increase historical understanding of U.S. national experience through the life and times of George Bush.

After lunch, we will go for the **Sixth Floor Museum** at Dealey Plaza. The museum examines the life, times, death, and legacy of President John F. Kennedy, and is located at the very spot from which Lee Harvey Oswald, according to four government investigations, shot and killed the President on November 22, 1963. Besides, we will get to the Pioneer Plaza, largest bronze sculpture garden in Dallas.

Then we will head to Fort Worth, visit The Historic Stockyard. Once home to cowboys, cattlemen and outlaws, today the Stockyards National Historic District is one of the most popular attractions in Texas. Day and night, visitors come to the Stockyards to get a taste of the true American West. Our guide will arrange a free time for guests to walk around. After diner, we will enjoy the Stockyards Championship Rodeo (Tours Depart on d 5/23&8/29 Only), the two hours Stockyards Championship Rodeo maintains a strong commitment to visitors looking for an authentic Western Cowboy Experience. The show features bull riding, tie down roping, team roping, barrel racing, bronc riding and break away roping.

Day 4

Oklahoma City - Tulsa

Hotel : Ramada Inn or equivalent

When we reach **Oklahoma City**, we will visit the **National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum**. Here you will learn a lot of knowledge and interesting facts about cowboys and life in the west. A real-size western town is even built inside the museum for you to have direct experience. For lunch, we will go to the Vietnam town in Oklahoma City. Many Vietnamese refugees settled here in 1970s. As time goes by, a lot more immigrants from Southeast Asia moved here as well. There are numerous Asian restaurants that even beat those in their homeland. After lunch we will visit Tulsa, a city boomed by oil exploitation at the end of 19th century. The local tycoon Wait Philips built an Italian-renaissance style mansion after earning huge fortune. The mansion and its garden are now changed into an **art museum**. The collection includes art works from Picasso and many other famous artists. Its garden itself is a must see as well. When we come to the west, don't forget to learn about western culture, often connected with cowboys.

Day 5

St. Louis – Springfield, Illinois

Hotel : Ramada Inn or equivalent

In the morning, we will head for St. Louis, the largest metropolitan area of East Missouri. The city sits by the banks of Mississippi River, the longest river of the country. Located in Central America, St. Louis is right at the geographical center point of the United States. It used to be one of the busiest train transport hubs in the world. It held the 3rd Summer Olympics in 1904. It is also well known for being the beginning point of the **Westward Movement**. Visit the Gateway Arch, a 630-foot monument, is the world's tallest arch, commemorating the striving men during this historical migration and land expansion. Right next to the Arch, it's the beautiful old Cathedral built in 1834. Then we will visit the Forest Park, the most important recreation park for local people. The Missouri History Museum, Saint Louis Zoo, Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis Science Center etc. are all located in the park and are all free to public.

Then we will go to Springfield, hometown of **Abraham Lincoln**, one of the most respected presidents in the United States. We will see his former home where Lincoln lived in for 17 years. Right behind his residence, there is the State Capitol of Illinois, the tallest non-skyscraper capitol building in the United States.

Day 6

Pontiac – Joliet - Chicago

Hotel : Best Western Plus O'Hare International South Hotel or equivalent

U.S. Route 66 (US 66 or Route 66) nicknamed the Mother Road was one of the original highways within the U.S. Highway System. The highway began from Chicago and ran all the way to Santa Monica, California, covering a total of 2,448 miles (3,940 km). We will first visit the crossing of Adams Street and Michigan Avenue, which is the starting point of Route 66. Then we will visit Pontiac, another important destination on Route 66. We will have a guided museum tour through which you can have a comprehensive understanding of the Mother Road. The tour will be guided by the city staff and includes Route 66 Hall of Fame (the largest collection of Route 66 Memorabilia in Illinois), the Pontiac Oakland Automobile Museum (one of the world's greatest and most expansive collections of Pontiac) and the Museum of the Gilding Arts (store signs on Route 66 used to be made of gold! Here you can also learn how to make gold leaf).

We will then stop at Joliet and visit the **Old Joliet Prison Park** where the famous TV series Prison Break was made.

Then we will visit the crossing of Adams Street and Michigan Avenue, which is the starting point of Route 66.

Day 7

Chicago City Tour - Home

Hotel :

This tour will show you the best of Chicago in one day. This is a world's top architecture city with bold architectures. You will take a walk in the **Millennium Park**, a combination of stunning architecture, sculpture and landscape design located in the heart of downtown Chicago; you will see Cloud Gate, the impressive signature urban sculpture and one of the best public spaces that you can find on earth. Take a break at the Clarence Buckingham Memorial Fountain, one of the world's largest artificial fountains. Stroll around the Navy Pier, the former Navy training center, which is the most visited lakeshore park in central United States now. You will also take an exclusive tour of the Chicago Theatre, an exquisite French Baroque style theatre.

Another stop is **Michigan Avenue**, the Magnificent Mile, where the Art Institute of Chicago, Grant Park, the historical Chicago Water Tower, shopping malls and boutique stores are located. To have the best view of this famous city, you will go up to the **360 CHICAGO** which soars 1,000 feet above Lake Michigan and the city's majestic skyline to offer the most breathtaking views of downtown Chicago, the lakefront and four neighboring states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. It newly presents an enclosed, glass and steel moveable platform that tilts outward 304 meters above the Magnificent Mile and safely holds up to eight visitors at a time, which will be another thrilling experience for whom like to challenge themselves. As the birthplace of skyscrapers, Chicago has a skyline bristling with skyscrapers. Chicago River flows backwards from Lake Michigan and is lined up with best architecture in town: the corn-cob shaped Marina City buildings, Trump Tower, Willis Tower etc. Take our river cruise to enjoy the beautiful urban view of Chicago.

Special Remarks

Scenic Spots Notes:

1. Itinerary will be subject to traffic and weather. The sequence of the attractions might be changed according to actual and practical situation for better service.
2. In case of attraction closures (due to holidays or construction etc.), tour guide may make some necessary changes to the itinerary accordingly.
3. This tour doesn't accept any City Pass or your own tickets for the attractions. Guests must purchase admission tickets from tour guides.

Refund Policy:

1. If the weather condition, war, general strikes and other unforeseen circumstances interrupt the journey, our company reserve the right to rearrange the journey without refunding the tour fee.
2. If visitors cannot join the tour because of personal reason, the fee for hotels and transportation is not refundable.

Tour fee notes:

1. Tour fee only includes transportation & hotel.
2. Tour fee excludes the meals, attractions tickets, service fee (\$10/person/day), and any private expenses (such as hotel telephone charges, laundry etc.).

Attraction Admission List

| Attraction | Adult | Senior (65+) | Children (3-12) |
|---|---------|--------------|-----------------|
| Chicago Night Tour | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$15.00 |
| 360 Chicago (incl. Tilt) | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$18.00 |
| Chicago River Cruise | \$35.00 | \$32.00 | \$21.00 |
| The Chicago Theater | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | \$10.00 |
| The Art Institute of Chicago | \$25.00 | \$19.00 | Free(under14) |
| Route66 museum complex | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$15.00 |
| Philbrook Museum of Art | \$9.00 | \$7.00 | free |
| National Cowboy % Western Heritage Museum | \$12.50 | \$9.75 | \$5.75(6-12) |
| Dolphin Sightseeing Tour | \$13.80 | \$13.80 | \$9.20(2-11) |
| NASA | \$29.95 | \$27.95 | \$24.95 (4-11) |

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| Stockyard Championship Rodeo | \$23.50 | \$17.50 | \$13.50(3-12) |
| George W Bush Library | \$19 | \$16(62+) | \$13(5-12) \$17(13-17) |
| Sixth Floor Museum | \$16 | \$14 | \$13(6-18) |

Price and schedule are subject to seasonal change without notice