

A Few of the Best Road Trips in the USA

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If there's one travel bucket list experience that our home country of the United States is best for, it's road trips: from small towns to big cities, from mountain ranges to deserts, from forests to plains, and from sea to shining sea, there is no shortage of epic road trips in the USA.

We've taken USA road trips in about half of the 50 states ourselves (and hope to finish them all off one day), but for this Great American road trips blog post, we asked fellow travel bloggers to share some of their favorites—and they delivered with an enormous variety of USA road trip itinerary ideas, from weekend trip options to weeks-long excursions.

Quick Tips for Your USA Road Trip

If you're renting a car, shop around. The best company to rent a car from for your road trip will likely vary dramatically depending on where and when you're traveling. Sometimes large international carriers offer the best prices, sometimes local outfits. Sometimes one company has an excellent base price, but terrible rental requirements.

Make sure you pack the right gear. From safety gear to snacks to clothing, a big road trip requires bringing the right stuff along, whether you're taking a short vacation, diving into van life, or somewhere in between.

If possible, stop in at least one national park! Our home country is filled with an enormous number of interesting and beautiful places, but perhaps none shine quite as brightly as our national park system.

So with all that said and done, let's start our journey on the iconic:

Route 66



Route 66 is the quintessential American road trip, inspiring songs, movies, and novels. Starting in Chicago and ending in Santa Monica, **Route 66** passes through nine states: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and California. Some of the best things to do on the route are enjoying the kitschy 1950s motels, gas stations, and restaurants that harken back to the days of the Great American Road Trip. You'll also find roadside attractions like the Catoosa Whale, **Cadillac Ranch**, and the Twin Arrows that are must-sees. If you want to enjoy some nature along the way, you can visit the **Grand Canyon** or the Petrified Forrest National Park.

Michigan



When considering the best road trips in America, the Great Lakes are often overlooked in favor of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts—but for a magnificent summer road trip through one of the USA's hidden gems, head to northern Michigan.

Denver to Yellowstone Loop



Starting from Denver, you can easily craft a fantastic road trip plan. USA national parks are in abundance in the west, but from Denver, you can hit three of the most legendary in short order: Rocky Mountain National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and the ever-popular Yellowstone National Park.

Oregon Coast



Because of its simple route and beautiful coastal scenery, the Oregon Coast is the most popular west coast road trip in the state. If you start at the north end closer to Portland, you will pass the iconic bridges of Astoria, and also a major artistic hub for film and movies

Once you reach the city of Seaside, take in the views where the Lewis and Clark expedition completed their journey to the Pacific Ocean. While you stop to relax on the beachfront, be sure to head to Cannon Beach for a look at Haystack Rock.

Miami to Key West



If you're looking for a tropical road trip, consider making the **drive from Miami to Key West**. On this U.S. road trip, you'll travel through the islands that make up the Florida Keys on the "Overseas Highway." It's said to be one of the best road trips in the country!