

# Route 66 Turns 100 This Year: How to Take a Family Road Trip on This Iconic Drive



Route 66 is a tribute to America’s past—a way to show our kids the people and places that make up this country. The drive is made of long stretches of prairie, dry scrubland, and towering Ponderosa pines. There are kitschy attractions frozen in time, from teepee-shaped motels to the towering Gemini Giant and the World’s Largest Catsup Bottle. Affectionately nicknamed “The Mother Road,” it’s fitting that generations of families have traveled along it, including mine just this year.

With Route 66 approaching its 100th anniversary, there’s no better time to experience it as a family. **Here’s what to know and how to plan your family road trip down Route 66.**

## Can you offer additional Route 66 family-friendly hotel suggestions?

These family-friendly hotels are along the route. Ask if they have Route 66 packages (many do!), and how they accommodate families:

**OKANA Resort and Indoor Waterpark** in Oklahoma City, a \$400 million resort recently included in TIME’s list of the World’s Greatest Places 2026. Also in Oklahoma City, **The Skirvin Hilton** features 225 modern guest rooms and is the number one pick on TripAdvisor.

