

## Across the USA from West to East Coast

### Coast to Coast 2010

Guided Hog-Tour with German, Italian and French speaking guides

**Date 02.Nov. 2010- 20.Nov.2010**

A Harley biker's dream comes true. Riding on a Harley Davidson from Los Angeles, California to Orlando, Florida, crossing 8 U.S. states and being on the road for 3380 miles. We will see and ride on the "Mother Road" Route 66, seeing all kinds of different landscapes from beautiful mountains down to the desert and the sea.

A very exciting, unforgettable experience is waiting for you!

**Day 1:** Flight from Europe to Los Angeles, check-in at the hotel. Afterwards we'll have dinner. While having some drinks, we can talk about our next days on the road.

**Day 2:** Los Angeles – Victorville -123 miles (199 km)

#### California

After checking and packing our Harleys we take highways out of Los Angeles to Burbank where the first highlight starts: the Angels Crest, a beautiful road through the mountains of L.A. with a lot of bends and great views. Then we take the US 138 and US 15 to Victorville, where we will spend the first night.

**Day 3:** Victorville – Needles – Route 66 – 197 miles (319 km)



The Route 66 experience begins. From Victorville on the National Trails Highway to Barstow, US 15 and US 40 to Dagget, US 66, and then we will alternate between US 40 and US 66, depending on the road conditions of the Mother Road to Stedman. Again Route 66 to Amboy, where the legendary Roy's Cafe is located, continuing on

US 66 along the Mojave National Preserves from Goffs to the Arrowhead Junction, US 95 and US 40 to Needles, our second night. There we will breathe the historic air of the Mother Road for the first time.



#### Day 4: Needles – Kingman – Seligman – Flagstaff

The best part of the Route 66 – 155 miles (251 km)

Again US 40 to Topock. Some miles before Topock we cross the Border to

#### Arizona.

Then we enter the old Route 66 to Oatman. This small village was always good for a stop of Route 66 bikers. A Western town with cowboys, wild donkeys on the road and the flair of a Wild West movie. From Oatman we will cross the Sitegreaves Pass in the Black Mountains and reach Kingman. Looking around for a little while here and there and again entering the Mother Road to „Hackberry General Store“.

During the „66“-times it was a general merchandise store from „Mr. Roy (Bob) Waldmire“, nowadays it's a kind of Route 66 Museum. Museum may be too much, it's a store completely full of Route 66 souvenirs, original relicts of that time, just everything belonging to the legendary Route 66.

Even the restrooms are full with that old stuff and at the men's restroom you will find hundreds of pin-up-pictures.

In front of the store there is an old gas station, in the backyard and all over the place you will find old cars, advertise items from that time, old vending machines and much more...



Later, if we still have enough time we could visit the Grand Canyon Caverns <http://www.desertusa.com/mag99/feb/stories/gccaverns.html>. It is near the US 66 on the right. After a short distance you will see a huge „ghastly, awesome“ artificial dinosaur, which leads you to the entrance. You will take an elevator about 65 meters down to the cave system where you will see a bizarre variety of shapes. Just by accident a young lumberjack discovered the cave in 1927, he was thinking and hoping to find some gold there. Our next stop on this great part of the Route 66 is Seligman. That's the soul of the Route 66. Famous because of Angel Delgadillo, a charter member of the Route 66 association, who made the maintenance and the support of the Mother Road to the goal of his life. It was a pity that we couldn't meet him , when we were there in April 2009. He is over 80 years old and his health situation was not the best at that time.



Everywhere you will find relicts of that legendary era, Delgadillo's barbershop, a lot of antique cars, shops and restaurants in the style of the Sixties and last but not least „The Historic Seligman Sundries“, where there are very nice people and the owner brews the best espresso and cappuccino for 200 miles.



Dining in a 60's diner and then to the „World famous Black Cat Club“. Summing up we have to say, if you want to get a feeling about the Mother Road, stay overnight in Flagstaff.



**Day 5:** The Grand Canyon Loop – 196 miles (317 km)

From Flagstaff we take the US 64 and cross the Grand Canyon National Park until Hermits Rest – South Rim. There we will have an outstanding and breath-taking view to the Grand Canyon. The US 180 leads us back to Flagstaff where we'll spend the night again.

**Day 7:** Flagstaff – Scottsdale – 190 miles (308 km)

Leaving Flagstaff on the US 89. We cross the Red Rocks and the Slide Rock Canyon before entering Sedona.

One stop will be Montezuma Well National Monument and the Montezuma Castle Monument [www.nps.gov/moca/](http://www.nps.gov/moca/).

After that we will have a nice ride on the US 260 and the US 87, passing the

McDowell Mountains til we reach Scottsdale. In this town we will spend the night.

**Day 8:** Scottsdale – Tombstone – 228 miles (370 km)

Leaving Scottsdale on the US 60 to Superior and taking a right southbound on the US 177 and at Winkelman taking US 77. We pass Tucson, US 10 and the US 80 to Tombstone. These towns have the image of the real Wild West as we know it from the movies. In Tombstone [www.cityoftombstone.com](http://www.cityoftombstone.com), an old western town, there is a lot to see and to visit: the Allan Street with its historic buildings, the Crystal Palace Saloon, the Boothill Graveyard and all kinds of museums about the Wild West. More or less you will find everything that you can imagine about Western Movies and the real Wild West.

**Day 9:** Tombstone – El Paso – 268 miles (435 km)

Today we will be on the road a little bit longer. We leave Tombstone on US 80, pass Douglas (on the Mexican Border) and cross between Apache and Rodeo the border to

**New Mexico.**

US 19, along the Mexican border, passing Columbus to El Paso.

Some Miles before El Paso we'll cross the border to

**Texas.**

El Paso is also a town with a lot of Western history and for sure a lot to see. We will have some time for sightseeing and we'll also spend the night here.

**Day 10:** El Paso – Alpine – 232 miles (376 km)

We leave El Paso on US 10 along the Rio Grande River, pass Van Horn, go southbound on the US 118, shortly before Fort David National Historic Site

<http://www.nps.gov/foda/> we will have a nice and bendy road again. From here Alpine will be another 26 miles to drive. We will discover the town and spend the night there.

**Day 11:** Alpine – Del Rio – 210 miles (341 km)

US 67, US 90 and then marathon. Sometimes we will see the Rio Grande River on the south side and then we cross the Rio Pecos River. Shortly after that, we will visit the Seminole National Park [http://www.stateparks.com/seminole\\_canyon.html](http://www.stateparks.com/seminole_canyon.html) Again following US 90 we cross a huge artificial lake, the International Amisted Reservoir <http://www.nps.gov/amis/>, after some miles we will reach our final destination of today

→Del Rio <http://tourtexas.com/content.cfm?id=25>.

Del Rio is located at the Mexican border. The other border town on the Mexican side is called Ciudad Acuna and offers a lot of historic sites. A visit there and a nice Mexican dinner are waiting for us.

**Day 12:** Del Rio – San Antonio – 156 miles (250 km)

Today we are under the 186 miles (300 km) limit and we can take our time...

We leave Del Rio on US 90 through Brackettville, Uvalde, Castrovilla to San Antonio. We will spend the night at the Best Western Riverwalk. There is a lot of nightlife in this area ... <http://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com/>

**Day 13:** San Antonio – Houston – 208 miles (335 km)

Now we will come to the flat lands, out of San Antonio westbound on the US 10. In Seguin we change for a smaller highway, US 90-alt over Rosenberg, Richmond to Houston.

Houston, the heart of Texas, let's see what this town has to offer.

**Day 14:** Houston – New Iberia – 211 miles (394 km)

We follow US 10 and cross the San Jacinto River. This river turns into a big artificial lake here Near Winnie we follow some smaller roads, US 73 east etc.

At Port Arthur we cross Sabine Lake on US 82 and at the same time the border to

**Louisiana.**

Some more miles and we will see the Gulf of Mexico, at Holly Beach we take US 27, then again US 82. We pass White Lake to Abbeville, eastbound on US 14 until we reach Brannon – New Iberia.

**Day 15:** New Iberia – New Orleans – 137 miles (220 km)

Let's get up early to get to New Orleans as soon as possible, THE TOWN of the American jazz! US 90, US 182, US 90 to Morgan City, then passing the Lac des Allemands and after a while we will see the Mississippi River on our left hand-side, the first sign that shows New Orleans is not far away. Arriving, checking-in to the hotel and out for the jazz- and nightlife of New Orleans...

**Day 16:** New Orleans – Fort Walton Beach – The Southern States – 252 miles (406 km)

We take US 10 along the Lake Pontchartrain and cross this river on a huge bridge, then US 90 leaving Louisiana and entering

**Mississippi**

We pass St.-Louis Bay and drive towards the Gulf of Mexico. Biloxi, Ocean Springs and Pascagoula. There we leave the Sea again on US 10. Some more miles and we are entering

**Alabama**

After Mobile and Daphne we take US 98 along Mobile Bay, the Dixie Road and over the Perdido Bay, crossing the border to our last state

**Florida**

Following the coast line we will reach our goal for the day, Fort Walton Beach. Relaxing and enjoying beach life - that is the motto of today!

**Day 17:** Fort Walton Beach – Tallahassee – 197 miles (253 km)

On US 98 we will follow the coast line of the Gulf of Mexico and take US 79 near the West Bay. Then we pass Lake Talquin on US 20 til we reach Tallahassee. Let's see what we can do in Tallahassee?

**Day 18:** Tallahassee – Orlando – 263 miles (424 km)

Our last day on the road, crossing another border and finally reaching Florida. We leave Tallahassee on US 363 and turn onto US 98 at Newport and at Perry onto US 19 leaving the Gulf of Mexico onto the „Gulf to Lake Highway“ – US 44. Again on both sides a lot of lakes , reaching „Florida's Turn Pike“, a toll road leading us to Orlando where we return our bikes. Taxi to the Best Western Airport Hotel nearby and afterwards an „old tradition“: to finish the day in a relaxed atmosphere, we will have our dinner in the Outback Restaurant, an Aussie restaurant with good food and good drinks.

**Day 19:** we say goodbye to Florida and the U.S. and will take the airplane back home.

Wow! We can look back to 5.451 km on US highways and through 8 U.S. states. We have seen mountains, flatlands, deserts, interesting cities, a tiny part of Mexico and one of the nicest parts of the Route 66. What a trip!

*The following services are included in the package.*

- Airfare from all major European airports including taxes
- 18 days Coast to Coast trip with a Harley-Davidson® Big Twin
- all transfers
- 18 days Harley-Davidson® rental including miles, saddlebags and helmets
- VIP+ insurance without excess (exc. theft)
- 18 nights in middle class hotels or motels including breakfast and taxes
- professional german, french and italian speaking tour guides
- support vehicle with spare bike and for additional luggage
- sales tax
- environmental surcharge
- parking fees at the hotels during the tour
- Insolvency insurance

**Not inclusive:**

- Drinks, personal expensis
- Vacation insurance as well as Trip resignation costs -, Baggage
- Vacation accident -, Trip liability – Trip health insurance (we gladly offer )
- Fuel and oil

Prices for guided tour "Coast to Coast"

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| Price per person two persons in a double room and two bikes     | 4.295. -Euro |
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