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April 27, 2018 to May 5, 2018 Starting at the Gold Strike in Jean NV



APRIL 27 TO MAY 6, 2018

OPEL NATIONALS APRIL 28, 2018





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## Schedule

#### Friday April 27: Meet and greet at the Gold Strike Hotel Jean NV.

- Arrive at the Gold Strike and check in.
- Parking your Opel in a secure area.
- The Gold Strike has an area in the NE Parking Lot for our Opel's to park
- Meeting area on Friday will be in the Opel parking area and inside the Hotel around the Movie Car Collection.
- Distribution of road trip map booklets and T-Shirt, Hat sales

# Saturday April 28: Opel Nationals

- 10am to 4pm Opel parking lot.
- · Peoples choice judging
- · Special award selection
- Distribution of road trip booklets and T-Shirt, hat sales
- 4:30pm Awards and Pre-Road Trip planning meeting.(DO NOT MISS!)
- 7:00 or after meeting, head into Las Vegas for dinner. TBD

# Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>: Day 1 Road Trip

- Breakfast
- Check out. Be ready to leave The Gold Strike between 10 am to 11 am
- Short drive to Hoover Dam
- Photo shoot as well as video
- Optional Hoover Dam tour Cost:
- Optional, do not do Hoover Dam tour and head to Kingman and the Route 66 museum.
- Check in to motel/hotel
- Dinner in Kingman. Cracker Barrel and Golden Coral both walking distance from the La Quinta and Hampton Inn.



# Schedule continued ...

## Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>. Day 2 Road Trip

- Breakfast
- Check out
- Be ready to head to Historic Route 66 between 9:00 am and 10:00 am
- Drive Historic Route 66 into Seligman.
- Take HWY 40 East into Historic Williams for lunch and shopping.
- Head North towards the Grand Canyon South Rim visitor center.
- Options: stop at the Planes of Fame Museum and or the Bedrock Gift shop in Route to the Grand Canyon.
- Grand Canyon (Entrance Fee required)
- After viewing the Grand Canyon from the South Rim, head east to the parking area/ vista point around mile marker 6 for breathtaking group photo. Be there between 3:30 to 4:00 to set up shot
- Enjoy the desert view vista point before exiting the park.
- Continue on to Tuba City
- Check in to Hotel / Motel
- Dinner at the Hogan Restaurant in front of the Quality Inn from 6:00 to 10:00. If the Hogan is too full, Denny's next to the Moenkopi Legacy Inn

## Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>. Day 3 Road Trip

- Breakfast
- Check out
- Be ready to head to four corners between 9:00 am and 10:00 am
- Head towards Kayenta. There are gas stations as well as Native American roadside markets to enjoy.
- Continue to Four Corners (\$3 admission)
- Continue to Mesa Verde Colorado, (\$10 to \$15 fee)
- Continue to Durango.
- Check into Hotel / Motel
- Dinner



# Schedule continued ...

## Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Day 4 Road Trip

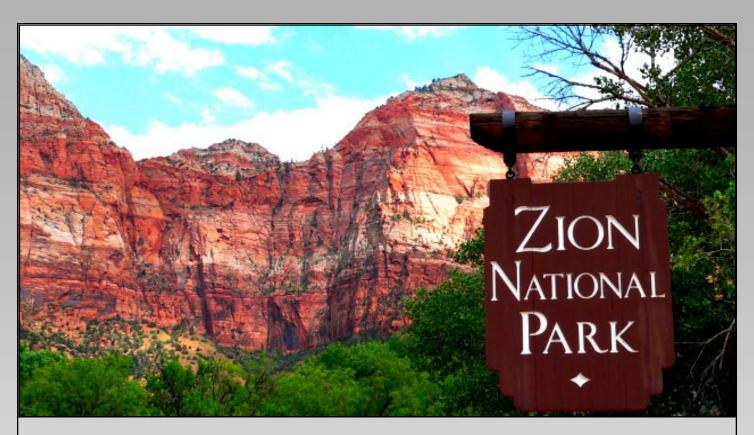
- Breakfast
- Options: Take the narrow gauge train to Silverton or take a day off to rest, or shop or both. Or drive the million dollar highway way up high in the Southern Rocky Mountains.
- If you take the train to Silverton, you may want to take the bus from Silverton to Durango to save some time.
- Dinner

# Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Day 5 Road Trip

- Breakfast
- Check out
- Meet at 10:00 am to head out towards Monument Valley, or make your own departure schedule to head towards Monument Valley.
- Group Photo preparation at 4:00 pm. Group Photo will be taken at Sunset. Do NOT miss this Photo Shoot! There will be enough time as the sun sets to get GREAT pictures.
- Drive to Kayenta.
- Check in to Hotel / Motel
- Dinner

# Friday May 4th. Day 6 Road Trip

- Breakfast
- Check Out
- Be ready to head out towards Zion National Park between 9:00am and 10:00 am.
- Page is a good place to stop to food, shopping etc.. before arriving in to Glen Canyon. Optional: visit Glen Canyon, walk the bridge, visit the visitors center.
- Lunch in Kanab, fill up gas tank.
- Continue into Zion east entrance (fee required).
- Dinner at Cracker Barrel near La Quinta in St. Georges.



# Schedule continued ...

# Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>. Day 7 Road Trip

- Breakfast
- Check out
- Return to Zion to take the bus tour and explore Zion National Park Saturday morning until early afternoon.
- Leave enough time to get back to the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas by dinner time at 6:00 pm
- Travel time from St. Georges to Las Vegas is approximately 2 hours.
- Dinner at the Buffet at the Orleans Hotel. Recap of trip. Picture show.
- Story sharing time.

Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Farewell and safe journeys home.



# Friday April 27 2018 [check in]



# The Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall

www.goldstrikejean.com Reservations: 1-800-634-1359

1 Main Street Jean, NV 89019

Room Rates: \$70.00 a night average for a weekend

- The Gold Strike Hotel & Gambling Hall has one of the larger parking lots in the Las Vegas area.
- This allows us to hold our car show with relative ease.
- We can also use this space to keep the potential tow vehicles and trailers at this starting and finishing point. That is if you are booked at the Gold Strike.
- It has both a massive Hotel with plenty of rooms at a fantastic rate with No Resort Fees!
- The Gold Strike has a just a few dinning options. Therefore we will go off site for Dinner Saturday after the pre-road trip planning meeting is over
- We have booked a meeting room to meet and have a comfortable awards location and pretrip meeting.
- It is a bit away from the airport for those having to fly in or out. However, Airport access off HWY 15 is better than trying to get in and out from downtown Las Vegas.
- It is still close enough to the Las Vegas strip to allow you to get away and explore to your hearts content.
- If you need more time to have fun in Las Vegas, use the Gold Strike as your base and come a few days early, or stay an extra day after. Week day rates are as low is \$49 a night. Use the code "Opel GT"



# **About Las Vegas!**

Las Vegas has so much to offer that I will just scratch the surface with what is written below. It's much more than just gambling, however, gambling built this city. There is so much eye candy everywhere you look it can be quite amazing.

I highly recommend exploring the Caesar's Palace and all the shops with in the labyrinth of this huge place. Be careful not to get lost.

Walk past the water fountains and artificial erupting volcanoes as you head towards the Mirage. Cross the street to the Venetian and explore all the beauty and shops the Venetian and Palazzo have to offer.

Next door at the Wynn, check out the Ferrari store and collection down stairs. There is also a Ferrari gift shop to boot. Check out the restaurants or shows that are presented there. At the far end of town is the Fremont street experience. And at the opposite end is the Luxor, Excalliber, New York New York Cosmopolitan and MGM right off Tropicana a few short miles from the Orleans, There is also an In-and-Out burger on Tropicana on the way to the Orleans from the strip.

Off of the strip, Las Vegas offers loads of stores, shopping and restaurants for the locals, that are more reasonably priced than on the strip.

Like I said, I have only scratched the surface of what Las Vegas has to offer.

There is so much to do and see, I can only suggest spending a day or two extra to get to know this place, If you have time, book one of the many amazing shows these upscale hotels have to offer.

# Saturday - April 28th, 2018: Opel Nationals

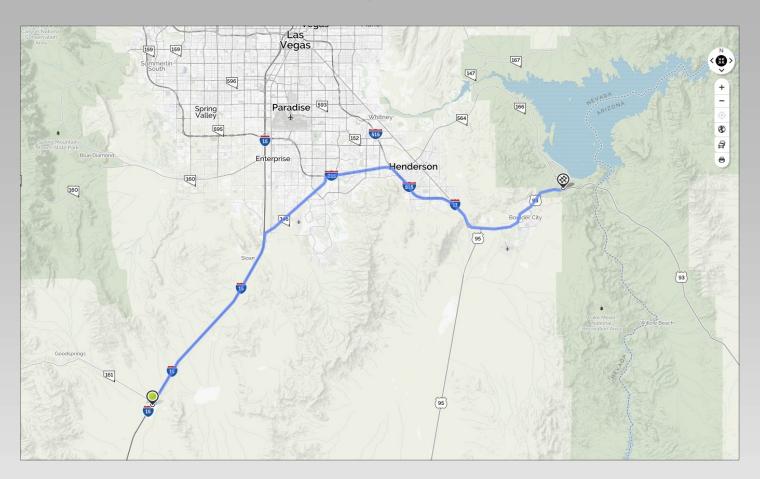


This image is from the Opel Nationals 2013 in Springfield, IL "Route 66, Mother Road Car Show". This years will be in Las Vegas! We will be traveling on the other side of the famous "Old Route 66" as part of the 50GT road trip. Come out and meet other Opel fans from around the world and make new friends on this once in a lifetime event!



# [Road Trip Maps: Sunday April 29th - Day 1]

# Gold Strike - Jean, NV to Hoover Dam



## YOUR ROUTE PLAN

Total Route: 46 min - 43 miles

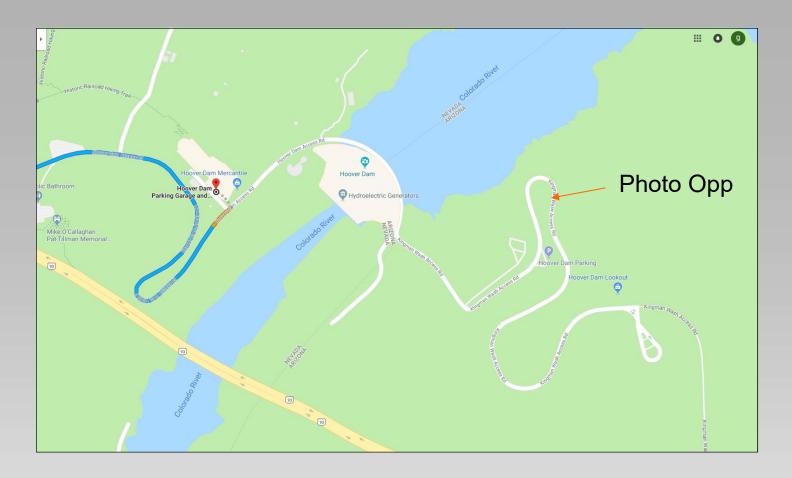
Leaving The Gold Strike Hotel & Casino: Take I-15 North to NV-146/St Rose Pkwy Exit. (Exit 27)

Merge onto Saint Rose Pkwy/NV-146 toward Henderson/Boulder City. Merge onto I-215 E toward Henderson/Lake Mead

Merge onto US-93 S via EXIT 1 toward Boulder City. Turn left onto Highway 93/US -93 S. Continue to follow US-93 S.

Meet at Hoover Dam Parking Garage and Visitors Center: 81 Hoover Dam Access Rd, Boulder City, AZ 89005

After a brief stop at the visitors center, we'll organize a photo opp with our Opels on the other side of the dam. \* **See** the next map



Detailed info to follow the stop at Hoover Dam

Tours are available for those who wish to participate

Group photos will be taken at Hoover Dam

Stay tuned for more info to follow!

We want to make the most of this opportunity to get some amazing pictures and video of our Opels driving across the Hoover Dam. There is a large parking area on both the Arizona and Nevada sides of the Dam. During our Saturday meeting, we will plan the photo and video shoot and coordinate a plan to make the most of this amazing location. Be a part of this once in a lifetime event, even if you are just there for the first weekend!



## **Hoover Dam**

Hwy 93 at the Nevada-Arizona state border 702-494-2517

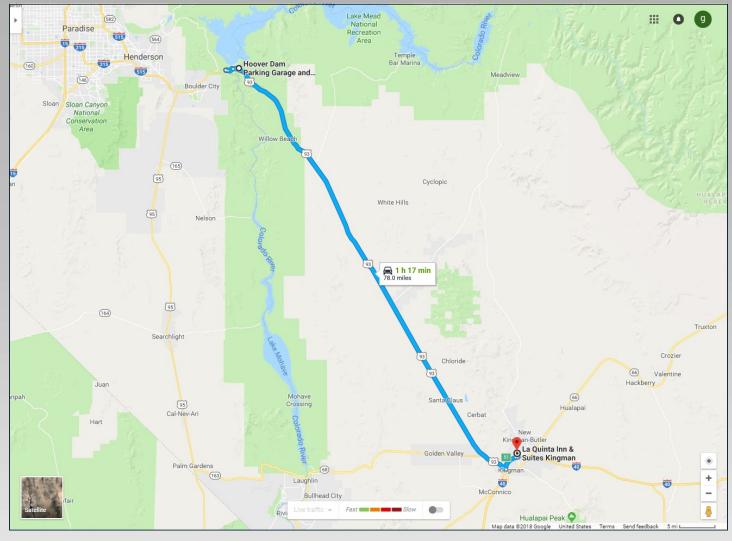
www.usbr.gov/lc/hooverdam

There is a parking fee for the visitor center on the Nevada side. There are no drones allowed for filming at this location. There is very strict security check to get into the Hoover Dam area.

The tour also has a modest fee and is well worth the price of admission.

History: Completed in 1936, this mighty dam on the Arizona-Nevada border created Lake Mead, which has 700 miles of shoreline. The 726ft concrete structure was the Colorado River's first major dam. It's graceful curve and art-deco style contrasts superbly with the stark landscape.

Guided Tour options include the 30 minute power plant tour or the more in depth, one hour Hoover Dam tour. Tickets for both are sold at the visitor center. If you're interested in history and construction facts, spring for the longer tour. Tickets for the power plant tour can also be purchased online. Parking at the site is an additional \$7.



# Hoover Dam Parking Garage and Visitors Center to Kingman, AZ 81 Hoover Dam Access Road

Get on US-93 South from Hoover Dam Access Road and NV-172

Merge onto US-93 heading South (You'll quickly enter Arizona)

Head South on US-93 to Kingman, AZ (approx. 75 miles)

Take Stockton Hill Road in Kingman. Take exit 51 from I-40 East / US-93 South.

Drive to Hotel Way. La Quinta Inn & Suites is at: 3419 Hotel Way, Kingman, AZ



## **Leaving The Orleans in Las Vegas on 1st leg:**

Start out going east on W Tropicana Ave toward Rogers St.

Then 1.18 miles



Take the I-15 S ramp toward I-215 E/County Hwy-215 W/Los Angeles. Then 0.78 miles



Keep left to take the ramp toward I-215/County Hwy-215/I-15. Then 1.30 miles

Keep right to take the I-215 E ramp toward Henderson. Then 0.51 miles

Merge onto I-215 E via the ramp on the left toward McCarran Airport. Then 11.01 miles

Merge onto US-93 S via EXIT 1 toward Boulder City.

Then 12.02 miles



Stay straight to go onto Nevada Way. Then 0.69 miles

Stop #1: Hoover Dam Visitors Center—443 NEVADA WAY is on the left.

2nd leg: 31 min - 27.48 miles

Start out going northeast on Nevada Way toward Hotel Plz.

Drive 1.15 miles

Turn right onto US Highway 93/US-93 S. Continue to follow US-93 S (Crossing into Arizona).

Drive 75.71 miles



Stay straight to go onto W Beale St/US-93 Bus S. Drive 0.29 miles

Turn slight right onto W Andy Devine Ave/US-93 Bus S. Drive 0.18 miles

Stop #2: Route 66 Museum in Kingman, AZ 120 W ANDY DEVINE AVE is on the left.





# Kingman Arizona

Founded in the heady 1880's railway days, Kingman is a quiet place today. The Visitor center is at the western end of Kingman, in a 1907 powerhouse. The building also holds the small but engaging Route 66 Museum. Which has a great historical overview of the Mother Road.

#### Route 66 Museum

120 W. Andy Devine Ave Kingman, AZ 928-753-9889 www.kingmantourism.org

Other points of interest are the former Methodist church at 5<sup>th</sup> and spring St. where Clark Gable and Carole Lombard tied the knot. In Kingman, Route 66 is also called Andy Devine Ave, named after the hometown hero who acted in Hollywood classics like Stagecoach, in which he played the perpetually befuddled stagecoach driver.

Old Kingman is a bit sketchy. We will be staying in the newly developed Kingman to the east. The La Quinta and Hampton Inn are pretty new. There is a Super Walmart and plenty of shopping and Restaurants with in walking distance. There is a Starbucks a short drive up the road if you feel the need.

About Kingman, AZ continued ...

# Monday, April 30th: Leaving Kingman, AZ on 1st Leg of the day:

1. Start out from La Quinta: 3419 Hotel Way going South on Hotel Way.

#### Drive 0.00 miles

2, Turn left

#### Drive 0.09 miles

3. Turn right onto Stockton Hill Rd / County Hwy-20.

#### Drive 0.49 miles

4. Merge onto I-40 E. via the ramp on the left toward Flagstaff / Phoenix.

#### Drive 70.76 miles

5. Take the I-40 Bus Logo exit, Exit 123, toward AZ-66 / Seligman.

#### Drive 0.28 miles

6. Turn left onto I-40 Bus Loop W.

#### Drive 1.34 miles

7. Turn left onto E. Highway 66

#### Drive 0.00 miles

## Leg #2 of the day: to Seligman / via Route 66

This leg: 1 hour 1 minute—72.97 miles

1. Start out going North on E Highway 66 toward W I-40 Business Loop I-40

#### Drive 0.00 miles

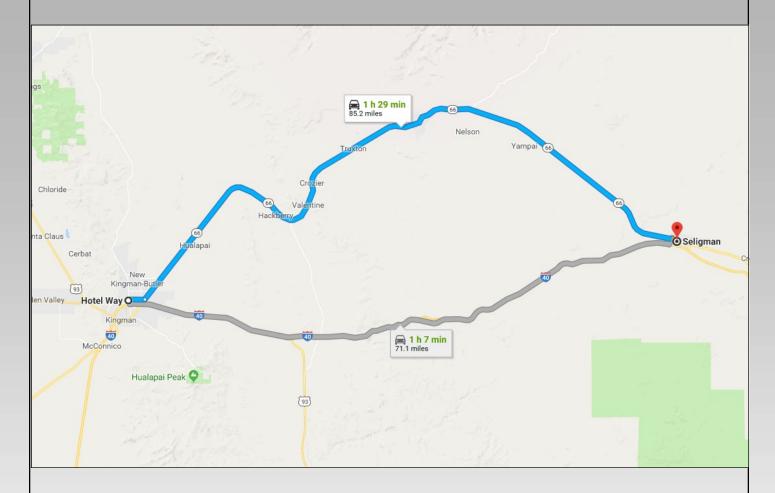
2. Turn right onto West I-40 Business loop East. Continue to follow I-40 Bus Loop East.

#### Drive 1.34 miles

3. Merge onto I-40 East / Purple Heart Trail via the ramp on the left toward Flagstaff

#### Drive 39.85 miles

# [Road Trip Maps: Monday, April 30th - Day 2]



# Kingman, AZ to Seligman via (Old Route 66)

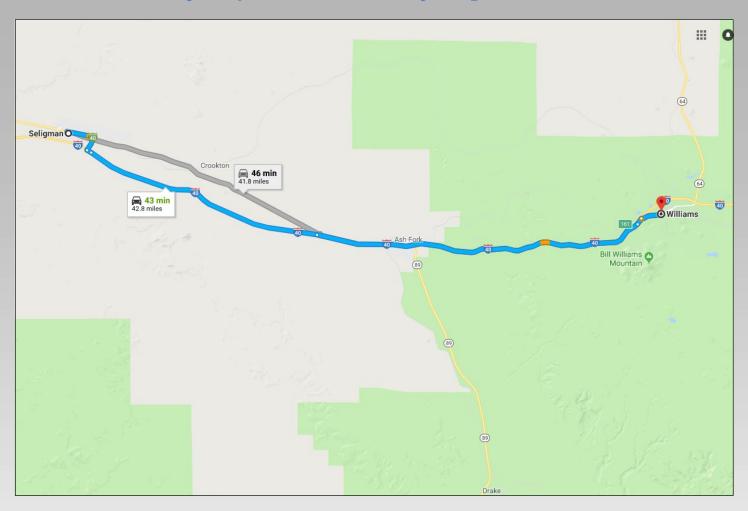
Head North on Hotel Way towards Airway Ave.

Turn right at the first cross street onto Airway Ave.

Turn left onto AZ-66 East / East Andy Devine Ave. / Historic Route 66

Follow Old Route 66 to Seligman.

# Monday, April 30th - Day 2 ] continues ...



Seligman, AZ to Williams, AZ Gateway To the Grand Canyon!

Get on I-40 heading East.

Follow I-40 East / Route 66 to Williams, AZ

Take exit 161 into Williams, AZ

Turn right onto historic old route 66

Enjoy! the cute little town's ambience:)

# Welcome To Williams, AZ

Gateway To the Grand Canyon



#### Williams Arizona

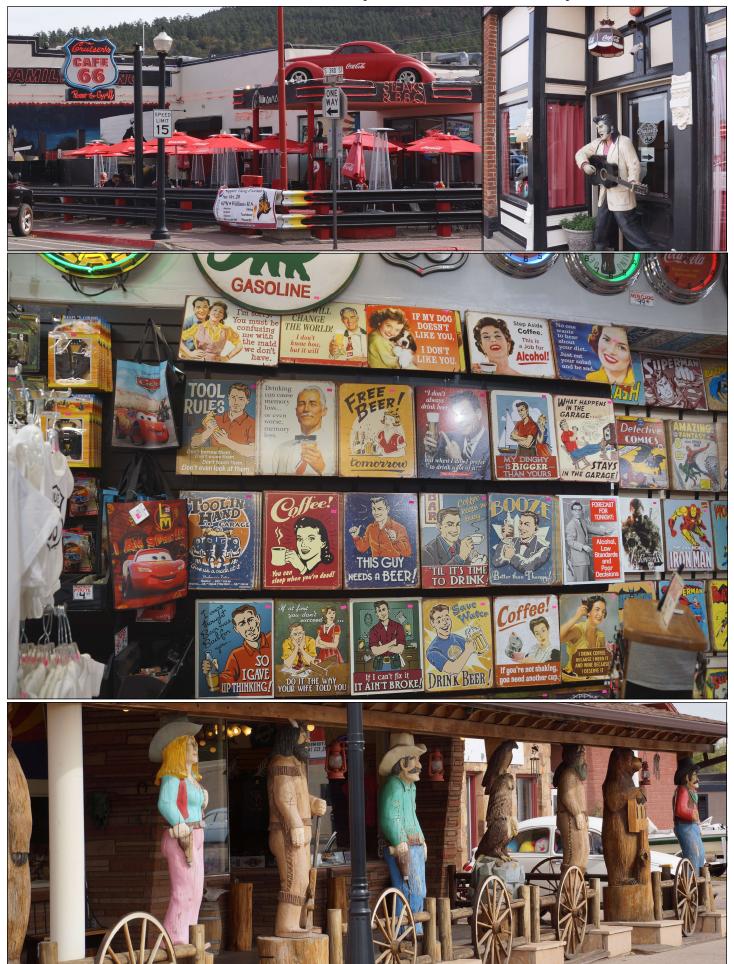
This is the coolest little town, It's the last town on the historic Route 66 to be by-passed by Highway 40. I have the feeling that Williams was inspirational in the creation of the idea for Radiator Springs in the animated movie "CARS". It is filled with some outstanding restaurants, lots of souvenir shops and just a great atmosphere. Train Buffs, Route 66 enthusiasts and Grand Canyon-bound vacationers all cross paths in Williams, a small town with all the charm and authenticity of "Main Street America."

Parking in the downtown area can be quite a challenge for such a large group as ours, so you may have to look on a side street.

Check out the Grand Canyon Steam train that takes tourists for a ride of a lifetime from Williams into the canyon.

There is also a zip line you can try for a fee if you must. Enjoy Lunch, pick up some souvenirs and top off the gas tank, if needed, before heading north to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.

# Williams AZ - Gateway to the Grand Canyon



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Route 66 is a big part of this cities history and we will experience just a small sliver of the once great road that has been for the most part, by-passed by major Highways like 40. We start out following the historic railroad that built Kingman in the first place. The stretch of road we will travel is still marked with picturesque places to stop and take pictures. There are still the iconic Burma Shave signs along the way to help break up the boredom experienced on such long cross country road trips.

#### Lodging:

La Quinta 3419 Hotel Way Kingman AZ 86401 928-529-5070 www.laquintakingman.com Hampton Inn & Suites 1791 Sycamore Ave Kingman, AZ 86409 928-692-0200 www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com

There are many other Motels and Hotels in the Kingman area if these two options are sold out. Google.com Motels, Kingman AZ

4. Take Exit 163 toward Williams / Grand Canyon.

#### Drive 0.38 miles

5. Turn right onto N. Grand Canyon Blvd.

#### Drive 0.57 miles

\* You have arrived at your destination! Williams, AZ

## Leg #3 of the day: to Grand Canyon National Park—South Rim

This leg: 1 hour 10 minutes—61.43 miles

1. Start out North East on Albright Ave toward Center Rd.

#### Drive 0.09 miles

2. Turn left onto Center Rd.

#### Drive 0.47 miles

3. Turn right onto S. Village Loop.

#### Drive 0.19 miles

4. Turn right onto Village Loop Dr.

#### Drive 0.05 miles

5. Village Loop Dr. becomes S. Entrance Rd.

#### Drive 2.92 miles

6. Turn left onto Desert View Dr. / AZ-64.

#### Drive 52.34 miles

7. Enter next roundabout and take the 3rd exit onto N US Highway 89 / US-89 S.

#### Drive 15.58 miles

8. Turn right onto US-160 E Navajo Trail.

#### Drive 10.26 miles





## Planes of Fame Museum

755 S. Mustang Blvd. Williams-Vale, AZ 86046 928-635-1000 www.planesoffame.org Admission: \$10.00

If you like Aviation and history, take a quick visit in this small however well maintained air museum where you will find some real aviation treasures inside.

# The Flintstones Bedrock City

 $101~\mathrm{S.~HWY~180}$ - Williams, AZ 86046928-635-2600www.bedrockaz.com

Just next to the Planes of Fame Air Museum is the Bedrock City Theme Park. If you feel you have the time, stop into the gift shop/store and check it out!





## The South Rim of the Grand Canyon Visitors Center

National Park Entry Fee Required. In 2017 it cost \$30. If you are 62 or older, you can purchase a Lifetime Senior Pass for \$80, which will gain you and the occupants in the car you are in, free access to all the National Parks in the United States. You will be using it a few times on this road trip.

The South Rim of the Grand Canyon is a place that is so hard to express with mere words. There is a long walking area adjacent to the massive parking lot, (which seems to be full every time I've been there). Park where you can find a spot and take a walk along the railed edge of the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon is a vast open space that spans your view from East to west as far as the eye can see. The Colorado river cut deep into the walls of theses magnificent canyon walls and revealing the history of the world in geology and time.















Desert View Eastern Grand Canyon

Right before you exit the park, make sure to stop at the Desert View and explore the watchtower that overlooks another amazing view of the Grand Canyon park.



## 9. Turn left onto Indian Route-101 / Main Street

#### Drive 0.96 miles

- \* You have arrived at your destination! Tuba City, AZ This leg: 1 hour 40 minutes—82.86 miles
- ► Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Suites in Tuba City, Ariz. ◄







# Tuba City & Moenkopi

Tuba City is the largest single community in the Navajo Nation. To the southeast is the village of Moenkopi, a small Hopi enclave surrounded by Navajo land. Alcohol is not permitted on the reservation. Tuba City is named for 19<sup>th</sup>-century Hopi chief Tuve (or Toova), is home to the Navajo Interactive Museum. We have reserved the Hogan Restaurant's back room for our dinner gathering. It can hold about 100, so if it fills up, you can see if there are seats in the normal dinning area or overflow into the Denny's next door to the Moenkopi Inn just down the street.

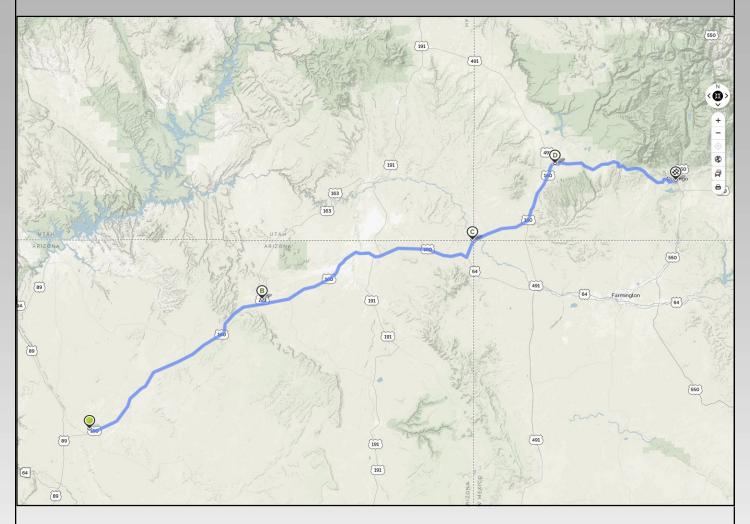
I highly recommend staying in the Moenkopi Inn, as it has a really interesting Hopi /American Indian motif and feel. It is a very modern and comfortable hotel with a lot of amenities.

Moenkopi Legacy Inn 1 Legacy Lane Tuba City, AZ 86045 928-283-4500 www.experiencehopi.com

Quality Inn 10 North Main Street Tuba City, AZ 86045 928-283-4545 www.choicehotels.com



# [Road Trip Maps: Day 3]



Tuba City, AZ to Kayenta, AZ to Four Corners to Mesa Verde to Durango, CO

# YOUR ROUTE PLAN

Total Route: 4 hr 3 min - 239 miles

Tuesday, May 1st: Leg #1—Leave Tuba City

Start out going South on Main St. / Indian Rte—101 toward Navajo Blvd.

Drive 0.96 miles

Turn left onto US—160 E / Navajo Trail. Continue to follow US—160 East.

#### Drive 71.81 miles

Turn left onto Main Street / US-163 N.

#### Drive 1.71 miles

\* You have arrived at your destination! Kayenta, AZ (this leg: 1 hr 13 min—74.47 miles)









## Leg #2—Leave Kayenta and head to Four Corners

Start out going Southwest on Main St. / US—163 South to Indian Rte—6485.

### Drive 1.71 miles

Turn left onto US—160 East

#### **Drive 71.86**

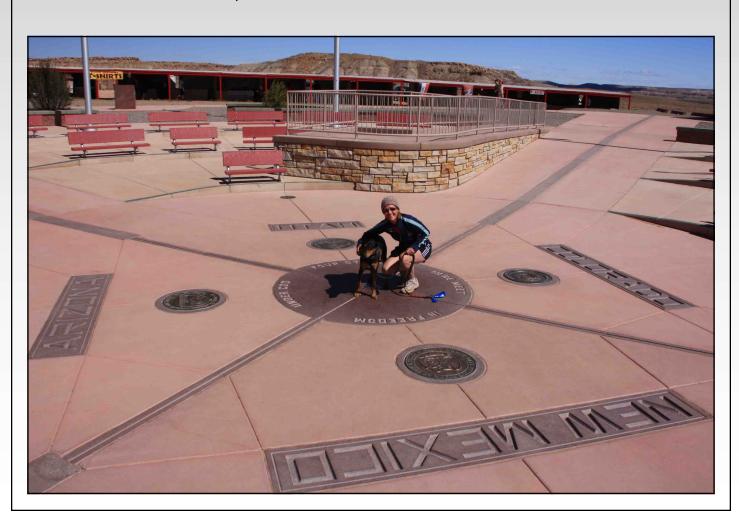
Turn left to stay on US-160 East (crossing into New Mexico)

#### Drive 5.73 miles

Turn left onto 4 Corners Monument Rd.

### Drive 0.44 miles

\* You have arrived at your destination! Four Corners Monument (this leg: 1 hr 20 minutes—79.73 miles)





# Four Corners Monument

What more can you say about it? It's where 4 states share a common junction with 4 even 90 degree corner's come together at 1 point. Take a picture of your self, or your group standing in 4 states at once.

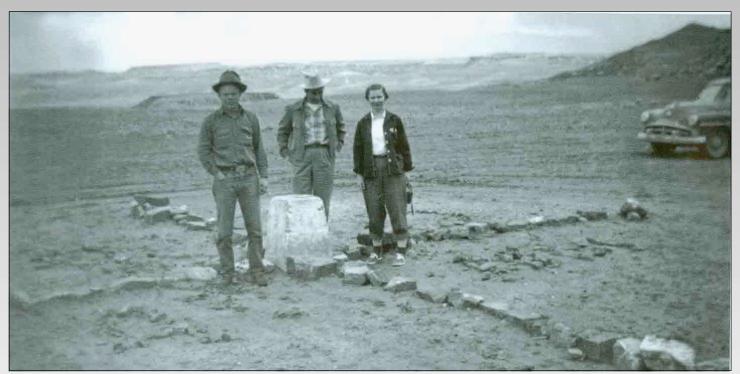
Which 4 states? Going clockwise, Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico. It's just too neat to pass up!

## Admission \$3









Leg #3—Leave Four Corners and head to Mesa Verde

Start out going Southeast on 4 Corners Monument Rd. toward US-160 East / US-160 West

#### Drive 0.44 miles

Turn left onto US-160 East (Crossing into Colorful Colorado)

#### Drive 18.82 miles

Turn left onto US-160 East / US-491 North / US Hwy. 666. Continue to follow US-160 East.

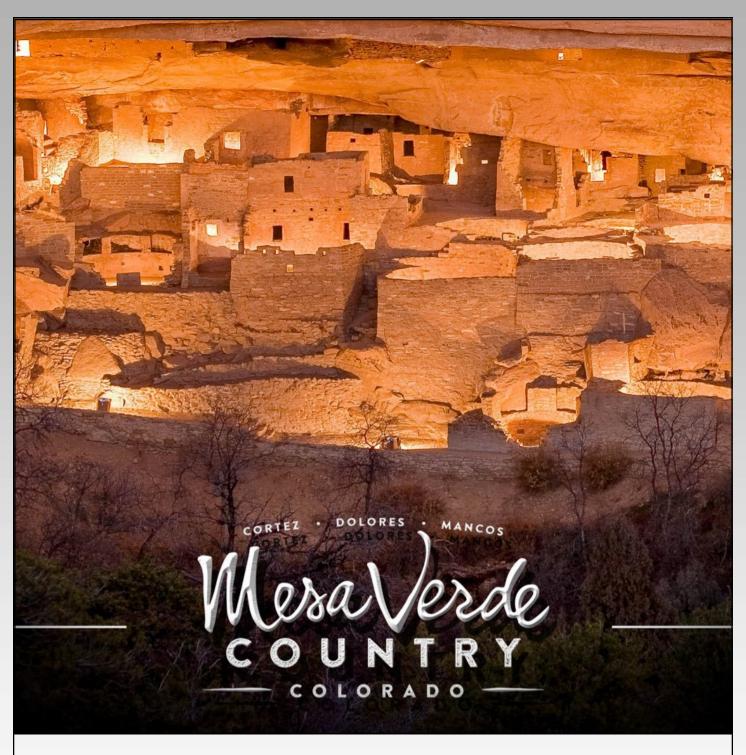
#### Drive 20.80 miles

### You have arrived at your destination: Mesa Verde Country Visitor

Center (this leg: 43 minutes—40.06 miles) Address: 928 E. Main Street is on the left



This stop is in Cortez, CO to get introduced to the Mesa Verde area and purchase tickets for those who want to enter into Mesa Verde National Park. Tours are available!



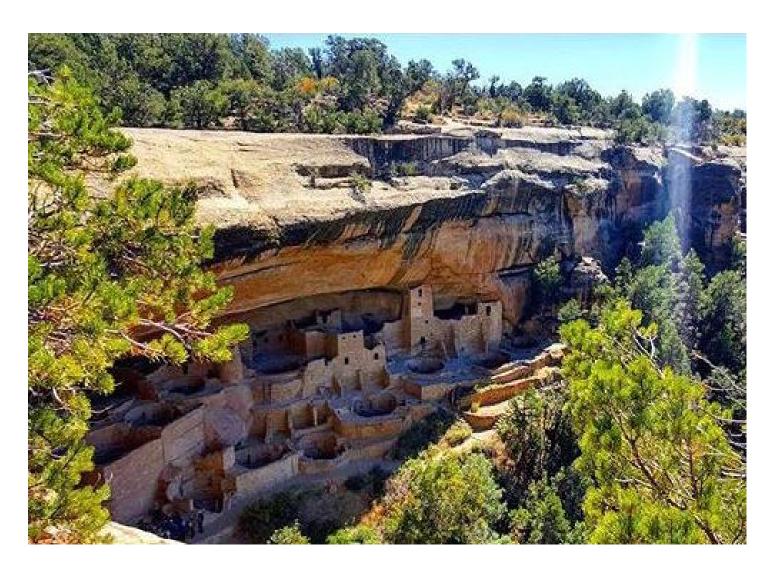




### Mesa Verde National Park

Ancestral Puebloan sites are found throughout the canyons and mesas of Mesa Verde. Perched on a high plateau south of Cortez and Mancos. According to the park, the Ancestral Puebloans didn't "disappear" 700 years ago, they simply migrated south, becoming the ancestors of today's Native Americans. Mystery behind their last known home remains. Amateur anthropologists love it; the incredible cultural heritage make it unique among American national parks. Check out the Mesa Verde Visitor & Research Center

Admission into park \$15



#### Leg #4—Leave Mesa Verde and head to World Famous Durango, CO

Start out by heading back to US-160 and turn right onto the Hwy. US-160 East.

#### Drive approx. 42 miles

Take US-160 into Durango, CO. Turn left onto Camino del Rio West / US-160 West / US 550 North. Continue to follow Camino del US-160 / US-550 North

#### Drive 0.15 miles

Turn right onto W. College Drive / CO-3

#### Drive 0.15 miles

Turn left onto Main Ave.

#### Drive 0.06 miles

You have arrived at your destination! is on the left. (this leg was 46 minutes—44.61 miles)

### **The Majestic Victorian Strater Hotel:**

699 Main Ave. Durango, CO81301 800-247-4431 www.strater.com



### **Durango Colorado**

A regional darling. Durango's style straddles it's ragtime past and a cool cutting edge future where townie bikes, caffeine and farmers markets rule. Outdoor enthusiasts get ready to be smitten. The Animas River floats right through town.

Main Avenue is a great place to stroll through, stopping at book shops, boutiques and breweries. The Durango/Silverton & Ouray is also well known to locals as John Wayne's Favorite places in the whole world!

### **Durango History**

Durango's earliest residents were the Ancestral Puebloans, over 2,500 years ago. These ancient people enjoyed rich, fertile soil and abundant wildlife resources before moving to the mesas in the south and west of Durango, an area now encompassed by the Mesa Verde National Park. For thousands of years, they made their homes in rock shelters and pithouses, but the Puebloan culture mysteriously disappeared by the 1300s. Centuries later, the Ute Tribe arrived to hunt and fish in the lands around Durango, sheltering in the abandoned cities left by the ancient Puebloans.

### **Durango The Boomtown**

It was soon discovered that fish and game were not the only riches in Durango. In 1860, a prospector discovered flakes of gold in the San Juan Mountains north of present-day Durango. People flooded the Animas Valley hoping to strike it rich. Prospectors, miners, farmers, and families established homes in the valley, making their livelihood by supplying the mining camps with their necessities. Although the American Civil War from 1861-1865 slowed growth in Southwestern Colorado, the arrival of the railroads fed rapid growth after the war's end.

Drawn into the San Juan Mountains by the mineral wealth of silver and gold ore, the rails of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad reached Durango in August of 1881. From then on, the pace of growth was phenomenal. Just one year earlier, Durango's importance was on paper only. In 1880, railroad officials drafted city plans for Durango, laying out the rails, a depot and rail yards as well as Main, Second and Third Avenues. Within one year of the railroad's arrival, Durango had 134 businesses which included doctors, saloons, and many newspapers. One of its first newspapers, the Durango Record, was run by a fearless crusader, Caroline Romney. The outspoken Romney championed Durango as "the new wonder of the Southwest" and rallied for women's right to vote.

### **Durango's Railroad Impact**

Durango emerged as the center of industry and commerce for the Durango and Rio Grande's San Juan Extension. Of primary importance to Durango's growth was the completion of the Silverton Branch, which traveled 45 miles from Durango to Silverton through the Animas River Valley's mountains and mining camps. "Silver by the ton" was the primary reason that railroad was constructed at such a feverish pace.

Silverton had dozens of mining camps, yet the town remained isolated and dependant upon toll roads and pack animals to haul ore over the rugged Continental Divide. A railroad meant more ore could be hauled out with greater speed, so it was with speed that the Silverton Branch was built. During the winter and spring of 1881-1882, crews blasted through mountains and built bridges across swollen rivers to lay the tracks that reached Silverton by July 1882. The amazing 8 month feat was recognized in 1968 by the American Society of Engineers as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

During and after this period, the town of Durango flourished. Trimble Hot Springs built its first hotel. Within a few years, Durango's finest Victorian building, the Strater Hotel, opened "strictly first class in all appointments." It was in 1888, brothers-in-law Richard Wetherill and Charlie Mason discovered Cliff Palace at Mesa Verde.

Much of the film Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid was filmed along the Animas River and Narrow Gauge Railroad.

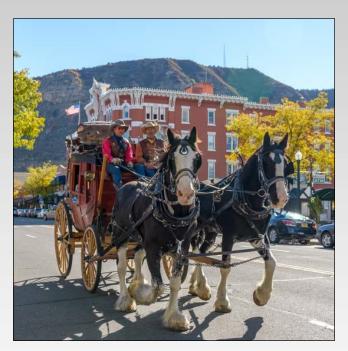
### **Durango The Destination**

The turn of the century was the beginning of the tourist economy as travelers began to discover Durango and the Animas Valley as a vacation destination. In addition to interest in the Silverton Branch and the scenery of the area, the creation of Mesa Verde National Park in 1906 greatly increased travel to Durango. During the Great Depression, however, Durango suffered along with the rest of the country. With the onset of World War Two, Durango supported the war efforts through farming and mining activities. During the 1950s, as the town was again in an economic boom, Fort Lewis College was opened in Durango and went from a two-year agricultural school to the four-year college it is today. In 1965, Purgatory Ski Resort opened in the mountains north of Durango. The opening of Fort Lewis College and Purgatory Resort helped to solidify Durango's longstanding identity as a vacation destination for guests of the Rocky Mountain state.

Today, Durango is a haven to outdoor enthusiasts. Hunting, biking-- both mountain and road, hiking, fishing, skiing, rock climbing, and snowmobiling entice exuberant visitors to the Durango area year after year.



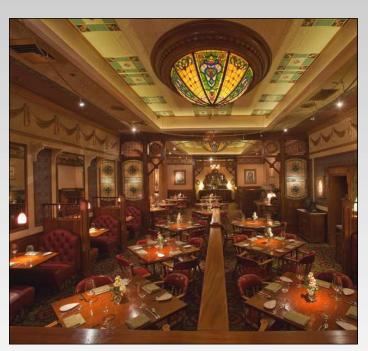
Diamond Belle Saloon



Fun At the Strater



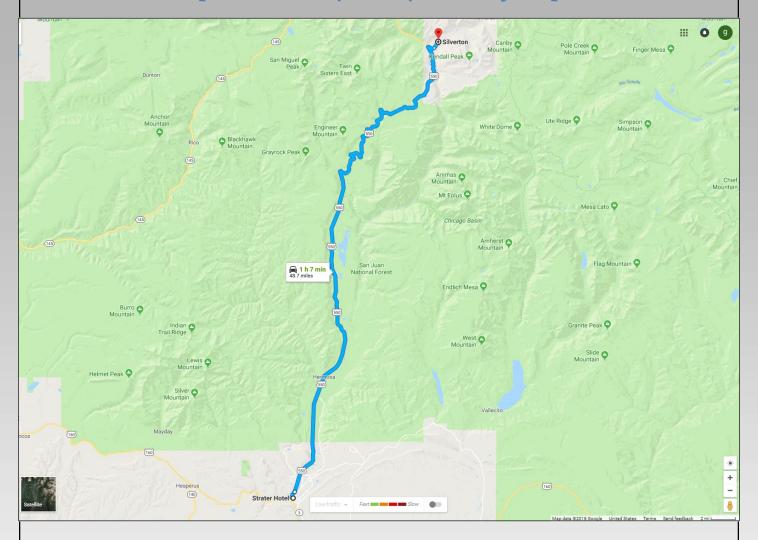
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Mahogany Grill



# [Road Trip Maps: Day 4]



Durango, CO to Silverton, CO - Option Million Dollar Hwy to Ouray, CO

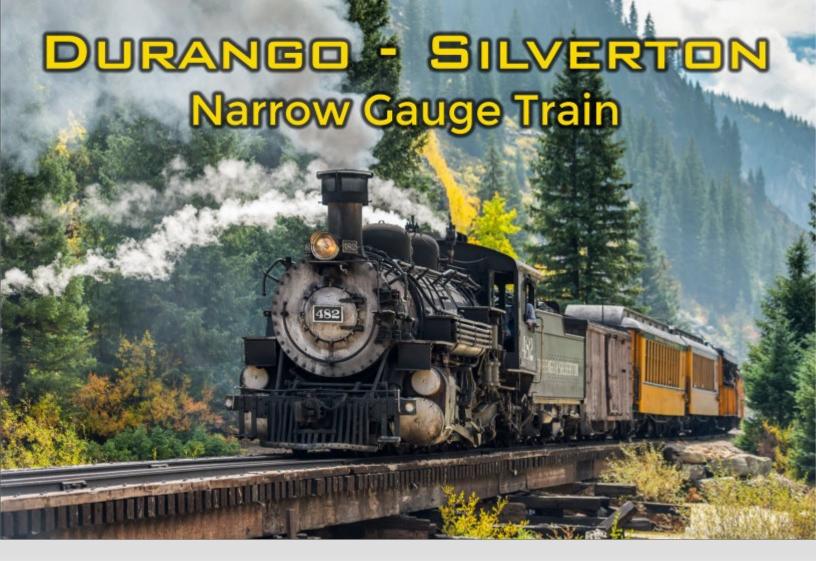
### YOUR ROUTE PLAN

Total Route: 1 hr 7 min - 48.7 miles

From the Strater Hotel - Start out going North on Main Ave.

At the North end of Main Ave., it turns into US-550

US-550 takes you to Silverton. Right Before you get into to Silverton, US-550 makes a sharp left turn heading to Ouray. Stay straight ahead onto US-110. Turn left onto W. 12th Street



# Narrow Gauge Steam Train Ride Durango-Silverton

Climb aboard the steam driven Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad (877) 872-4607 www.durangotrain.com 479 Main Ave. \$85 Adult \$51 Child. Departures at 8:00am, 8:45am and 9:30am

The train running between Durango and Silverton has been in continuous operation for 123 years, and the scenic 45-mile journey north to Silverton, a National Historic Landmark, takes 3 1/2 hours one way. Most locals recommend taking it one way and returning from Silverton via bus, it's faster.

### Silverton, Colorado

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Silverton is a former silver mining camp, most or all of which is now included in a federally designated National Historic Landmark District, the Silverton Historic District. The town population reached its nadir at 531 at U.S. Census 2000. It has grown since then.

Silverton is linked to Durango by the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, a National Historic Landmark. Silverton no longer has active mining, but subsists by tourism, maintenance of US 550 (which links Montrose with Durango via Silverton), mine pollution remediation, and retirees. In 2002 an extreme ski mountain run opened near the town.

### **History of Silverton**

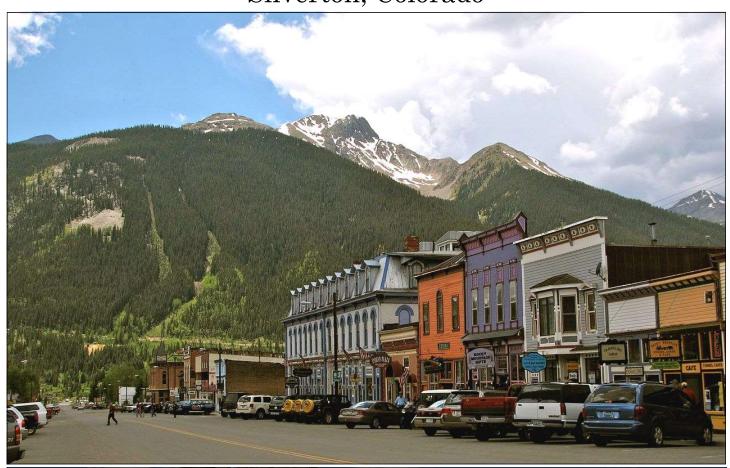
Charles Baker's group of prospectors found traces of placer gold in the San Juan Mountains in 1860 at Eureka, Colorado. Forced out by the Ute Tribe in 1861, who had been awarded the area in a US treaty. The prospectors returned in 1871, when lode gold was found in the Little Giant vein at Arrastre Gulch. The miners were allowed to stay after the Brunot Treaty of 13 Sept. 1873. In exchange for giving up 4 million acres, the Southern Ute Indian Reservation received \$25,000 per year. [13]:49

In August 1873, George Howard and R.J. McNutt discovered the Sunnyside silver vein along Hurricane Peak. Gold was then discovered in 1882. The Sunnyside Mine was shut down after the 1929 stock market crash, but was acquired by Standard Metals Corp. in 1959, and reopened, finding gold in 1973 with the Little Mary vein. Half of Colorado's gold production in the 1970s came from the Sunnyside.

Disaster occurred on 4 June 1978, when the water from Lake Emma collapsed a mine shaft (when miners weren't present,) and then traveled quickly through the tunnels, shooting out a portal along Cement Creek with a force that toppled a 20-ton locomotive.[14] The mine reopened after two years, but was acquired by Echo Bay Mines in 1986, which operated the mine for another five years.



# Silverton, Colorado





### Million Dollar Highway

If you want to keep driving, the "Million Dollar Highway" is right at your door. The origin of the name of this 24 mile stretch between Silverton and Ouray is disputed. Some say it took a million dollars a mile to build it in the 1920's; others purport the roadbed contains valuable ore.

Among America's most memorable drives, this breathtaking stretch passes old mine head frames and larger-than-life alpine scenery.

Though paved, it's blind corners, tunnels and narrow turns would put the roadrunner on edge. Leaving Silverton head north on US550, the road ascends Mineral Creek Valley, passing the Longfellow mine ruins one mile before Red Mountain Pass (11,018ft.) with sheer drops and hairpin turns slowing traffic to 25mph. The most hair raising sections follow with 15mph speed limits in places. The road lacks guardrails and drops are huge, so stay attentive. Pullouts provide relief between mile markers 91 and 93.

Descending towards Ouray, visit Bear Creek Falls, a large turnout with a daring viewing platform over the crashing several hundred foot falls. Stop at the lookout over Ouray at mile marker 92.





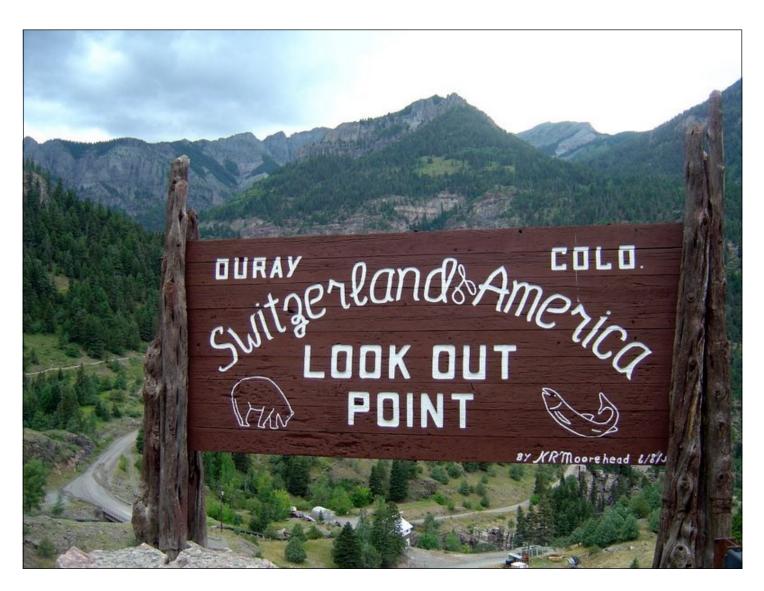


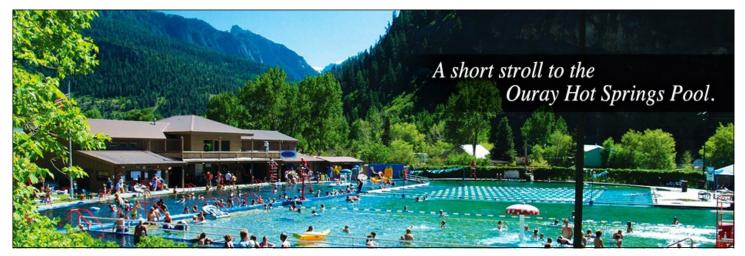
### Ouray (Little Switzerland of America)

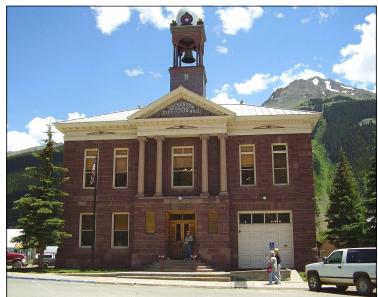
A well-preserved mining village snug beneath imposing peaks, Ouray breeds enchantment. It's named after the legendary Ute chief who kept the peace between the white settlers and the crush of miners invading the San Juan Mountains in the early 1870's, by relinquishing the Ute tribal lands.

Ouray, Silverton & Durango were John Wayne's very favorite places on planet earth. For a man who traveled the world ... that is a fun fact to know. Spend sometime in that area and you'll probably see why.

Another fun fact of this area is that many of Louis L'Amour's western books are written about this area.



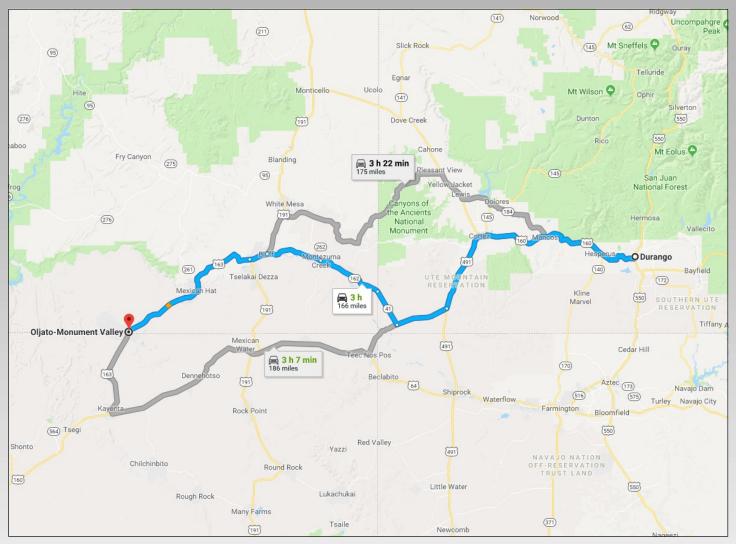






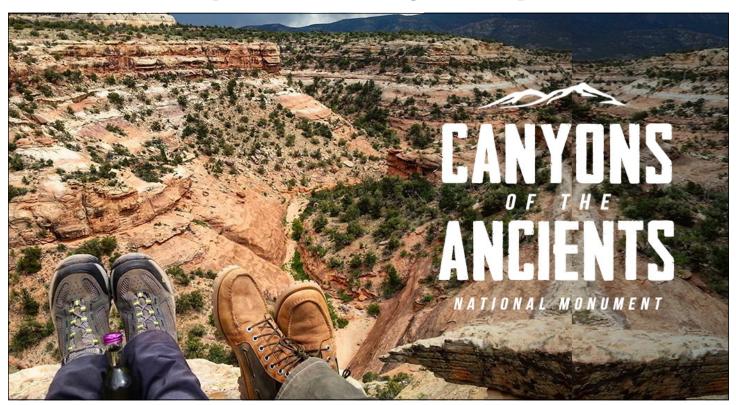


# [Road Trip Maps: Day 5]



From Durango to Monument Valley, UT [Please note there are 3 different routes]

# Optional Route from Durango to Monument Valley [incredible things to see ]









### Monument Valley

Don't worry if you feel like you have seen this place before. Monument Valley's monolithic chocolate-red buttes and colossal, colorful mesas have starred in countless movie films, TV shows and commercials. Take your time and explore the area, There is a Navajo reservation park you can pay to gain entry to get some excellent scenic pictures of the Monuments and surrounding scenery.

Just make sure you DO NOT miss our large group photo shoot at the Navajo Indian center at the AZ UT border off HWY 163.

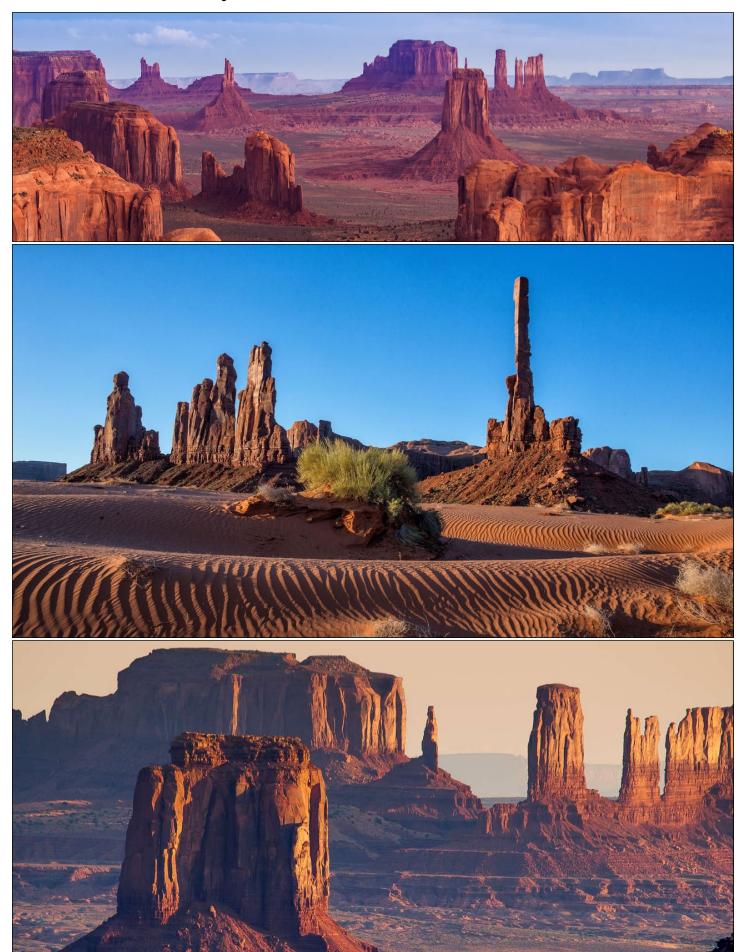
There is a large parking area and a sizeable dirt lot off the road that will allow us to park our large group of Opel's in a way to get a fantastic picture with Monument Valley prominently showing in the background. We will begin staging the Opels at 3:30 and have everything set for the magic hour for photography, sunset! We will be also be using a professional drone for 4K HD video and photography.

After the photo shoot, we head to Kayenta for lodging and dinner.





# Monument Valley continued ...



### Kayenta

A small town at a major cross roads within the Navajo Nation. There are hotels and motels, food and gas. We will travel through Kayenta on the way to Four Corners, 2 hours drive (110 miles) from Kayenta after leaving Tuba City. We will stay in Kayenta the evening after the photo shoot at Monument Valley. If the hotels are booked up in Kayenta, there is the Navajo Resort at Monument Valley, or further north is Mexican Hat.

Hampton Inn Kayenta US –160 Kayenta, AZ 86033 928-697-3231 Wetherill Inn 1000 Main Street Kayenta, AZ 86033

www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com www.wetherill-inn.com

Kayenta Monument Valley Inn, US-160 & US-163, Kayenta, AZ 86033 T: 928-697-3221 www.kayentamonumentvalleyinn.com



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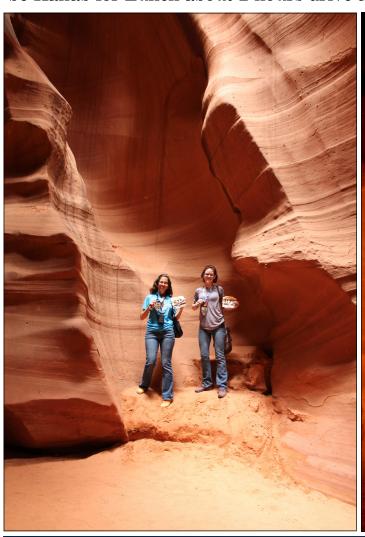






### Page AZ

Established to house the workers who built Glen Canyon Dam, Page today is a great base to explore the area. There is plenty of food, gas stations, lodging and shopping. We will pass through right before entering Glen Canyon. If you need a bite to eat, or need to top up the gas tank, make a stop here, as the next stop will be Kanab for Lunch about 2 hours drive away.

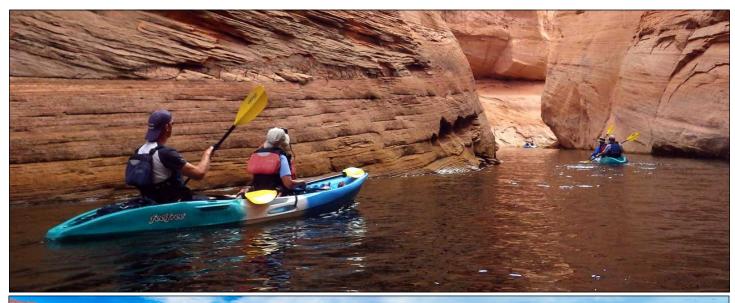






### Glen Canyon and Lake Powell

Glen Canyon Dam is concrete ode to America's ingenuity and can-do spirit. Completed in 1963, it is the nations second-highest concrete arch dam only 16ft shorter than the Hoover Dam to the west. You can take guided tours from the visitor center, however, the tours take 45 minutes and we have a long day of driving to get to Zion National Park before dark. You do have time to park and walk along the bridge and check out the dam, Glen Canyon and Lake Powell from the visitor center parking area on the west side of the dam after crossing the bridge.





# Glen Canyon and Lake Powell continued ...





### Kanab UT

This is a great town right in the middle of nowhere. Hundreds of Western movies were filmed here and John Wayne and other gun-slingin' celebs really put the town on the map. We will stop here to have lunch. Top up your gas tank, and fill your appetite. There are many easy access fast food places right on our route. We then continue onto Zion National Park.



### Zion National Park

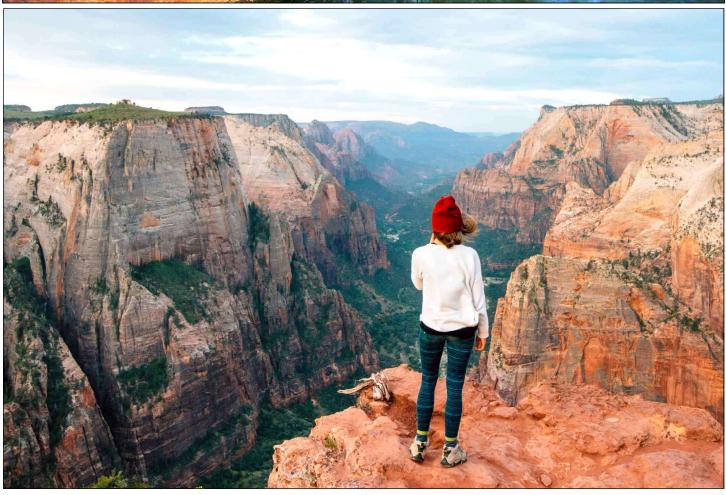
The drive into the east entrance of the park is one of the few places in Zion National park where you can still drive your own car through this spectacular park. The main canyon requires buying a ticket for a tram that drops you off and picks you up at a myriad of hiking trails and vista points. Our tour is going to focus on the drive entering in from the east. Highway 9 takes us into Zion National Park, (fee required). Make sure to stop at the vista points not only for the view but to regroup. We want to set up filming of the Opel's exiting the 1.5mile long tunnel cut out of the solid rock of the mountain before the 3.5 miles of tight switchbacks into the colorful canyon.

The sights and stunning beauty of this drive and add a long row of Opels will make a most amazing memory. To capture it on 4K hi-def video will make it all the better. Once we pass through the canyon we will exit the park to Springdale.

For those wanting to spend more time exploring the park on Saturday morning, there will be plenty of time to do so and return to Las Vegas for the evening farewell dinner and meeting.













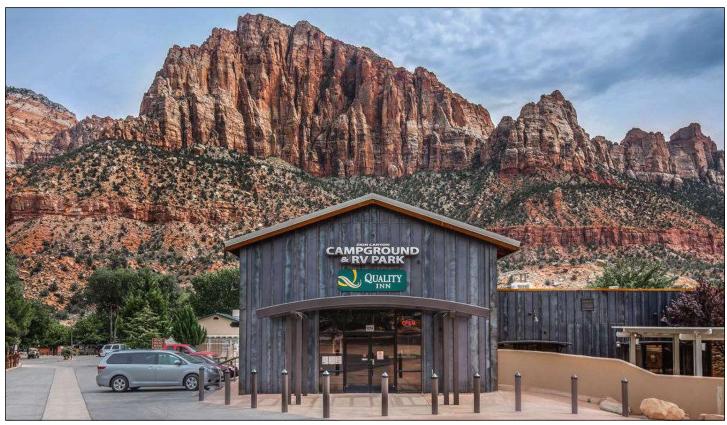






### Springdale

Stunning orangish-red mountains, including the Watchman (6,555ft) form the backdrop for a perfect little park town. Here eclectic cafes and eateries are big on locally sourced ingredients. Galleries and artisan shops line the long main drag. Interspersed with individual motels, lodges and a few B&B's. If you have it in your budget, I highly recommend staying here overnight Friday. You are right at the entrance of Zion park and you can explore it right away on Saturday.





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### Virgin

The tiny-tot town of Virgin, named after the river (what else?), has an odd claim to fame — in 2000 the city council passed a largely symbolic law requiring every resident (about 600 of them) to own a gun. You can't miss the Virgin Trading Post. Note: if you have time and if they are open. Which sells homemade fudge, ice cream and every Western knickknack known to man. Stop and have your picture taken in the "Virgin Jail" or the "Wild Ass Saloon" in the replica Old West Village.





### St. George

A spacious Mormon town with an eye-catching temple and a few pioneer buildings, St. Georges sits about 30 miles west of Zion. Most of us will stay in the La Quinta here in St. George.

Just up the road is a Cracker Barrel Restaurant, as well as may other restaurants and fast food places. A nice place to stay is the La Quinta in St. George UT





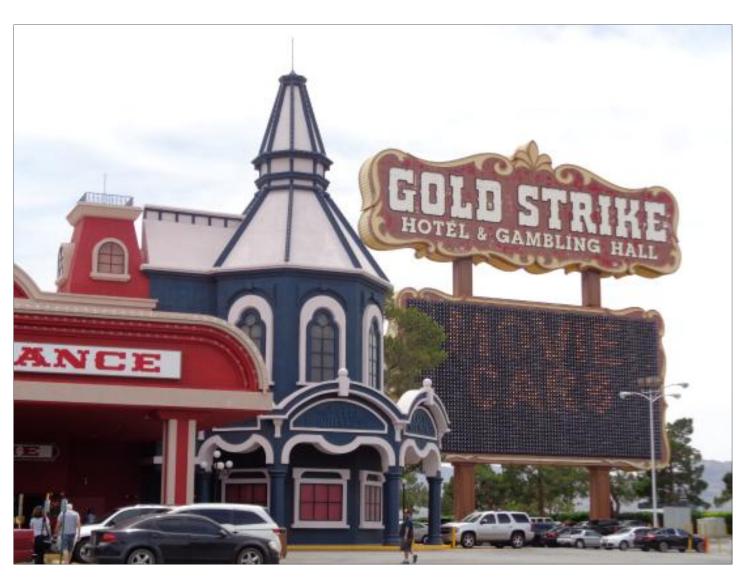
# Back to Las Vegas

Leaving St. George you seem to drive down hill forever on the highway. We leave Utah, passing through Arizona and then back into Nevada. Within a few hours you are back in Las Vegas.

### www.goldstrikejean.com

Reservations: 1-800-634-1359

1 Main Street Jean, NV 89019







### Opel Nationals, Saturday April 28, 2018

In conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Opel GT Road Trip, (50GT for short), it was suggested by the Alt-Opel Club USA to include the Opel Nationals to our venue. We thought it was a good idea and added it to the 50GT celebration

This years Opel Nationals will be the kick off to the week long event.

We have a reserved a section of the Gold Strike Hotel parking lot to hold the car show. The Opels will be allowed to park there from Thursday the 26th through Sunday the 29th.

Following the car show, there will be an awards ceremony in the meeting room of the Hotel prior to the pre-road-trip details meeting. Printed copies of the Road Trip Map Book will be distributed at the meeting, so do not miss it!

The awards will be based on a peoples choice ballot. There will also be some special club awards to be awarded by the club representative in attendance to the car they favor best.

There will also be a few door prizes given away to the lucky ticket holders.

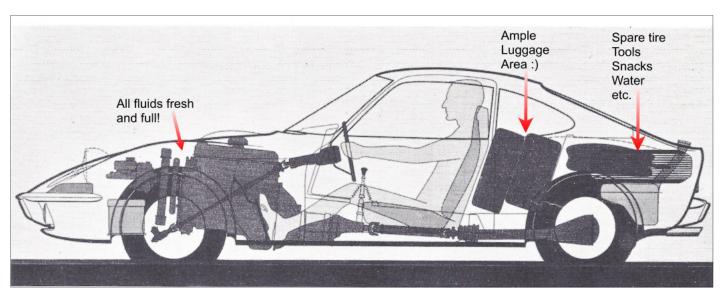
### BE PREPARED!

#### Suggestions for what to bring along for your car:

- 1. One Gallon of 50-50 mix coolant.
- 2. Motor oil
- 3. Tune-up parts. Ie., points, spark plugs.
- 4. Fan Belt
- 5. Fuel pump (check if you have a mechanical or electric)
- 6. Water Pump and gasket
- 7. Spare tire- Must be good and a NEWER tire! Check tire pressure.
- 8. Radiator and heater hoses with clamps
- 9. 3 feet of fuel hose and clamps
- 10. Misc. metric nuts, bolts, screws, washers, wire lugs, wire, crimps.
- 11. Fuses, light bulbs- Signal, Brake and Parking. Headlight Optional.
- 12. Can of Fix-A-Flat
- 13. Clutch cable and clips, if manual transmission.
- 14. AT transmission fluid, if automatic transmission.
- 15. Throttle spring and linkage lock spring
- 16. Brake Fluid.

#### Suggested Tools to Carry:

- 8, 10, 11, 13,14,15,17 and 19mm wrenches and sockets.
- Screw drivers, + and and a few sizes lengths.
- Crescent wrench.
- Vise grip pliers.
- Channel lock pliers.
- Wire cutter, crimper, stripper tool.
- Jack and spare tire changing tools and lug nuts for spare.
- WD-40.
- Portable 12v air compressor for inflating tires.



### What to bring:

- Small suitcase, like you would use as a carry on bag.
- Travel clothes. Make sure your bags do not prevent you from reclining your seats on this long drive.
- Sun Glasses
- GPS! You must have a GPS for this trip. If you breakdown, you can give us your GPS coordinates if we have to find you!
- Jacket for cool nights
- Small Ice chest or cooler for snacks and drinks.
- Map book for this event. (Print copies will be distributed in Las Vegas.)
- Money, credit cards. Current drivers license, car insurance documents, Car registration, all up to date.
- Suggested tools and spare parts.
- AAA membership (optional) good for emergency towing and Discounts on hotels and lodging as well!
- AARP, if you are old enough. Discounts on Lodging.



Example

- If you are 62 or older, get a gold star pass at the National parks entrance. You will be able to enter any National park free for the rest of your life. Cost \$80
- Comfortable shoes!
- Toiletries

## What to check on your Opel before a long road

- 1. Check engine, transmission and rear axle oil. If possible change all fluids and top off.
- 2. Check the condition of the engine: Compression test cylinders. Each cylinder should have at least 136 PSI and be with in 5% of each other. This is done with the throttle fully open, all 4 spark plugs removed and take the 5<sup>th</sup> reading off the compression gauge.
- 3. Tune up
- 4. Check the age and condition of ALL your tires including the spare! Make sure the tires are inflated to the proper tire air pressure. Make sure the tires are in proper balance. This is important if you have vibrations when driving your car at speed!
- 5. Check suspension. Worn parts should be serviced and repaired as needed.
- 6. Check Torque tube and transmission mount. Repair as needed.
- 7. Check motor mounts. Repair as needed.
- 8. Check brake pads and shoes. Replace or repair as needed.
- 9. Brake system. Make sure there are no fluid leaks. Repair as needed
- 10. Check all hoses, fuel and coolant. Replace any with cracks or soft spots.
- 11. Water and fuel pumps. Check for leaking and play. Replace as needed.
- 12.Clean and or replace fuel and air filters.
- 13. Check that ALL your lights function.
- 14. Check condition of shifter boot, replace if broken or badly cracked.
- 15. Wiper blades, replace if needed
- 16. Check front wheel bearings for excessive play, Adjust as needed.
- 17.Check Spare Tire and all the tools to change the tire. Lubricate jack with a light grease. Make sure you have the correct lug wrench size for both the spare tire lugs as well as the mounted wheels. Make sure you carry the matching lug nuts to your spare wheel if different than mounted wheels.
- 18.Check for oil leaks. Small engine oil leaks are not a big issue as long as you maintain oil level at each gas fill up. Small transmission leaks are not uncommon either. Just make sure your Transmission is full of oil / fluid, before the road trip. The same applies to the rear axle.
- 19.BIG oil leaks must be corrected before any long distance travel.
- 20.Coolant leaks MUST be corrected! A small coolant leak will become a big leak on a road trip. Also consider adding a simple coolant recovery bottle. Commonly sold on amazon.com for around \$15.

### Rules Of the Road Trip!

- 1. *This is NOT a race!* Therefore drive safely and avoid risky driving decisions like passing, unless required.
- 2. When we head out as a group, the Opels go first. Support vehicles and non Opels go last after and behind the last Opel cars.
- 3. We have plenty of time to do everything on the schedule list with time to spare. So enjoy the journey and don't be afraid to stop and see the sights along the way. There are many great places to stop and take pictures.
- 4. Make sure not to miss the group photo shoots with both people and cars.
- 5. If someone in our group has car trouble, it is with in every ones interest to help them get back on the road. We will also have a support vehicle in case additional tools, equipment or parts are required. In the worse case we will have a trailer to take you to the next town or service station.
- 6. If you need help and are alone, with out help, make sure you have a GPS to provide coordinates.
- 7. Try to park together when ever possible.
- 8. Please do not tail gate others.
- 9. If you plan to deviate to another point of interest off our planned route, let us know a day before.
- 10. There will be coordinated photo shoots like across the Hoover Dam. Please follow the lead cars in a timely manor as to not leave big gaps in the line of cars in the photo shoot.
- 11. When we are setting up the large group photo shoot, please follow the guidance of the parking volunteer. This is to achieve best line up the cars for the best picture results. Please help us so that we do not feel like we are herding cats.
- 12. Please do not sit on other peoples cars, as I'm sure you would want to be treated with the same respect.
- 13. Keep a full gas tank and check fluid levels daily before the next leg of the journey.
- 14. Keep a good positive attitude and the journey for all will be a pleasant one for everyone! :-)

### Let's all take it easy and prevent this from happening!



### Route and plans for the East Coasters

Here are a few suggestions for those of you who are traveling all the way across the country from the East Coast:

Option 1: Follow our route from Monument Valley from either Route 66, Durango or Northern Utah. This route will take you on the Northern route that we will travel on the way back to Las Vegas the last leg of the trip on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The benefit to you is that you can enjoy this leg of the journey and head back to the Eastern areas of the country where you traveled from with out doubling back later in the event. What that means is that you will have already traveled that leg of the road trip before arriving into Las Vegas and you will travel home after Durango Colorado. Therefore you will not miss a lot of this event.

Option 2: Team up with others who will be traveling in from the East. We will be asking for those traveling in from the East to let us know their plans and we can help put travelers together.

Option 3: Rick Miller, who lives near Denver Colorado, will be traveling with a group of Opel owners who will be meeting at his location prior to heading into Northern Utah Route. Rick can be emailed at opelnut@frii.com for more details and their schedule. It's always more fun to travel with a large group of Opels!

These Options allow you to visit extra sites along the way that are NOT on our road trip.

Coming in on Route 66 takes you through all the great cities in the famous Route 66 song. You may find yourself singing the tune along the way. You can also stop at the petrified forest and even Winslow AZ. At this point you will have to decide to go North to Monument Valley, or take the shorter route to Kingman and then Las Vegas missing the Northern Route altogether.

If you take Route 66 and then head towards Durango as you pass through Santa Fe NM, you will be on the same course as our road trip.

The Northern Utah Route takes you across HWY 70 and opens you to many options of sites to see on your way to Monument Valley.

# Ethanol-free Gas Stations In Our Route

City	Brand	Octane	Name	Phone	Street Address
Kingman	REBEL	110	Rebel Oil Co	928-753-3599	1055 E Topeka St
Page	MAVERICK	87	Maverik Gas	928-645-2696	701 Tunnel Rd
Page	SINCLAIR	87 89 91	Sunshine Fuel	928-660-0621	205 S Lk Powell Blvd
Dolores	UNBRANDED	88	Doc's Outdoor Sports	970-882-2294	341 Railroad Ave
Dolores	UNBRANDED	86	Riverside C Store	970-882-3434	1110 Railroad Ave
Durango	UNBRANDED	87	Brennan Oil	970-247-3054	26273 Us Hwy 160
Durango	EXXON	87	Brennan Oil	970-247-0572	20800 Us Hwy 160
Durango	EXXON	87	Brennan's Parkway	970-259-5260	1680 Main Ave
Durango	CENEX	88	Cenex Ampride	970-259-6431	26223 Us Hwy 160
Durango	SUNOCO	90	Grandview Store	970-382-2692	28870 Us Hwy 160 E
Durango	EXXON	87	Huck Finn	970-259-7301	1517 Cnty Rd 240

#### The Great American Road Trip - Hotels, etc.

It's never too early to start making plans for an event as big as this. The hotels listed below include a primary and one or more nearby alternates. Food and other resources are also listed, especially if they are available at the hotel.

#### Day 1: Las Vegas (Saturday, April 28)

#### **Gold Strike Hotel & Gambling Hall**

w: goldstrikejean.com, p: 800-634-1359
Rate: \$70.00 per night and everything we'll need for our stay, including restaurants, and of course conference room. It also has a very large parking lot where we can show our cars as well as park our car haulers while we are on the tour. (Gil has secured a large section of their parking lot for our cars and trailers, etc.)

#### Day 2: Kingman (Sunday, April 29)

#### La Quinta Inn & Suites

w: laquintakingman.com, p: (928) 529-5070

Rate: \$149

Alternate: Hampton Inn & Suites

w: hamptoninn3.hilton.com, p: (928) 692-0200

Rate: \$149

Food: La Quinta offers a free "continental breakfast". A hot breakfast is included with your stay at the Hampton. For dinner options there are many chain options nearby. A few miles south is Dambar & Steakhouse, a landmark restaurant located on Route 66 as well as Cracker Barrel & Golden Corral a quick walk from the hotel.

#### Day 3: Tuba City (Monday, April 30)

#### Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Suites

w: experiencehopi.com, p: (928) 283-4500

Rate: \$169

**Alternate**: Quality Inn Navajo Nation, w: choicehotels.com, p: (928) 283-4545

Rate: \$133

Food: The Moenkopi Inn has an on-site Denny's restaurant and a continental breakfast is available in the lobby. Quality Inn also includes breakfast. Next to the Quality Inn is a Hogan Family Restaurant. We have reserved the Hogan Restaurant for Monday nights dinner in the back room.

#### Day 4 & 5: Durango (Tues. - Wed., May 1-2)

#### **Strater Hotel**

w: strater.com, p: (970) 247-4431

Rate: \$122

Alternate: There are a number of nearby hotels in downtown Durango. The Strater, a landmark, is located downtown and only a 3 minute walk to the steam train station and museum. The hotel includes a steakhouse, western style bar, and theater. Food: There are many bars, alehouses, and restaurants within easy walking distance from the Strater Hotel.

#### Day 6: Monument Valley (Thursday, May 3)

We have a number of hotel options near Monument Valley. We'll be staying in Kayenta.

### Hampton Inn Kayenta 928-697-3170

www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com

#### Wetherill Inn 928-697-3231

www.wetherill-inn.com

#### Day 7: Zion National Park (Friday, May 4)

#### La Quinta Inn & Suites (Saint George)

w: laquintastgeorge.com, p: (435) 674-2664

Rate: \$149

**Alternate**: There are many very nice hotels in Springdale, right at the southern entrance to the park. Room rates are typically around \$250, so this alternate is for people on a more generous budget who want to practically wake up in Zion.

### Day 8: Las Vegas (Saturday, May 5)

#### Gold Strike Hotel & Gambling Hall

w: orleanscasino.com, p: (702) 365-7111

Rate: \$70.00 per night.

### Attention!

Rooms are filling up!

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