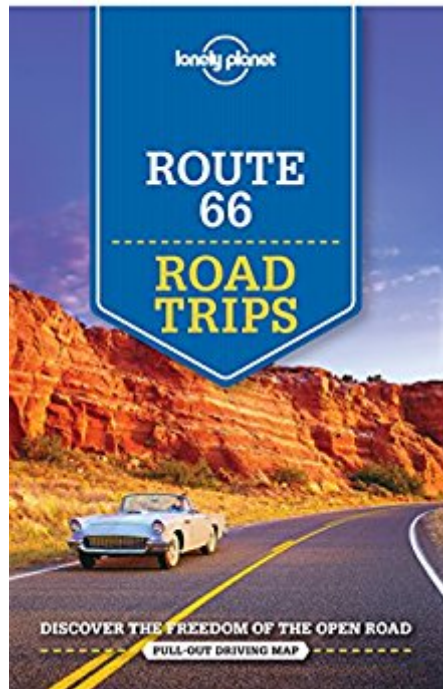




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Customer Reviews

This is a nice little book but it only contains general information similar to other Route 66 books like the Route 66 Adventure Handbook. If you want something that will take you across the country on Route 66 like the EZ66 GUIDE For Travelers, this won't do it. The few maps that are in the book are general with detailed maps only in Chicago and LA.

Could have had more background info on some of the sights.

The Lonely Planet Route 66 Road Trips Travel Guide is a concise 120-page pocket guide to Route 66. It has the basics that can be expected from a Lonely Planet book: places to stay, restaurants, local sites, and a map. There is not a lot of detail past the basics, but it is sufficient for the reader to decide whether to make the trip. The guide book does intersperse the text with many photographs. Route 66 stretched for over 2000 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles. There is no way that a compact 120 pages is going to have everything along those 2000 miles, but it is a good way to decide if you want to do the Route, and which regions are the more appealing. I have done only small sections of Route 66. For instance, we rolled into Winslow, Arizona to look for the park where

my friend camped out over forty years ago when he was hitchhiking from Colorado to the Grand Canyon. We drove around town for a while until we discovered the Monument. The people of Winslow had erected a wall of false store fronts with false reflections in the windows dedicated to the Eagles hit *Take it Easy*, which contains the line "Standing on a corner in Winslow, Arizona." The Monument sits along the old Route 66. At the advice of a local, we walked over to the Posada for lunch. It is one of the Harvey Hotels, like the Bright Angel Hotel in the Grand Canyon. We also stopped to see Meteor Crater nearby, and then on to Flagstaff. All of this is in the Lonely Planet Route 66 guide. Sometimes the best discoveries are the ones that you happen on accidentally, but this guide will point you in the right direction.

This is a nice little guidebook for Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica. I traveled RT 66 many years ago when I lived in New Mexico and plan a return trip soon down its highway. There is a very general pull out road map that gives you an idea of where some of the sights, parks and towns are. It also gives you an inkling of some of the drives, time and mileage, as do the contents of the book. A general index is included. (It is surprising the number of guidebooks that now leave out this useful feature.) This is an especially good book for international tourists, since it gives information on road signs and driving in the USA. The illustrations for key symbols are also well done. There are some more detailed maps of Chicago and St Louis, but you would be well advised to buy an additional map book before setting out. There are pages for notes, but there is a lack of warning and information for driving in hot desert weather and the extremes some storms can have. There is also a scarcity of information concerning Native Americans with the exception of a few museums. There are lots of colour photos, many with a retro feel and retro cars. Interesting side trips are included and there is good information on eating and sleeping places - no chains are included. This is a nice guidebook especially for the sights along the way on this well-loved highway.

I'm not really impressed with this Lonely Planet Guide on Route 66. It gives a decent overview broken down by the Eastern, Central and Western routes. But nothing about it inspires me to take a road trip. When I read the book, I paid particular attention to the Western route as I'm in the Los Angeles area and thought there might be some fun excursions between Los Angeles and Needles that I've missed in the past. There may be some hidden gems, but this guide doesn't make anything sound fun enough to bother to take a desert excursion to places I've passed through in the past on my way to other destinations. If I was already planning a trip on Route 66, I might get this guide for

basic backup information about lodging, places to eat, maps, etc. But this guide doesn't motivate me to want to hit the road and travel along Western Route 66 (the area I'd be more likely to visit) or the other portions of Route 66.

This book hits the highlights of a Route 66 trip and provides some basic information about what you will see along the way. It is by no means comprehensive. I am not sure if it was intended to be more than just a taste of a trip guide. When we began RVing The Mother Road over 25 years ago I was disappointed to learn that many parts of the road no longer exist (or only as ruts along side the highway). That said, this won't steer you wrong. If this is your first Route 66 trip you will be well served by this. There are typos (it is Bull Shoals, not Blue Shoals, Arkansas) but otherwise this is a cheerful, upbeat read that makes you want to hit the road. There are a lot of Rt. 66 books out there but for a quick handy guide, this is decent and current.

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