



# CENTENNIAL CRUISES



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The Valley of The Sun Pontiacs Chapter is planning two cruises for 2026 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Route 66. The first event will be held in May, and the second will be held in October (see note at bottom). The two cruises will be similar but not identical. Both cruises will be “modular,” meaning that you can attend as many or as few of the planned daily segments as you desire; you are free to tag along on whichever days you prefer.

If your Pontiac is not up to running the extended miles, you may take your daily driver. I always say, “we come for the cars, and go for the people.” *Let's celebrate Route 66!*

## CRUISE #1, MAY 6-10, 2026

If you are interested in participating, please contact Paul Albinger at (480) 284-3607 or pajeb@aol.com. We can discuss whatever you would like and will later forward a detailed itinerary of the event.

We were not able to secure any discounted hotel rates without a financial guarantee up front. We will make some recommendations on lodging, but you may select any other venues. We will also decide on restaurants on a daily basis as well as any other options such as evening cruises and other interesting venues with our group that may come up. We are looking to having a great time!

Below are tentative plans for the May 6-10 cruise.

### DAY 1 • WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Depart from the Phoenix area at 9am. Caravan to Gallup, NM. Arrive mid-afternoon and take in the Route 66 highlights of Gallup. There are numerous restaurants to consider for dinner. Afterwards, we will have a pow wow around the cars and or inside a hotel lobby to discuss our trip and whatever else we want. Time will be allotted at each stop for shopping, browsing, food, fuel, etc.

### DAY 2 • THURSDAY, MAY 7

WE WILL FOLLOW THE ORIGINAL ROUTE 66. Meet at 8am and travel to Williams, AZ. We will make stops at Petrified Forest, Holbrook, Winslow, (possibly Flagstaff) and then Williams by 4pm. Browse, shop, dinner, hotel in Williams

### DAY 3 • FRIDAY, MAY 8

9am departure from Williams with stops in Ashfork, Seligman, and end up in Kingman early-mid afternoon and spend the night

### DAY 4 • SATURDAY, MAY 9

Spend the morning in Kingman, with a 11am departure for Oatman, AZ. GREAT DRIVE, and see the wild burros!

Lunch and afterwards return to Kingman. If you want, it is a 30-minute drive to the California State Line to complete ROUTE 66 in Arizona. You can also return to Kingman for the evening.

### DAY 5 • SUNDAY, MAY 10

Kingman morning departure time TBD

## CRUISE #2, MID-OCTOBER 2026

A second Route 66 Centennial Cruise, to take place in October, is being championed by member Valerie Johnson. It will be highlighted by the *I LOVE ROUTE 66 Fest* in Kingman on Oct 16-17 which includes a large two-day car show (Friday, Oct 16, vehicles 1986 and newer will be featured; Saturday, Oct 17, vehicles 1985 and older will be featured). More detailed information has yet to be released, but rest assured Valerie will be on top of it. A big *Thank You* goes out to her for planning this; watch for more details.

