

# Illinois

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Illinois is the place where Route 66 begins. Since the road is over 80 years old it has been resurfaced and changed numerous times. So you can see many "traces" of the road while you discover the sights along Route 66 in Illinois.



Halfway through the State of Illinois on Route 66 is Springfield. This city is proud of its history and association with President Abraham Lincoln. His home is here, as well as the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. The Lincoln tomb and shrine are just outside of Springfield. You can be surrounded by information about Lincoln in Springfield.

The Chain of Rocks Bridge crosses the Mississippi river. The "chain of rock" is actual bedrock that prevented navigation at that point on the river. The bridge not only provided a traffic way across the river, the construction of the bridge also opened river navigation channels.

You can see the Mississippi river on the Chain of Rocks Bridge. The Mississippi river is the largest river in America. The name "Mississippi" comes from an Ojibwe Indian word (*mis-i-ziibi* ("Great River")). If you go to the Mississippi river, you'll be surprised at its size.

Route 66 in Illinois has many places that you can rest and eat. You can see many cafés and restaurants while driving. There are also many motels where you can get a good night's rest. Therefore, you can have a comfortable and pleasant trip.