

A Must-Try Motorcycle Route In Arizona

{Editor: this is one in a series of touring articles shared with us by Wes Pentana of FirstCheckpoint.com}

Why Arizona? 3,182 miles of pristine asphalt winds across deserts, skirts canyons, runs through picturesque towns, in a state that offers 300 sunshine days a year. Arizona is more than just the Grand Canyon National Park and the red hills of Sedona. This state boasts some of America's best motorcycle roads – and perhaps in the world.

Arizona is the 6th largest US state and home to more than its fair share of the world's most famous natural sights. Southern Arizona features deserts while northern Arizona is full of forests, mountain ranges, lakes, and canyons.

Trying to plot a trip to take in a fraction of their natural beauty and attractions will see you clock up hundreds of miles. Those won't be miles you'll rue either: over every horizon lies more beauty to explore and witness.

This article comes from our collection of the best riding routes in Arizona you can enjoy for an unforgettable motorcycling adventure.

Historic Route 66 from Topock to Seligman

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Ride Distance: 137 miles | Recommended Ride Time: 5-6 hours
Description:

This is literally a trip down memory lane. Nostalgia and scenic beauty mark this as one of the most fun rides you'll ever do: The Historic Route 66. Starting in Topock, a border town with California, cruise north easterly to Oatman through the Mojave Desert and over the Black Mountains. The road opens to a long stretch where you can take in the vast open spaces of the Golden Valley on your way to Walnut Creek, and then to Kingman. On the way you'll pass through abandoned mining towns, old gas stations and diners. From Kingman you'll cross old Navajo lands, pass through the Hualapai Mountains with a beautiful stretching road that winds through more old "Wild West" towns of Antares, Hackberry, Truxton, Peach Springs, and brings you into Seligman.

Points of Interest:

You'll pass a handful number of old gas stations, abandoned mining towns and outposts. Oatman is one such town that has survived the gold rush and is teeming with history and charm. Peach Springs is surrounded by awe-inspiring canyons.

- Oatman Hotel, Restaurant & Saloon: This museum attracts many visitors to the area, offering tours of the historic town, the



*Oatman Hwy in bloom,
Sitgreaves Pass*

haunted hotel, and its famous history with movie stars.

- Mike's Route 66 Outpost & Saloon: This famous attraction is found between Kingman and Antares. This bar offers a time capsule of the heydays of Route 66 and is a favorite for bikers in Arizona.

- Roadkill Café & O.K. Saloon: Seligman boasts the famous Roadkill Café & O.K. Saloon, offering the best burgers and coldest beers in the area. It is a rustic café and saloon with an adventurous menu you must see for yourself.

Where to Stay:

There are a number of accommodation types for every budget in and near both Topock and Seligman.

Topock:

- Pirate Cove Resort & Marina: Available are cabins, RV camping facilities, restaurants, shops, and more.

Seligman:

- Historic Route 66 Motel: With spacious rooms and nearby amenities, this motel offers comfortable and safe accommodation.



Conclusion:

Arizona's roads can't be ignored if you're a motorcyclist with adventure running through your veins. From natural wonders of the world, ancient forests, deserts, abandoned mining villages and towns, ghost gas stations on the iconic Route 66, and more, this state offers dreamy rides along its perfect asphalt. Book your next riding vacation in Arizona on one of the routes we recommend and you won't be disappointed.

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