The Best Places to Road Trip in the United States

Plan a fun and exciting road trip across the country, from the gorgeous Pacific Coast Highway to the stunning lobster coast of Maine.



- [ ] Lobster Trail in Maine

  DIRECTIONS: head out on Coastal Route 1 starting at Kittery and head "down east" through quaint New England fishing villages.

- [ ] Blue Ridge Parkway

  DIRECTIONS: Travel 469-mile drive that connects two national parks — Shenandoah in Virginia to the Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina.

  Starting at Front Royal in Virginia, travel along Skyline Drive to Luray Caverns and on south to the Natural Bridge and into North Carolina.

- [ ] Scenic Route 100: Wilmington to Stowe, Vermont

  DIRECTIONS: Start this 5-hour drive from Wilmington to Stowe in Vermont. By you will probably want to take a few days to explore everything.

- [ ] The Outer Banks, North Carolina

  DIRECTIONS: North Carolina's Route 12, also known as the Outer Banks Scenic Highway.

  Sights along the way include the Oregon Inlet, Pea Island Wildlife Refuge, and the historic Hatteras Lighthouse, where the highway continues on a boat, take the Hatteras Ferry as part of Route 12, which crosses Pamlico Sound to join up with the road again on Ocracoke Island.

- [ ] Historic Route 66

  DIRECTIONS: Start in Chicago at Adams Street and drive all the way to the Santa Monica Pier in California.

  Map out your must-do stops along the way.

- [ ] Overseas Highway, Florida Keys

  DIRECTIONS: Start in Miami and take the 150-mile drive from Miami through the Florida Keys on the iconic Route 1.

  You will cross 42 bridges with plenty of beach stops and towns along the way.

- [ ] Black Hills of South Dakota

DIRECTIONS: start your road trip on I-90 and take exit 131 for the Badlands Scenic Byway.

Make sure you stop at Wall Drug, Crazy Horse, Devils Tower Custer State Park and Mount Rushmore.

- [ ] San Juan Skyway Scenic Byway, Colorado

DIRECTIONS: The San Juan Skyway Scenic Byway covers 236 miles of terrain across southwestern Colorado. This loop travels through Durango, Mancos, Dolores, Stoner, Rico, Telluride, Ridgway, Ouray, and Silverton. Be sure to allow at least two days to see everything this byway has to offer.

- [ ] Big Sky Country: Jackson, Wyoming to Glacier, Montana

DIRECTIONS: Jackson, Wyoming to Glacier, Montana. You can drive this in a day but there's also plenty of places to stop, hike, and enjoy.

- [ ] I-15: Las Vegas to the Grand Canyon

DIRECTIONS: Choose the leisurely route from Las Vegas to the Grand Canyon's South Rim.

- [ ] Enchanted Circle Scenic Byway, New Mexico

DIRECTIONS: This route is perfect as the 84-mile stretch begins and ends in Taos.

- [ ] Route 395 in California

DIRECTIONS: Start at Death Valley National Park, and head to Lake Tahoe.

- [ ] Oregon Coast Highway 101: Seaside to Brookings, Oregon

DIRECTIONS: Start the seven-hour drive at Seaside in California and drive up to Brookings, Oregon.

- [ ] Olympic Peninsula in Washington

DIRECTIONS: 300-plus-mile road trip west across the Olympic Peninsula.

Drive through the lush Hoh Rainforest, one of the largest temperate rainforests in the US.

- [ ] Pacific Coast Highway in California

DIRECTIONS: Travel either way alone Pacific Coast Highway from Dana Point in Orange County to Leggett in Mendocino County.

- [ ] Richardson Highway, Alaska

DIRECTIONS: Drive from Valdez to Fairbanks and enjoy this gorgeous 100 miles drive.

- [ ] Seward Highway, Alaska

DIRECTIONS: Drive from Anchorage to Seward which will take you around roughly 2 [illegible]

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