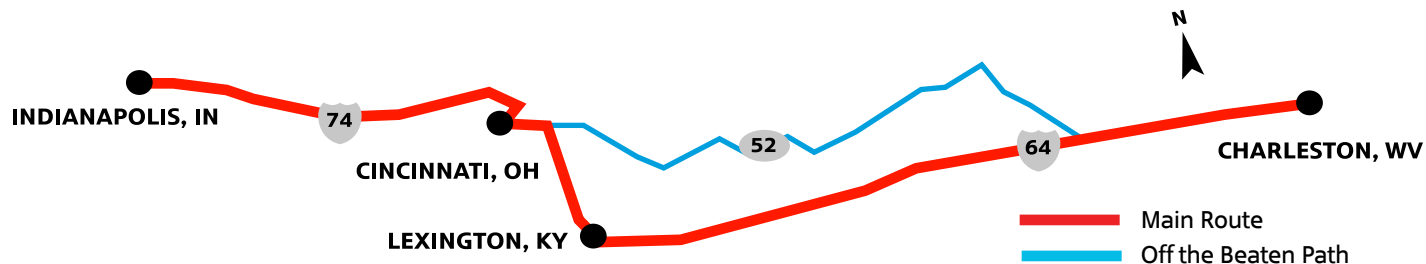


MINI TAKES THE STATES DAY 11 - AUGUST 31 - INDIANAPOLIS, IN to CHARLESTON, WV



Total Daily Drive Time: 6.5 hours or 378 miles

Departure Time: 8:00am - 9:00 am

Departure Location: To Be Announced

Estimated Arrival into Charleston: 2:30pm - 3:30pm (not including stops)

Main Route Directions: Interstate 74 to Cincinnati to Ohio River Byway 52 East crossing the Ohio River into Huntington, WV continuing on Interstate 64 to Charleston, WV. Driving through the cities of: Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Portsmouth, Huntington and Charleston.

Main Route Synopsis: Stop by the morning departure desk at Express Lot #499 (449 South Pennsylvania St. at E. South Street, across from Arby's) between the hours of 7:30am and 9:30am to receive information and details on the day's drive and the upcoming stop.

From Indianapolis to Cincinnati to the border of West Virginia, today is the day to bring out that picnic lunch and enjoy a stop along the Ohio River Byway. The Ohio River runs the entire Southern and Eastern borders of Ohio and flows for nearly 1000 miles. You'll cross the river into West Virginia at Huntington, before finally motoring into Charleston, WV, the state capitol. Take some time to wander through the city and explore its past.

Arrival Desk: For your convenience, the arrival desk in Charleston will be located at the Cato Park (200 Baker Lane, Charleston, WV). The arrival desk will be open from 6:30pm - 8:30 pm.

Special Events: Hurry up the show's about to start...MINI USA courtesy of **Men's Health** magazine will create an open air drive-in theater for 500 MINI Takes the States motorists and their guest at Cato Park (200 Baker Lane). Enjoy a new feature film release, popcorn, candy and soft drinks - just like the good 'ole days. Enjoy snacks and beverages courtesy of **Men's Health** magazine. Enjoy snacks and beverages courtesy of **Men's Health** Magazine. Gates open at 6:30pm. Showtime is at 8:30pm.

SIRIUS, MINI's official satellite radio partner, will be providing the daily tip sheet at every 'check point' to all participants informing them of the daily route, traffic alerts and activities - so no one will miss a beat. **SIRIUS** will also provide the best in 100% commercial-free music at each stop.

WIRED MAGAZINE has officially joined the road rally! MINI USA and **WIRED** have hooked up to provide MINI Takes the States motorists with wireless Internet access throughout the entire journey. The MINI Takes the States **WIRED** branded tour bus will serve as the daily 'check point' for participants, where event updates and information can be obtained in addition to accessing the internet.

Lodging:

Headquarters:

- Marriott Town Center \$\$ (marriott.com) - 200 Lee St E, Charleston, WV - (800)228-9290 or (304)345-6500

Others:

- Embassy Suites Charleston \$\$ (embassysuites.hilton.com) - 300 Court St, Charleston, WV - (800)362-2779 or (304)347-8700
- Holiday Inn Express Civic Center \$ (www.ihotelsgroup.com) - 100 Civic Center Dr, Charleston, WV - (888)465-4329 or (304)345-0600
- Fairfield Inn Charleston \$ (marriott.com) - 1000 Washington St. E, Charleston, WV - (800)228-2800 or (304)343-4661

Campgrounds:

- www.reserveamerica.com
- www.reserveusa.com

Dining:

- Soho's Italian Restaurant - 800 Smith St, Charleston - (304) 720-7646 - Lunch 11 am-3pm, Dinner 5-9pm (largest parties are 12-15)
- Blossom Dairy and Soda Fountain (www.roadfood.com/Reviews/Writeup.aspx?ReviewID=95&RefID=95) - 904 Quarrier St, Charleston - (304) 345-2233 - 9am-9pm
- Tidewater Grill (www.tidewatergrillrestaurant.com/) - 1060 Charleston Town Ctr, Charleston - (304) 345-2620 - 11am-10pm
- Find More at Road Food - (www.roadfood.com/Restaurants)

Points of Interest:

- Cincinnati Ohio
- Ohio River Byway Route
- C&O Railroad Depot

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- Victorian Block, Capital Street

Off the Beaten Path: The Off the Beaten Path route for this leg is the suggested route. Take Interstate 74 East through Cincinnati connecting to Ohio River Byway 52 East. Continue through approximately 165 miles crossing the river into Huntington, WV and Interstate 64 East to Charleston, WV.

Fun Facts:

- Charleston is the largest city in the state of West Virginia

City Convention and Visitors Bureaus: Charleston, WV - www.charlestonwv.com