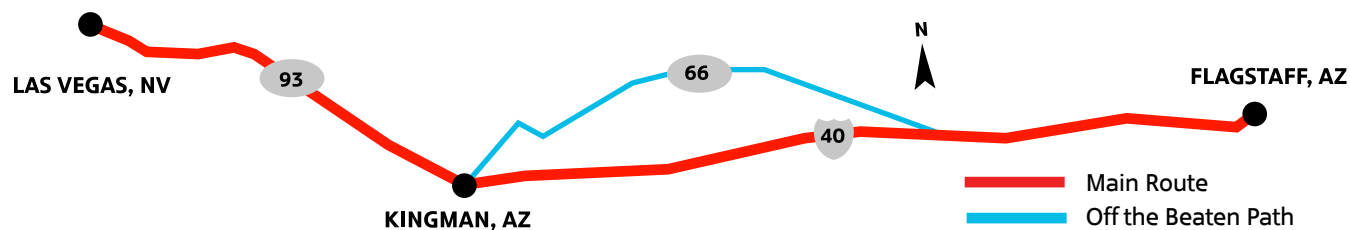


# MINI TAKES THE STATES DAY 3 - AUGUST 23 - LAS VEGAS, NV to FLAGSTAFF, AZ



**Total Daily Drive Time:** 4.5 hours or 255 miles

**Departure Time:** 7:00am (if touring Grand Canyon or Hoover Dam area) 8:00am (if driving Route 66), 9:00am (if driving direct to Flagstaff)

**Departure Location:** Palace Station Hotel parking lot – 2411 West Sahara Ave.

**Estimated Arrival into Flagstaff:** 1:30pm (not including stops)

**Main Route Directions:** Interstate 215 to Interstate 515 to NV 93, cross Hoover Dam to AZ 93 to Interstate 40. Driving through the cities of: Las Vegas, Boulder City, Kingman, Valentine (66), Peach Springs (66), Seligman, Williams and Flagstaff.

**Main Route Synopsis:** Stop by the morning departure desk at Palace Station Hotel (2411 West Sahara Ave) in the parking lot at Teddy Drive and Kings Way between the hours of 7am and 9am to receive information and details on the day's drive and the upcoming stop.

So you spent all your children's inheritance in Las Vegas, but you had a good time though, right? Today's drive takes you over the magnificent Hoover Dam and into the Grand Canyon State of Arizona. Security checkpoints slow things down just prior to the Hoover Dam crossing so expect some minor delays but this engineering feat is nothing less than spectacular. The Arizona high desert eventually leads into lowland mountain areas as you wind closer and closer to Flagstaff. This is your first chance to experience a section of Historic Route 66 or motor directly into Flagstaff and breathe in the fresh clean mountain air.

**Arrival Desk:** For your convenience, the arrival desk in Flagstaff will be located in the lobby of Little America Hotel (2515 East Butler Avenue). The arrival desk will be open from 1pm – 3pm.

**Special Events *The New Yorker* Car Wash.** Motoring is a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it... and to reward you *The New Yorker* and students from Sinagua High School (3950 E. Butler Avenue) in Flagstaff will be hosting a car wash. A special commemorative photo will be taken at this location courtesy of *The New Yorker*. In the spirit of our Motoring Hearts program *The New Yorker* will make a special donation to Sinagua High School. This will be a great way to give back to the community we're motoring through.

**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:

- Little America \$\$ ([www.littleamerica.com/flagstaff](http://www.littleamerica.com/flagstaff)) - 2515 E Butler Ave, Flagstaff – (928)779-7900

### Others:

- Embassy Suites Hotel Flagstaff \$\$ ([www.embassysuites.com](http://www.embassysuites.com)) - 706 South Milton Rd, Flagstaff – (800)EMBASSY or (928)774-4333
- Radisson Woodlands Hotel \$\$ ([www.radisson.com/flagstaffaz](http://www.radisson.com/flagstaffaz)) - 1175 W Rte 66, Flagstaff – (800)333-3333
- Best Western Pony Soldier Inn \$ ([book.bestwestern.com](http://book.bestwestern.com)) - 3030 E Route 66, Flagstaff – (800)356-4143 or (928)526-2388
- Ramada LTD/Grand Canyon Area \$ ([www.ramada.com](http://www.ramada.com)) - 2755 Woodlands Village Blvd, Flagstaff – (800)272-6232 or (928)773-1111

### Campgrounds:

- [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com)
- [www.reserveusa.com](http://www.reserveusa.com)

## Dining:

- Beaver Street Brewery & Whistle Stop Café ([www.beaverstreetbrewery.com](http://www.beaverstreetbrewery.com)) - 11 S Beaver St Ste 1, Flagstaff - (928) 779-0079 – 11:30am-10pm
- Black Barts Steak House & Saloon ([www.blackbartssteakhouse.com](http://www.blackbartssteakhouse.com)) - 2760 E Butler Ave, Flagstaff - (928) 779-3142 – 5-9pm (Reservations recommended)
- Oregano's Pizza Bistro ([www.oreganos.com](http://www.oreganos.com)) - 605 W Riordan Rd, Flagstaff - (928) 773-8600 – 11am-9:30pm
- Find More at Road Food – ([www.roadfood.com/Restaurants](http://www.roadfood.com/Restaurants))

## Points of Interest:

## **MINI TAKES THE STATES** DAY 3 - AUGUST 23 - LAS VEGAS, NV to FLAGSTAFF, AZ

- Hoover Dam
- Humphrey's Peak in Flagstaff (highest point in AZ)
- Sedona, AZ via Oak Creek Canyon (1 hour drive South of Flagstaff)
- Grand Canyon (1 hour drive north of I-40 and Williams, AZ)
- Route 66 Association of Arizona <http://www.azrt66.com/>
- Powerhouse Visitor Center <http://www.kingmantourism.org>

**Off the Beaten Path:** Take Interstate 215 to Interstate 515 to NV 93, cross Hoover Dam to AZ 93 to Historic Route 66 to Interstate 40.

**City Convention and Visitors Bureaus:** Flagstaff, AZ - [www.flagstaffarizona.org](http://www.flagstaffarizona.org)