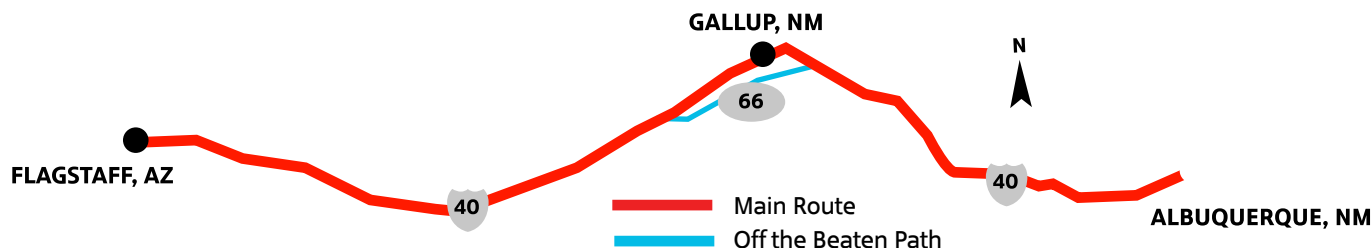


MINI TAKES THE STATES DAY 4 - AUGUST 24 - FLAGSTAFF, AZ to ALBUQUERQUE, NM



Total Daily Drive Time: 4.5 hours or 323 miles

Departure Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Departure Location: Little America Hotel parking lot – 2515 East Butler Ave.

Estimated Arrival into Albuquerque: 1:30pm – 2:30pm (not including stops)

Main Route Directions: Interstate 40. Driving through the cities of: Flagstaff, Winslow, Holbrook, Gallup, Continental Divide and Albuquerque.

Main Route Synopsis: Stop by the morning departure desk at Little America Hotel (2515 East Butler Avenue) parking lot between the hours of 8:30am – 10:30 am to receive information and details on the day's drive and the upcoming stop.

After departing the mountainous region of Flagstaff, the drive on day 4 takes you through more high desert into the plateaus of New Mexico. Just before the New Mexico border, the roadway becomes flanked by high New Mexico plateaus and mesas. The region is scenic and holds much history. Just beyond the border, you'll cross the Continental Divide. Ah, now you're flowing towards the Atlantic Ocean. Expect roadside trading posts filled with Native American jewelry and goods.

Arrival Desk: For your convenience, the arrival desk in Albuquerque will be located Embassy Suites (1000 Woodward Place NE) in the Agave room (Conference Center). The arrival desk will be open from 2pm – 4pm.

Special Events: Route 66 Photograph at Yellowhorse Trading Post As you near the New Mexico border, plan to stop just after Lupton, Arizona and on the AZ/NM border at the Yellowhorse Indian Trading post and market for a Route 66 commemorative photo, provided courtesy of MINI USA.

Join **New Mexico MINI Motoring** and **Sandia MINI** for an afternoon of BBQ, track laps and games on Thursday, August 24th from 1pm to 7pm at Sandia MotorSports Track. A donation fee of \$10.00 per car is required. Donations will benefit UNM Children's Hospital. Just another good example MINI Motoring Hearts at work!

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:

- Embassy Suites Albuquerque \$\$ (embassysuites.hilton.com) - 1000 Woodward Pl NE, Albuquerque – (800)362-2779 or (505)245-7100

Others:

- Doubletree Hotel Albuquerque \$\$ (doubletree.hilton.com) - 201 Marquette NW, Albuquerque - (800)222-8733 or (505)247-3344
- Hotel Blue \$ (www.thehotelblue.com) - 717 Central Ave, Albuquerque – (877)878-4868 or (505)924-2400
- Quality Inn and Suites \$ (www.choicehotels.com) - 411 McKnight Ave, Albuquerque – (877)424-6423 or (505)242-5228

Campgrounds:

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

Dining:

- Los Cuates (www.loscuatesrestaurants.com) - 4901 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque - (505) 255-5079 – 11am-9pm (They don't take reservations, however, call 30 minutes prior and place your name on the list)
- Sadie's Dining Room (www.sadiessalsa.com) - 6230 4th St NW, Albuquerque - (505) 345-5339 – 11am-10pm (Reservations)
- Dog House Drive in - 1216 Central Ave SW, Albuquerque – (505) 243-1019 – 10am-9:30pm
- The Gruet Steak House- 3201 Central Ave., NE Albuquerque, NM 87106 tel: 505-256-WINE (9463) Located at the Historic Monte Vista Fire Station.
- Yanni's (Mediterranean)- 3109 Central Ave NE Albuquerque, NM 87106 - 2215 (505) 268-9250

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- Artichoke Cafe- (“Southwestern cuisine with a very nice bar, and my first choice in the area”) 424 Central Avenue SE Albuquerque, NM (505) 243-0200
- Scalo Northern Italian Grill - 3500 Central Ave SE Albuquerque, NM 87106 - 1446 (505) 255-8781
- Find More at Road Food – (www.roadfood.com/Restaurants)

Points of Interest:

- Historic Route 66
- Petrified Forest
- Crossing the Continental Divide of the United States
- Old Town Albuquerque
- Sandia Peak Mountain Tramway

Off the Beaten Path: Upon entering Gallup, New Mexico exit Interstate 40 onto Historic Route 66. After enjoying a bite to eat, rejoin Interstate 40 East toward Albuquerque, NM.

Fun Facts:

- The Biscochito (Bizcochito) was adopted as the official cookie by the New Mexico Legislature in 1989. This act made New Mexico the first to have an official state cookie.
- The word Albuquerque comes from the Latin words “albus” and “quercus”, meaning “white oak”. The first “r” in the city’s name was discarded over time.

City Convention and Visitors Bureaus: Albuquerque, NM - www.abqcvb.com