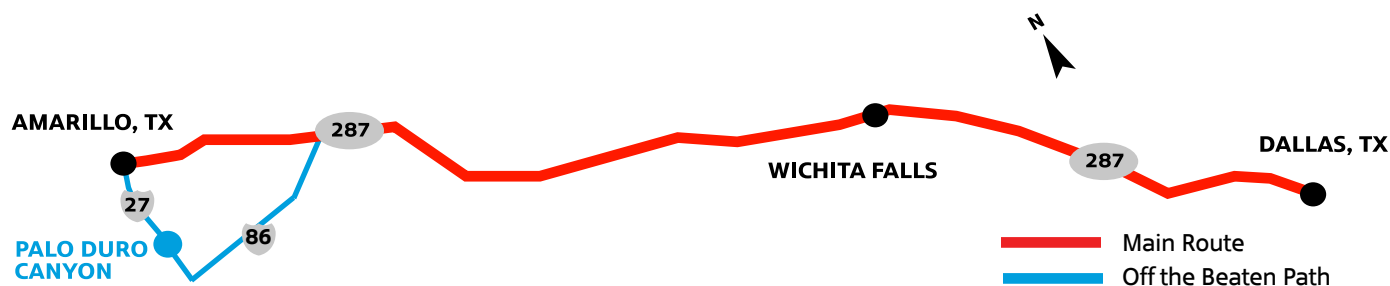


MINI TAKES THE STATES DAY 6 - AUGUST 26 - AMARILLO, TX to DALLAS, TX



Total Daily Drive Time: 6.5 hours or 375 miles

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

Departure Location: Ambassador Hotel parking lot – 3100 I-40 West

Estimated Arrival into Dallas: 3:00pm - 4:00pm (includes average stops)

Main Route Directions: TX 287 South to Interstate 35 to Fort Worth to Interstate 30 East to Dallas City Center. Driving through the cities of: Amarillo, Clarendon, Childress, Vernon, Wichita Falls, Bowie, Decatur, Fort Worth and Dallas. (Palo Duro Canyon if taking Off the Beaten Path route).

Main Route Synopsis: Stop by the morning departure desk Ambassador Hotel (3100 I-40 West) parking lot between the hours of 8am and 10am to receive information and details on the day's drive and the upcoming stop.

Get up early and make a bee line to Dallas. Today's drive will lead you through some old and very quirky Texan towns. There's Childress, Vernon and Wichita Falls and each have their own character and history. Don't be surprised by things you find along the way on drive day 6. Once you motor into Dallas, marvel at the cities' ever sprawling skyline and modern architecture. They're right, everything IS big in Texas!

Arrival Desk: For your convenience, the arrival desk is located at the Gypsy Tea room (2548 Elm Street). The arrival desk will be open from 8pm – 10pm

Special Events: The power combo of *Rolling Stone* magazine and *Men's Journal* have partnered with MINI USA to throw a Texas style party (that's BIG!). Motor on to The Gypsy Tea Room in Dallas where 900 of your closest MINI family and friends will enjoy an evening of laughs, music and more! The evening will be hosted by comedian Jay Davis. The event begins at 8:00 pm. Seating and parking are limited so early arrival is recommended. Snacks provided courtesy of Rolling Stone and Men's Journal with a cash bar. Comedians Jay Davis and Rusty Dooley along with the musical entertainment of Patrick Ryan Clark, will make this a must for all registered MINI Takes the States motorists.

The Gypsy Tea Room is located at 2548 Elm Street, Deep Ellum, Dallas, TX. Complimentary valet parking available for as many as 700 MINIs.

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:

- W Dallas Victory Hotel \$\$ (www.starwoodhotels.com/whotels) - 2440 Victory Park Ln, Dallas – (888)625-5144 or (214)397-4100

Others:

- Renaissance Dallas Hotel \$\$ (marriott.com) - 2222 Stemmons Fwy, Dallas – (800)771-5665 or (214)631-2222
- Embassy Suites Dallas Market Center \$\$ (www.embassysuites.com) - 2727 Stemmons Fwy, Dallas – (800)362-2779 or (214)630-5332
- Quality Inn Dallas Market Center \$ (www.choicehotels.com) - 1955 Market Center Blvd., Dallas – (877)424-6423 or (214)747-9551

Campgrounds:

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

Dining:

- Hattie's - 418 N Bishop Ave, Dallas - (214) 942-7400 – Lunch 11:30am-2:30pm, Dinner 5:30-10pm (No large groups on Saturday nights - Groups of 25+ must buy out restaurant)

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- Monica's Aca Y Alla (www.monicas.com) - 2914 Main St, Dallas - (214) 748-7140 – 8am-10pm (Two private rooms w/ seating for 70 and 55 max.)
- Taco Diner (www.mcrowd.com) - 3699 Mckinney Ave Ste 307, Dallas - (214) 521-3669 – 8am-11 pm
- Primo's Bar and Grill - 3309 Mckinney Ave, Dallas - (214) 220-0510 – 11am-2am
- Find More at Road Food – (www.roadfood.com/Restaurants)

Points of Interest:

- Palo Duro Canyon

Off the Beaten Path: Palo Duro Canyon is located just outside of Amarillo via Interstate 27 South of Amarillo to Palo Duro Canyon, then further south on Interstate 27 to TX 70 East to rejoining TX 287 towards Wichita Falls to Interstate 35 to Fort Worth to Interstate 30 East to Dallas City Center.

Fun Facts:

- Love's Field Antique mall is the largest antique and classic car mall in the United States.
- The 52 foot 'Big Tex' statue that greets visitors at the annual State Fair is the tallest cowboy in Texas.

City Convention and Visitors Bureaus: Dallas, TX - www.dallascvb.com/visitors