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America's Two-Lane Highways*

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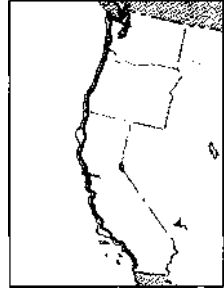
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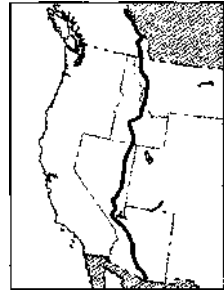
This 1,500-mile, mostly two-lane route starts at the northwest tip of the United States at Olympic National Park, and remains within sight of the Pacific Ocean almost all the way south to the border with Mexico. Traversing rough-and-tumble logging and fishing communities in Washington, quaint resort towns in Oregon, and the phenomenally beautiful Northern California coastline, the route ends at the lush beachfronts of Southern California.



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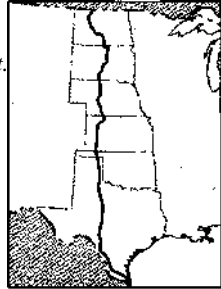
From its start high up in the Canadian Rockies, this route is pure mountain majesty, passing through some of most wild and rugged land in Canada and the United States. As it continues south, the roaring rivers and mountain forests of Montana and Idaho give way to the hauntingly desolate Great Basin desert and the blinding lights and clanging casinos of Las Vegas, before ending up at the Mexican border in the lush Sonora Desert of southern Arizona.



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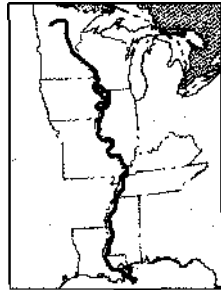
Don't let the nickname fool you: US-83 may not lead to many places you've heard of before, but it's a route you'll never forget. Cutting across the heart of the Great Plains, this arrow-straight highway passes through hundreds of all-American small towns and endless expanses of agriculture, all the way from Canada to the mouth of the Rio Grande.



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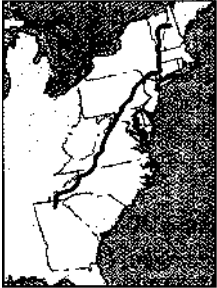
The mighty Mississippi River cuts a scenic swathe from its headwaters in Minnesota to its terminus at the Gulf of Mexico, taking in upland meadows, cypress swamps, urban centers, and plenty of local color—including a growing number of riverfront casinos. The Great River Road hugs the legendary waterway from stem to stern, offering a magical, musical tour of mythic Big Muddy.



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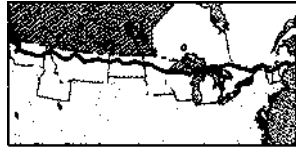
Alternating between roller coaster-rich beach resort areas and long stretches of untouched coastal wilderness, this route follows nearly 2,000 miles of two-lane country roads, within earshot if not eyesight of the Atlantic Ocean almost the entire way. From Atlantic City to the tip of Key West, this road trip passes through offbeat seaside towns and timeless old fishing villages, with surprisingly huge swathes of beaches, wetlands, and woodlands in between.



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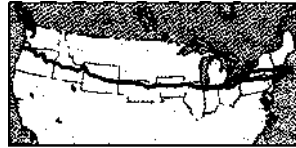
Dubbed the Great Northern in memory of the pioneer railroad that parallels the western half of the route, 1/5-2 must be the most stunning and unforgettable of all the great transcontinental road trips. Its international passage is punctuated by towering mountain ranges and the vast horizontal expanses of the Great Plains, and hooked by two great cities, Seattle and Montreal. Even a short stretch of driving the Great Northern is guaranteed to bring new meaning to the expression "getting away from Hall."



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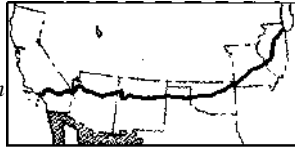
This historic route across America's southern tier presents more varied cultural and physical landscapes per mile than you'll find along any other cross-country route. A few hours from the sands of San Diego, you come upon the incomparable desert Southwest, with its trademark saguaro cacti and unforgettable vistas. Continuing east, US-80 crosses the oil-rich plains of central Texas, easing into the sultry bayous and blues of Louisiana and Mississippi, before ending with a tour of Civil War and Civil Rights sites that winds up at the gorgeous sea islands around beautiful Savannah, Georgia.



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