

MINI TAKES THE STATES DAY 10 - AUGUST 30 - ST. LOUIS, MO to INDIANAPOLIS, IN



Total Daily Drive Time: 4 hours or 243 miles

Departure Time: 8:00am – 10:00am

Departure Location: St. Louis Gateway Arch parking lot – Riverfront Levee area

Estimated Arrival into Indianapolis: 12:00pm – 2:00pm (not including stops)

Main Route Directions: Interstate 70 direct to Indianapolis. Driving through the cities of: St. Louis, Vandalia, Effingham, Terre Haute, Indianapolis or off the beaten path through St. Louis, Springfield, Decatur, Rockville, Danville and Indianapolis.

Main Route Synopsis: Stop by the morning departure desk at the St. Louis Gateway Arch parking lot (Riverfront Levee area) between the hours of 8am and 10am to receive information and details on the day's drive and the upcoming stop.

Today is a day to motor through the heartland on your way to Indiana. If you don't have a current appreciation for the farmers of this area, you soon will. Nearly 80 percent of this land area is devoted to farming. Small towns are abundant in this region and the locals will be happy to recommend the best cup of coffee in town. Just ask. Indianapolis is just a hop, skip and a jump down the highway. Take time to enjoy the heartland and appreciate its bounty.

Arrival Desk: For your convenience, the arrival desk in Indianapolis will be located at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway *(4790 W. 16th Street). The arrival desk will be open from 2pm – 5pm.

Special Events: Arch Aerial Photo and Breakfast: MINIs MINIs everywhere. Join us at the famous St. Louis Arch for an aerial photograph of all of the MINIs under the Arch. Meet up with your MINI friends, grab some breakfast, courtesy of **Dwell Magazine**, and get ready for the quick trip to Indy. Breakfast begins at 8:00AM with the photo at 9:30AM sharp. Photos will be available for purchase on the web at cardinalaviation.dotphoto.com.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway: Motor like you've never motored before! It's just you and 500 of your closet MINI friends and family, motoring around the famous Indianapolis Speedway. Join us for a parade lap and get your photo taken as you pass the famous yard of bricks. Enjoy snacks and refreshments, all courtesy of **Sports Illustrated**. A \$10.00 donation to a local Indianapolis charity will be collected in order to participate in the parade lap. Museum tours and access, as well as ground tours are available on a first come first some basis for \$3.00 per person. Plan to join us from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM for an afternoon of speed and excitement.

*The Speedway is located at 4790 West 16th Street on the west side of Indianapolis; just minutes from Indianapolis Airport. Take I-465; Exit 16A, Crawford Rd. head east approximately 1.5 miles; the Speedway is located on the north east corner of Crawford and Georgetown roads. Use Main Gate #2 to enter the speedway. Speedway staff will direct you to the RV parking lot to register for the track lap.

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:

- Conrad Indianapolis \$\$ (conradhotels1.hilton.com) - 50 W Washington St, Indianapolis – (800)445-8667 or (317)713-5000

Others:

- Embassy Suites Indianapolis Downtown \$\$ (www.embassysuites.com) - 110 W Washington, Indianapolis – (800)362-2779 or (317)236-1800
- Westin Indianapolis \$\$\$ - 50 S Capital Ave, Indianapolis – (317)262-8100
- Radisson City Center Indianapolis \$\$ (www.radisson.com) - 31 W Ohio St, Indianapolis – (888)201-1718 or (317)635-2000
- Days Inn Indianapolis Downtown \$ (www.daysinn.com) - 401 E Washington St, Indianapolis – (800)329-7466 or (317)637-6464

Campgrounds:

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

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Dining:

- Mac Nivens Restaurant - 339 Massachusetts Ave, Indianapolis - (317) 632-7268 – 11 am-10pm
- Hollywood Bar & Filmworks (www.filmworksonline.com) - 247 S Meridian St, Indianapolis - (317) 231-9255
- Scholar's Inn Gourmet Café (scholarsinn.com/cafeindy/about.shtml) - 701 Broad Ripple Ave, Indianapolis - (317) 726-1000
- Mug-n-Bun Drive In - 5211 W 10th St, Indianapolis - (317) 244-5669 – 10:30am-9:30pm
- Find More at Road Food – (www.roadfood.com/Restaurants)

Points of Interest:

- Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum

Off the Beaten Path: Consider driving Interstate 55 N towards Springfield, IL then East on IL 36 into Indiana. Explore the Central Indiana Amish area of Parke County near Rockville, IN. Don't be shy and ask the locals for great local sights. Everyone's a neighbor in this part of the country. This area is home to many covered bridges, buggies and excellent back road drives. Continue further East directly into Indianapolis.

City Convention and Visitors Bureaus: Indianapolis, IN - www.indy.org