



JEFFERSON HIGHWAY

From PINE to PALM

1916 - 1926

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North America's FIRST TRANSCONTINENTAL INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY

**“An historic achievement
and a well kept secret.”**



The Jefferson Highway was the first transcontinental highway system to traverse the North American continent South and North. Conceived at a meeting in New Orleans in 1915 the Highway became passable from end to end in 1919.

Marked by a stone obelisk in New Orleans "The Jeff" runs North through Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota finally ending at a stone marker in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Jefferson Highway, also known as the Pine to Palm Route, was on the maps until 1926 when all highways became numbers, erasing the old names. That is how part of Route 66 ended up sitting on top of the Jefferson Highway (Carthage, Missouri).

In the early days people built their own Highways and took pride in driving on them.

The Jefferson Highway is still there...discover it!



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