

OLD SPANISH TRAIL

Main Line

St. Augustine, Florida, to San Diego, California

2817 Miles

Corrected to January 1, 1925

The Old Spanish Trail is the trunkline of the Gulf coast from Florida to Texas, then crosses the plains and mountains of the West to California touching the Mexican border points. It is building over the rivers and bays that empty the waters of half the continent into the Gulf, and it is conquering its way across the great ranch country of West Texas and thru the mining, mountain and desert country of New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California. When the story is written of the works of the engineers, highway commissions and people who are building the trunkline across the barriers that have stood in the way another great chapter in American achievement will be told. The first meeting to promote this highway was in 1915 at Mobile. Today the highway is 80% improved, \$8,000,000 in road and bridge construction will be completed in 1925 and over \$10,000,000 in new construction will be started.

MILEAGE SUMMARY

Eastern Department—970.6 Miles	
Florida	455.0 Miles
Alabama	70.0 "
Mississippi	96.1 "
Louisiana	348.5 "
	970.6 "
Central Department—947.0 Miles	
Texas	947.0 Miles
Western Department—899.4 Miles	
New Mexico	195.8 Miles
Arizona	624.4 "
California	179.2 "
	899.4 "

DRIVING REGULATIONS

In all driving slowing down and caution are required at curves, crossings, passing other vehicles or pedestrians, on bridges, on wet or crowded roads, etc. The speed limit is not an absolute right; it is a permissible privilege to be exercised with reasonable care. Numerous provisions are embodied in all laws and ignorance of these excuses no one. Generally 35 miles per hour on the public highways are permissible, with varying regulations for city streets, for traffic conditions make many local regulations necessary. Proceed cautiously with car always under control is the best law.

FERRIES

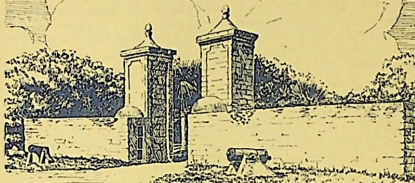
Details shown in the log at the ferry points. Total charges \$17.00 to \$21.00 depending upon size of car. Extra passenger charge on four ferries add 75c to the above.

\$3.00 or \$10.00 of above charges avoided by detours around Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans. See memo in the log under Chef Menteur. Improvements in progress promise by summer of 1925 to shorten this ferry and reduce costs to \$5.00 or less. Other improvements in progress promise by the end of 1925 to remove the costs entirely.

DETAILED RATES

Escambia Bay, between Milton and Pensacola, Florida	\$1.25*
Nunez Bridge toll, Florida—Alabama State Line	.50
Mobile Bay, 14 to 18 miles	3.50* to \$6.00
Pascagoula River, Miss.	.75*
Bay St. Louis, Miss.	.75*
Pearlington to Chef Menteur, Lake Pontchartrain east of New Orleans	9.00 to 10.00
(This is now 34 mi. Construction will soon be completed to lessen this. Also short ferries \$3.00 and detours).	
Mississippi River	.30
Berwick Bay, Morgan City, La.	.35*
Sabine River, Louisiana—Texas State Line, 3 mi.	.75 to 1.00

*Extra charge for passengers other than driver totaling about 75c for the four ferries.



ANCIENT GATE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

San Augustin was settled in 1565, the oldest city in the United States. Ponce de Leon landed in 1513. The De Narvaez expedition landed at Tampa Bay in 1528 and De Soto in 1539, and both fought their way around westward. De Luna landed at Pensacola Bay in 1559 with the largest expedition of them all. While the Spaniards were exploring the Floridas other remarkable expeditions were moving northward from Mexico into New Spain (Texas) and into New Mexico and California. Santa Fe became the second oldest city in the U. S., while others lay claim to existence back in the dim past. When the thirteen states were fighting for independence Spain controlled an empire south and west, and was just beginning to build the California missions. Florida was Spanish until 1821; Spain sold Old Louisiana back to France in 1803; France sold to the U. S. in 1803; Texas independence was won in 1836 and that territory was annexed by the U. S. in 1845. The Mexican War was 1846-47. The New Mexico-Arizona-Southern California territory was ceded to the U. S. by Mexico in 1848. The Gadsden Purchase of part of southern New Mexico and Arizona was in 1853. The Old Spanish Trail of today is a thread binding together for all time the old Spanish history and legend of three and four centuries past. In these lands the pedres sought riches to lay up in heaven and the conquistadores sought riches for personal glory and often found disaster for their vain but romantic search. Now a new race is finding riches in the crucibles of industry.

Notes—Population figures according to U. S. Census 1920. Elevations at railroad depots and from records of state universities.

Miles From San Diego		Miles From St. Augustine
2817.0	ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.	0.0
	Pop. 6192. Elevation 7 ft.	
	INFORMATION AND SERVICE	
	St. Augustine Chamber of Commerce.	
2776.3	JACKSONVILLE, FLA. (St. John's River)	40.7
	Zero at Post Office	
	60.0 mi. Paving.	
	Pop. 91,858. Elevation 8 ft.	
2716.3	LAKE CITY, FLA.	100.7
	24.2 mi. Sand Clay, good.	
	Pop. 3341. Elevation 200 ft.	
2692.1	LIVE OAK, FLA.	124.9
	23.2 mi. Sand Clay, good.	
	Pop. 3103. Elevation 108 ft. Suwannee River 13 mi. west of Live Oak.	
2662.8	MADISON, FLA.	154.2
	33.4 mi. (Sand Clay, good, 6 mi. Unimproved 10 mi. Sand Clay, good, 6 mi. Bal. unimproved.)	
	Pop. 1952. Elevation 138 ft.	

From San Diego		From St. Augustine
2629.4	MONTICELLO, FLA.	187.6
	34.4 mi. Unimproved, fair.	
	Pop. 1704. Elevation 210 ft. Tourist camp—Rest house, kitchenette, outdoor grates, tables, wood, water, showers, playground, elec. lights, tent floors, police, shade, toilets; supplies one block.	
2599.0	TALLAHASSEE, FLA.	218.0
	16.1 mi. Graded Dirt.	
	Pop. 5637. Elevation 82 ft. Ocklocknee River 3.7 mi. east of Havana.	
2582.0	HAVANA, FLA.	234.1
	12.5 mi. (Graded dirt for 5 mi. Bal. Sand Clay, good.)	
	Pop. 448. Elevation—ft. Tourist camp—On river 3.7 mi. east. Tables, wood, water, shade, toilets, groceries, gas, oil, playground.	
2570.4	QUINCY, FLA.	246.6
	46.0 mi. Graded Dirt.	
	Pop. 3118. Elevation 251 ft. OST Vice Pres. W. M. Corry. Tourist camp—Ground only, in town, supplies near. Half way to Marianna is the Apalacheicola River bridge, 5,500 ft. long, dedicated Victory Bridge in memory of the soldiers in the World War, and considered by engineers a notable structure.	
2524.4	MARIANNA, FLA.	292.6
	20.2 mi. (Sand Clay, good, 9.7 mi. Bal. Graded Dirt.)	
	Pop. 2499. Elevation 120 ft. Tourist Camp—in town, tables, water, elec. lights, shade, toilets, protection; all supplies near.	
2504.2	CHIPLEY, FLA.	312.8
	10.0 mi. Graded Dirt.	
	Pop. 1806. Elevation 109 ft.	
2494.2	BONIFAY, FLA.	322.8
	31.8 mi. (Graded east of Choctawhatchee River. 10 mi. Sand Clay, good, west to De Funiak Springs)	
	Pop. 1230. Elevation 127 ft.	
	Choctawhatchee River bridge, 8,000 ft. inc. approaches.	
2462.4	DE FUNIAK SPRINGS, FLA.	354.6
	28.8 mi. (Construction to Mossy Head, 12.8 mi. Bal. Sand Clay, good.)	
	Pop. 2097. Elevation 262 ft. Tourist Camp—3 bks. north. Rest house, tables, wood, water, showers, playground, elec. lights, police, shade, toilets; supplies near.	
2438.6	CRESTVIEW, FLA.	383.4
	31.2 mi. (Graded Dirt for 5 mi. Sand Clay, good, and Paving 26 mi.)	
	Pop. 500. Elevation 229 ft.	
2402.4	MILTON, FLA. (Black Water River)	414.6
	21.4 mi. (Sand Clay, good, to ferry 11 mi. Ferry 4 mi. Sand Clay, good to Pensacola.)	
	Pop. 1594. Elevation 11 ft. Escambia Bay bridge 2.3 mi. to be finished February 1926.	
	Ferry	
	Two ferries. 6:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M. Rates \$1.25.	
2381.0	PENSACOLA, FLA.	436.0
	Zero at San Carlos Hotel.	
	Pop. 31,035. Elevation 27 ft. Tourist Camp—2 mi. from P. O. on the bay. Rest house, kitchenette, outdoor grates, tables, amusements, wood, water, showers, bathing pavilion, playgrounds, elec. lights, tent floors, police, shade, toilets, supplies, on Pensacola Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. OST Director, Fred W. Marsh.	
	De Luna landed on the Pensacola mainland in 1559 with the largest expedition to attempt the conquest of Florida. Pensacola is rich in old history.	
2362.0	NUNEZ BRIDGE, Fla.-Ala. State Line	455.0
	22.0 mi. Dirt and Gravel.	
	Nunez bridge, Perdido River, toll 50c.	

From San Diego		From St. Augustine
2340.0	LOXLEY, ALA.	477.0
	11.3 mi. Dirt and Gravel.	
	Pop. 200. Elevation 172 ft. Clean country hotel, good meals. Tourist Camp—Edge of town. Tables, wood, water, toilets, tent floors, shade, other conveniences under construction. OST Vice President, Mrs. T. A. Banning; Councilors, R. M. Mahler and Fred C. Griffin.	
	Loxley is a good stop-over between Pensacola and Mobile. Growing section, active OST Club, friendly people.	
2328.7	DAPHNE, ALA.	438.3
	9.0 mi. Across Mobile Bay.	
	Pop. 500. Elevation 100 ft. Tourist Camp—One mile from landing; conveniences at landing.	
	Distance by ferry, Str. New Daphne, 14 mi. OST route, morning and afternoon schedules. Other boats, longer ferry, county road, not OST. Rates all boats \$3.50 to \$6.00.	
	INFORMATION AND SERVICE	
	Str. New Daphne, OST line. Captain Joe Pose.	
2319.7	MOBILE, ALA.	497.3
	Zero at Ferry Landing.	
	27.7 mi. Paving, Gravel and Sand Clay.	
	Pop. 60,777. Elevation 8 ft. Tourist Camp—On the Bay. Rest houses, tables, amusements, wood, water, police, shade, toilets; supplies near. S. H. Peck, President Old Spanish Trail Association. Mrs. B. H. Scott, Irvington, OST Vice President.	
	Tablet, Bienville Monument, Mobile.	
	"To Jean Baptiste le Moyne Sieurs de Bienville, native of Montreal, Canada, naval officer of France, Governor of Louisiana and founder of the first capital Mobile 1711. Born 1680—died 1765. With the genius to create an empire and the courage to maintain it. Patient amid faction and successful even in defeat, he brought his settlement the prosperity of true civilization and the happiness of real Christianity. He who founds a city builds himself a life-long monument."	
	By this inscription Mobile is credited with being the first capital of Louisiana. Others say Biloxi was first.	
	HOTELS	
	Battle House. S. H. Peck, President.	
	INFORMATION AND SERVICE	
	Str. New Daphne, OST line. Captain Joe Pose, or manager at wharf.	
	Gulf Coast Garage. Day and night service. Wrecking crane, repairs, storage. 261 St. Michael St. Mack B. Cates. See also memo, under "Biloxi Bay," Louisiana.	
2292.0	ALA.-MISS. STATE LINE	525.0
	9.9 mi. Paving.	
2282.1	MOSS POINT, MISS.	534.9
	4.4 mi. Paving.	
	Pop. 3340. Elevation 17 ft.	
2277.7	PASCAGOULA, MISS. (Pascagoula River)	539.3
	17.7 mi. Paving.	
	Pop. 6682. Elevation 17 ft. Pascagoula River, continuous ferry 50c.	
2260.0	OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS. (Biloxi Bay)	557.0
	8.0 around Back Bay. Gravel and Dirt.	
	Pop. 1732. Elevation 24 ft. Biloxi Bay to be bridged.	
2252.0	BILOXI, MISS.	565.0
	12.8 mi. Paving, some Gravel.	
	Pop. 10,337. Elevation 23 ft. On the Gulf of Mexico. Biloxi was the first settlement of Louisiana by the French and claimed as the first capital.	
2239.2	GULFPORT, MISS.	577.8
	9.8 mi. Paving, some Gravel.	
	Pop. 8157. Elevation 25 ft. On the Gulf of Mexico. OST Director, Mrs. Rucks Yergler; Councilor, R. L. Aubert.	
2229.4	PASS CHRISTIAN, MISS.	587.6
	2.5 mi. to ferry landing. Paving and Gravel, 2.0 mi. by ferry across the Bay of St. Louis. Rate 75c.	
	Pop. 2357. Elevation 12 ft. On the Gulf of Mexico. OST Vice President, S. L. McElathery.	