Old Spanish Trail Is Picturesque, All-Weather Route Across U. S.

Through New Orleans and the fascinating Evangeline country of Southwest Louisiana lies what is said to be the nation’s only all-weather, all-year transcontinental highway that tourists may travel and enjoy any season of the year.

It is the Old Spanish Trail, known officially as U. S. Highway No. 90, which extends from St. Augustine, Fla., oldest city of the country, through a beautifully varied and intriguing route through the southernmost tier of states to San Diego, Cal.

The route is entirely paved with many of the long curves, lengthy circuits and railroad crossings eliminated in recent improvements. A new link on the eastern entrance to New Orleans is being constructed to eliminate two rail crossings. Twenty-two miles was eliminated by a shortcut from the Mississippi Gulf coast area.

The route is across the Suwanee river and through typical, beautiful Southern country past Pensacola and the noted naval air base into Mobile with its historic charm, Azalea Trail and other attractions.

Along the Mississippi Gulf coast is likewise a fascinating drive with the highway paralleling the shore for long distances. In New Orleans, of course, the visitor will have to remain days and days before he or she begins to see the famous French Quarter, the city’s own flower-lined avenues, parks and numerous other points of interest.

Going westward the tourist leaves over the gigantic Mississippi river bridge and beyond passes through luxuriant cane, rice, potato and corn fields; lush swamp vegetation, oil fields and Louisiana’s noted Evangeline country. The road parallels famous Bayou Teche, beside which Evangeline awaited her sweetheart, Gabriel, in Longfellow’s beloved poem.

The route continues in varied panorama through bustling cities of Texas, through deserts, up high mountains in New Mexico and Arizona, finally dropping down to picturesque San Diego on the Pacific coast. The route is approximately 2700 miles.