

Living Heritage Tours

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July 8 – 13, 2019 Nauvoo Church History Tour

Summertime in Old Nauvoo is the best time to visit this special place! Nauvoo is alive with activities, shows, performances, and pageants. In addition to visiting the historic sites and homes, plan on attending the temple, the outdoor stage production of *Sunset on the Mississippi*, the indoor stage production of *The Promise*, the Country Fair, the Nauvoo Pageant, the British Pageant, and several vignettes put on by the Young Performing Missionaries. This is the perfect time to go to Nauvoo!

Our Church History Tour is designed to make sure that we learn a lot about our church's history while having a ton of fun along the way! We will visit many sites of the early days of the church, but we won't just focus on the dates, locations, and events that occurred at each historical site. We are going to focus on how the lessons learned at each site can help us grow closer to the Savior in our everyday life.

Below is a detailed itinerary of our upcoming Nauvoo Church History Tour

July 8: Today you will fly from your home airport to Kansas City, Missouri. Once you land, a shuttle bus will take you directly to our hotel. We will be staying at the Courtyard by Marriott in Kansas City, Missouri. Each tour participant will be responsible for their own lunch and dinner today. The hotel is within walking distance of Cracker Barrel, Ruby Tuesday's, and Waffle House. Before each travel segment, several optional reading assignments will be provided. These readings will come from the Book of Mormon, Doctrine & Covenants, General Conference talks, and other articles relating to the history we will witness during our trip.

July 9: We will spend the day visiting the sacred sites of Missouri. Our first stop will be the Visitors' Center in Independence. Across the street is the Temple Lot where the future millennial temple will be built. We will then visit the reconstructed Liberty Jail before continuing to the temple site in Far West. Our final stop of the day will be at Adam-ondi-Ahman where we will discuss the sacred events of the past and the promised millennial events of the future which will take place there. Tom Pettit will take us through the all-important, but often misunderstood events of 1831-1839. While traveling, we will hear the stories and the history of this pivotal time in church history including the Mormon War, Haun's Mill, and ultimately the Extermination Order and exodus to Illinois. Our hotel will be the Comfort Inn & Suites in Chillicothe, Missouri. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner will be provided today.

July 10: Our first full day in Nauvoo will include Joseph Smith's home and grave site, the Red Brick Store, the Nauvoo Visitors' Center, carriage and wagon rides around Nauvoo, the Relief Society Statue Gardens, Brigham Young's home, Wilford Woodruff's home, Heber C. Kimball's home, the Seventies Hall, and many other historical sites. You may want to visit the "Land and Records Research Center" where you can discover your personal connection to Nauvoo. If you have ancestors that once lived in Nauvoo, they will show you on a map exactly where your ancestor lived! Be sure to see the several vignettes put on by the Young Performing Missionaries. We will attend the British Pageant tonight! Our hotel for the next two nights is the Comfort Suites in Burlington, Iowa. Breakfast, and Dinner will be provided today.

July 11: Our second full day in Nauvoo will include the sites we missed yesterday, plus many other historic homes and sites. In addition to the sites listed on the previous day, you may want to visit the Brickyard, the Browning Home & Gun Shop, the John Taylor Home, the Lucy Mack Smith Home, the Nauvoo Groves, Pioneer Pastimes, the Print Shop, the Scovil Bakery, the Tin Shop, the Blacksmith Shop, and so much more! There will be time to attend the Nauvoo Temple this afternoon. We will also have tickets to the stage production of *The Promise*. Later, we will attend the outdoor stage production of *Sunset on the Mississippi*, the Country Fair, and then the Nauvoo Pageant! Breakfast, and Dinner will be provided today.

July 12: Two and a half days in Nauvoo allows us to see and do everything Nauvoo has to offer! We will have a few hours back in Nauvoo this morning. We will walk the Trail of Hope (or you can ride along the Trail of Hope in the bus). This is the street that the Saints walked just before crossing the Mississippi River. Here the Saints took their first steps on their way to the Salt Lake Valley. As we leave Nauvoo, we journey to Carthage Jail. Here at the jail, Joseph and Hyrum sealed their testimonies as martyrs. As we head toward St. Louis, we stop at a historical spot in Quincy, Illinois where the Saints found refuge after being driven out of Missouri. Breakfast, and Dinner will be provided today.

July 13: After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to the St. Louis, MO airport for your flight home.

Each hotel offers a complimentary hot breakfast, coin laundry, swimming pool and jacuzzi, and either a king or two queen sized beds in each room.

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