

Living Heritage Tours

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Our Church History Tour is designed to make sure that we learn a lot about our church's history while having plenty 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.

October 7 – October 17, 2024

Below is a detailed itinerary of our upcoming Church History Tour

October 7: Today you will fly to Syracuse, New New York. Before each travel segment, optional reading assignments will be provided. These readings will come from the Book of Mormon, General Conference talks, and articles relating to the history we will witness. Each participant will be responsible for their own lunch and dinner today. Our hotel shares its property with a couple of restaurants.

October 8: Our bus will pick us up early this morning and we will spend the day seeing the sites of Palmyra. Our stops will include the Sacred Grove, the Smith Family Farm, the rebuilt log home where the Moroni visits took place, the Hill Cumorah, the Grandin Press (where the Book of Mormon was first published), the Martin Harris Farm, the Palmyra Cemetery, and the exterior of the Palmyra Temple. Each participant will be responsible for their own dinner tonight. We will be back to the hotel property in time for dinner. A 6:30pm Temple Session at the Palmyra Temple might be available for those interested. Reservations are required. (Breakfast and Lunch provided)

October 9: We begin our day in Harmony, PA and at the Susquehanna River. It was here that the Priesthood was restored and where most of the Book of Mormon was translated. The Church has restored and dedicated several sites along the Susquehanna River. The homes of Joseph and Emma and the Isaac Hale home have been rebuilt. Monuments and statues have been installed, and a new Visitors' Center ahs been added to the property. Our day will conclude in Fayette, NY at the Peter Whitmer Farm. This is where the Church was officially organized. It was also in Fayette that the Three Witnesses saw the angel and the plates. Some of the Book of Mormon was also translated at the Whitmer Farm. (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner provided)

October 10: We will spend some time today at Niagara Falls where we will ride the Maid of the Mist for an up-close view of the majestic Falls. Later, we will make our way to Kirtland. (Breakfast and Dinner provided)

October 11: We will start the day enjoying a tour of the interior of the Kirtland Temple. It was here that the Savior appeared to Joseph and Oliver. Moses, Elias, and Elijah also appeared and restored Keys of the Priesthood. We will visit the Visitors' Center, the Newell K. Whitney home (where Joseph and Emma lived) and the Newell K. Whitney store (which included the School of the Prophets and where many revelations, including the Word of Wisdom, were received). We will also visit the John Johnson Inn (where the Church periodical *The Evening and Morning Star* was published), the reconstructed Kirtland Schoolhouse, and the Kirtland Ashery along with a reconstructed water-powered sawmill. We will visit the Morley Farm where General Conference was held, the Father and the Son appeared, where missionaries were first sent from, and where the first High Priests of this dispensation were ordained. We

will also see the exterior of homes belonging to Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, and Sidney Rigdon. We will have a catered lunch at the Chaplin Forest Stone Quarry where much of the stone for the Kirtland Temple was obtained. Dinner will be at a famous Amish restaurant. (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner provided)

October 12: This morning we will visit the John Johnson Farm in Hiram, Ohio. It was here at the John Johnson Farm that Section 76 was received. Joseph and Sidney saw the Celestial Kingdom, the Father and the Savior, and many other things in the upper room of this home. This is a very sacred place. We will then fly from Cleveland, Ohio to Kansas City, Missouri. We fly to Kansas City to avoid a 10-hour bus ride, plus it keeps the sites we visit in chronological order. Once we land, our chartered bus will take us directly to the hotel where we will check in. Later, we will visit the Visitors' Center in Independence. (Breakfast and Dinner provided)

October 13: Today will be the Missouri portion of our Church History Tour. It will be a full day of sightseeing. We will start the day by attending Sacrament Meeting with a local ward. We will visit the reconstructed Liberty Jail, and the cornerstones of the temple 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. We will discuss 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, Zion's Camp, and ultimately the Extermination Order and exodus to Illinois. (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner provided)

October 14: Our first full day in Nauvoo will include Joseph Smith's home and grave site, the Red Brick Store, the 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! (Breakfast and Dinner provided)

October 15: 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! If open, there will be time to attend the Nauvoo Temple this afternoon. Each tour participant will be responsible for their own lunch today. (Breakfast and Dinner provided)

October 16: Two and a half days in Nauvoo allow us to see and do everything Nauvoo has to offer! We will have a few hours to spend 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. Each participant is responsible for their own lunch today. (Breakfast and Dinner provided)

October 17: Today you will be transferred to the St. Louis, Missouri airport for your flight home. (Breakfast provided)

Each hotel offers a complimentary hot breakfast,
2 queen sized beds, coin laundry, swimming pool, and jacuzzi.