

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.

September 7 – 17, 2026

Below is a detailed itinerary of our upcoming Church History Tour

Sept 7: Today you will fly to Syracuse, New York. There are no group activities today so you can fly anytime you want. Your room key will be waiting at the front desk of the hotel for you. Each participant will be responsible for their own lunch and dinner today. Our hotel is near several restaurants.

Sept 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. An evening Temple Session at the Palmyra Temple might be available for those interested. Reservations are required. (Breakfast and Lunch provided)

Sept 9: Our day will begin 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 Visitors' Center is also on the property. Our day concludes 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)

Sept 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)

Sept 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 tour the newly reconstructed home of Joseph and Emma. For lunch, we will picnic 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)

Sept 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. (Breakfast and Dinner provided)

Sept 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 Independence Visitors' Center, 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)

Sept 14: Along our way to Nauvoo, we will make a stop for lunch in Hannible, Missouri (home of Mark Twain). Once in Nauvoo, you'll have dozens of historic sites and activities to visit including Joseph Smith's homes and grave site, the Red Brick Store, 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 Visitors' 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)

Sept 15: Our second 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 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 today. Each tour participant will be responsible for their own lunch today. (Breakfast and Dinner provided)

Sept 16: Two and a half days in Nauvoo allows us to see and do everything Nauvoo has to offer! Our day will begin at Carthage Jail. Here at the jail, Joseph and Hyrum sealed their testimonies as martyrs. You will then have a few more hours exploring Nauvoo today. Before leaving Nauvoo, 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. Each tour participant will be responsible for their own lunch today. (Breakfast and Dinner provided)

Sept 17: Today you will fly home from the St. Louis, Missouri airport. There are no group activities today so you can fly anytime you want. Our hotel is very close to the airport. (Breakfast provided)

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