

Living Heritage Tours

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

June 6 – 16, 2023

Tuesday, June 6: Our tour begins with a group flight from Salt Lake City to Kansas City. Depending on the flight schedule, we will visit Liberty Jail, Far West, and Adam-ondi-Ahman. Each youth will be responsible for their own lunch while we are traveling. Living Heritage Tours will provide dinner tonight. After dinner, we will hold a devotional and a preview of our upcoming trip. Prior to departure, we will email some suggested General Conference talks that will help prepare us for the experiences we will have during our tour.

Wednesday, June 7: We will visit any of the historical sites we missed yesterday, and then make our way to Nauvoo this afternoon. While traveling, we will listen on the bus about the Missouri era of the church, the Mormon Battalion, Zion's Camp, and the pioneers.

Thursday, June 8: Our 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 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. We will also attend the outdoor stage production of *Sunset on the Mississippi*.

Friday, June 9: Our day begins at Carthage Jail. Here at the jail, Joseph and Hyrum sealed their testimonies as martyrs. We will return to Nauvoo and walk the Trail of Hope. This is the street that the Saints walked just before crossing the Mississippi River on their way to the Salt Lake Valley. The rest of the day will be spent traveling East toward Kirtland.

Saturday, June 10: Our travels East continue this morning. This afternoon we will arrive in Hiram, Ohio and visit the Johnson Farm. It was here that Doctrine and Covenants 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.

Sunday, June 11: We will spend the day in sacred Kirtland, Ohio! The day will begin by meeting with a local ward for Sacrament Meeting. While dedicating the historical sites in Kirtland, President Hinckley included in the prayer, "In no other area of the Church was so much revelation received. In no other place was Thy Beloved Son so revealed to mortal man. In no other place was there such remarkable manifestations given to so many". Our day will include a tour of the Kirtland Temple, and visits to the Kirtland Visitors' Center, the Newel K. Whitney home where Joseph and Emma lived, the Newel K. Whitney store which included the School of the Prophets and where many revelations (including the Word of Wisdom) were received, the John Johnson Inn where the Church periodical *The Evening and*

Morning Star was published, the reconstructed Kirtland Schoolhouse, the Kirtland Ashery and a reconstructed water-powered sawmill, the exterior of a home belonging to the Prophet Joseph Smith, and the Chaplin Forest Stone Quarry where much of the stone for the Kirtland Temple was obtained.

Monday, June 12: We depart from the Church History sites today to learn about our nation's history. Our love for America and an appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy will be enhanced as we spend the day in Washington DC. However, our focus today will be in recognizing our Heavenly Father's hand in establishing America for the purpose of the Restoration. Our day will start at Arlington National Cemetery where we will witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We will also visit the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Memorial, war memorials, and the Smithsonian Institute museums. We will also visit the exterior of the White House, the Capital Building, and the Supreme Court.

Tuesday, June 13: Our morning will be spent seeing those places we missed yesterday. After lunch, we will visit the exterior of the Washington DC Temple. We will also visit the Temple Visitors' Center where we will have a special devotional.

Wednesday, June 14: Today we travel to Harmony, PA and the Susquehanna River. It was here that the Priesthood was restored, several sections of the Doctrine and Covenants were received, and where most of the Book of Mormon was translated. The new Priesthood Restoration Site was dedicated in September 2016. The site now includes the Joseph and Emma Smith Home, the Isaac Hale Home, statues, historical markers, and a new Visitors' Center. After lunch, we will go to Watkins Glens State Park which includes hiking trails, cascading waterfalls, and the most picturesque views imaginable. We will then travel on to Fayette, NY where we will visit 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.

Thursday, June 15: We will spend the whole day in Palmyra! Our stops today will include the Sacred Grove, the Smith Family Farm, the rebuilt Smith 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. We will hold a special devotional in the Sacred Grove, which is always a highlight of the tour.

Friday, June 16: Because we have an afternoon flight, we will have a return trip to the Sacred Grove this morning. Our flight home will depart from Rochester, New York. Everyone is responsible for their own lunch today.

Each hotel offers a complimentary hot breakfast, 2 queen beds in each room, swimming pool, jacuzzi, and coin laundry. Living Heritage Tours will provide all lunches and dinners.

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