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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, you can attend the temple, the outdoor stage production of *Sunset on the Mississippi*, the indoor stage productions 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!

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

July 18: You will fly to Kansas City, Missouri today. Once you land, a shuttle will take you directly to our hotel. Each tour participant will be responsible for their own lunch and dinner today. The hotel is near a few restaurants and the hotel's shuttle can take you to other restaurants in the area. 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 19: 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 Visitors' Center and 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. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner will be provided today.

July 20: Our first full day in Nauvoo will include Joseph Smith's home and gravesite, 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! Be sure to see the several vignettes put on by the Young Performing

Missionaries. We will attend the Country Fair and Nauvoo Pageant tonight! Breakfast and Dinner will be provided today.

July 21: 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*. Our day will conclude with the British Pageant! Breakfast and Dinner will be provided today.

July 22: Three days in Nauvoo will allow us to see and do everything Nauvoo has to offer! We will spend several hours in Nauvoo again today. 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 will journey to Carthage Jail. Here at the jail, Joseph and Hyrum sealed their testimonies as martyrs. After dinner, we will travel to the hotel in St. Louis. Breakfast, and Dinner will be provided today.

July 23: The hotel's free shuttle will take you to the St. Louis, MO airport for your flight home.

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.

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