

Living Heritage Tours

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

July 13 – 20, 2026

Monday, July 13: Our tour begins with a group flight from Salt Lake City. Once we land, we will head to the hotel and get checked in. We will then go to the Sacred Grove for a devotional.

Tuesday, July 14: We will spend the whole 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.

Wednesday, July 15: Today we will visit the Priesthood Restoration Site in Pennsylvania. 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 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 has 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.

Thursday, July 16: 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 and visit several sacred sites. First, we will visit "Historic Kirtland" which will include the Visitors' Center, the Newel K. Whitney home (where Joseph and Emma lived) and the Newel 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 Joseph and Emma Smith's home. After dinner, we will visit the Kirtland Temple grounds where we will hold a devotional.

Friday, July 17: We will spend the morning and early afternoon in sacred Kirtland! 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". We will have an interior tour 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. After the temple tour, we will visit the Morley Farm where General Conference was held, the Father and the Son appeared, where missionaries were first sent from, where the first High Priests of this dispensation were ordained, and where many prophecies were given. We will have a catered lunch at the Chaplin Forest Stone Quarry where much of the stone for the Kirtland Temple was obtained.

Saturday, July 18: Later this afternoon, we will arrive in Nauvoo. There are dozens of historic homes and sites for you to visit including 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, 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. The Nauvoo Performing Missionaries will have performances throughout the day as well.

Tonight, we will attend the Nauvoo Pageant!

Sunday, July 19: Our day will begin by attending Sacrament Meeting with a local Ward. After Church, we will visit Carthage Jail where Joseph and Hyrum sealed their testimonies as martyrs. The rest of the afternoon will be spent in Nauvoo visiting the historical sites you may have missed yesterday. Our day will conclude with a testimony meeting in the historic Seventies Hall in Nauvoo.

Monday, July 20: This morning you will have time to visit the historic sites you have not had a chance to visit yet. We will conclude our time in Nauvoo by walking down the Trail of Hope. This is the street that the Saints walked just before crossing the Mississippi River. It was here that the Pioneers took their first steps toward the Salt Lake Valley. We will fly home from St. Louis later tonight.

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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