

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 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.

May 10 - 20, 2021

Below is a detailed itinerary of our upcoming Church History Tour

May 10: Today you will depart for Rochester, New York. Before each travel segment, several 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. Handouts will be provided for today which will help prepare us for the experiences we will have in Palmyra. Each participant will be responsible for their own lunch and dinner today. Our hotel shares its property with several restaurants.

May 11: 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 Farmhouse, 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. There will also be time to attend the Palmyra Temple. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Each participant will be responsible for their own dinner tonight. We will be back to the hotel property in time for dinner.

May 12: We will travel to Fayette, NY today and visit the Peter Whitmer Farm. This is where the Church was officially organized. We will then travel to Harmony, PA and to the Susquehanna River where the Priesthood was restored. 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. New monuments and statues have been installed, and a new Visitors' Center is now open. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner will be provided.

May 13: Today we will travel to 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. Then it is on to Kirtland! Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner will be provided.

May 14: Our day will be spent in Kirtland, Ohio. We will start the day with 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 our 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 lunch at the

Chaplin Forest Stone Quarry where much of the stone for the Kirtland Temple was obtained. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner will be provided.

May 15: Today we fly from Cleveland, Ohio to Kansas City, Missouri. This group flight is included in the price of the tour. Once we land, a chartered bus will be waiting to take us to our hotel. Each tour participant will be responsible for their own lunch and dinner today. The hotel is within a short walking distance of several restaurants.

May 16: We will start the day by attending Sacrament meeting with a congregation in Independence, Missouri. We will spend the rest of the day visiting the sacred sites of Missouri. Our first stop will be the Visitor's 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 on 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.

May 17: 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 Women's Statue Garden, 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 will be provided.

May 18: 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! Breakfast, and Dinner will be provided. Living Heritage Tours will provide dinner at the famous all-you-can-eat buffet at the Hotel Nauvoo tonight.

May 19: Two and a half days in Nauvoo allow us to see and do everything Nauvoo has to offer! We will have a few hours 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. Breakfast, and Dinner will be provided.

May 20: After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to the St. Louis, MO airport for your flight home.

Each hotel offers a complimentary hot breakfast, coin laundry, swimming pool and jacuzzi, and two queen sized beds in each room.

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