

Living Heritage Tours

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Our Hill Cumorah Pageant & 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.

July 13 – 18, 2020

Below is a detailed itinerary of our upcoming Church History Tour

July 13: Today you will fly to Cleveland, Ohio. Before each travel segment, 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. Once you land in Cleveland, a shuttle van will be available to take you directly to our hotel. Each participant will be responsible for their own lunch and dinner today. Our hotel is very close to a few restaurants.

July 14: Our day will be spent in Kirtland, Ohio. We will start the day with a private 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 see the exterior of homes belonging to Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, and Sidney Rigdon. We will have a catered lunch at the Chaplin Forest Stone Quarry where much of the stone for the Kirtland Temple was obtained. We will also 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. Today we will depart the hotel at 9:00am and arrive at the next hotel at 9:00pm. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner will be provided today.

July 15: We arrive today at the Priesthood Restoration Site and 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. New monuments and statues have been installed, and a new Visitors' Center is now open. We will be some of the first to see these new features! Our day ends in Fayette, New York 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. Today we will depart the hotel at 8:00am and arrive at the next hotel at 8:30pm. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner will be provided today.

July 16: Our day will be spent at the Niagara Falls State Park where we will ride the Maid of the Mist for an up-close view of the majestic falls. The boat ride, along with several other entrance fees are all included in the price of the tour. We will depart the hotel today at 9:00am and arrive back to the same hotel at 6:00pm. Breakfast provided.

July 17: 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. Tonight, we will attend the Hill Cumorah Pageant! We will depart the hotel today at 8:00am and arrive back at the same hotel close to Midnight. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner will be provided today.

July 18: You will fly home from the Rochester, NY airport today. There are no scheduled group activities today.

Each hotel offers a complimentary hot breakfast, coin laundry, swimming pool, and jacuzzi.