

2016 CHURCH HISTORY TOUR - Sept. 15-25

Sites to see include: Palmyra, Harmony, Niagara Falls, Kirtland, Liberty, Independence, Far West, Richmond, Jamesport (Amish area), Adam-ondi-Ahman, Carthage and Nauvoo.

Sept. 15, Thursday – Group air departs early morning from SLC to Rochester New York. After our late afternoon arrival, we travel to Palmyra where we start our tour as we stand atop Hill Cumorah. Lodging – Palmyra Inn.

Sept. 16, Friday – Our day begins at the Smith farm with tours of the Log Home, Frame Home and Sacred Grove. We then visit the Martin Harris farm and Alvin Smith's grave before having lunch @ Aqueduct Park. This afternoon we tour the E. B. Grandin Bldg. (Book of Mormon publishing site). Lodging – Palmyra Inn.

Sept. 17, Saturday – Today we travel to Fayette, New York and tour the Peter Whitmer Sr. log home and visitors' center. Everyone will enjoy our stop in Harmony to visit the recently rebuilt homes of Joseph & Emma Smith, the Hale home, and spend time in the newly built visitors' center. Lodging – Palmyra Inn.

Sept. 18, Sunday – We start the day with a 9 a.m. sacrament meeting in Palmyra. After a final drive through town, we travel on to Niagara Falls (American side) for a voyage on the Maid of the Mist before continuing on to Kirtland, Ohio. Lodging – Lawnfield Inn and Suites.

Sept. 19, Monday – We begin our day with a tour of the Kirtland Flats (LDS visitors' center, Newel K. Whitney store, home, sawmill, and ashery). We will then enjoy a tour of the Kirtland Temple. We'll also visit the North Kirtland Cemetery, quarry, and drive by homes once owned by early LDS Saints. We'll have a picnic lunch on the bus as we drive to the neighboring town of Hiram to see the John Johnson farm and the nearby home where Lorenzo Snow was born. All will enjoy dinner at Mary Yoder's (Amish restaurant). Lodging – Lawnfield Inn and Suites.

Sept. 20, Tuesday – The Saints traveled by wagon but we will fly from Cleveland, Ohio to Independence, Missouri. Upon arrival, our first stop will be Historic Liberty Jail. Other sites to see include the KC Temple, Arthur Farm, Community of Christ Temple, Independence Square, and the LDS Visitors' Center. Lodging – Independence Missouri.

Sept. 21, Wednesday – Today we continue on to Richmond, Excelsior Springs (lunch at Wabash!!), Far West, and Hawn's Mill (weather permitting). Lodging – Acorn Inn (Cameron).

Sept. 22, Thursday – We begin our day at Adam-ondi-Ahman, then visit Jamesport, an Amish community for lunch. This afternoon we travel on to Nauvoo, Illinois. Lodging – Nauvoo Condos.

Sept. 23, Friday - We'll start our day with a memorable tour at the Carthage Jail. For the rest of the day, you can enjoy free time for shopping and tours of the restored homes. We'll finish our day with an evening session at the Nauvoo Temple (optional). Lodging – Nauvoo Condos.

Sept. 24, Saturday – Today, you have free time to tour the restored homes and shops. We will also have a scheduled group tour of the Joseph Smith homestead and mansion house. Tonight we enjoy a 7 p.m. performance of "Rendezvous in Old Nauvoo." Lodging – Nauvoo Condos.

Sept. 25, Sunday – We start the day with an 8 a.m. sacrament meeting. After bidding farewell to Nauvoo, we'll make a brief stop in Hannibal Missouri before continuing on to the St. Louis airport for our early evening flight back to Salt Lake City.