

CHURCH HISTORY TOUR

SEPTEMBER 24 – OCTOBER 3, 2024



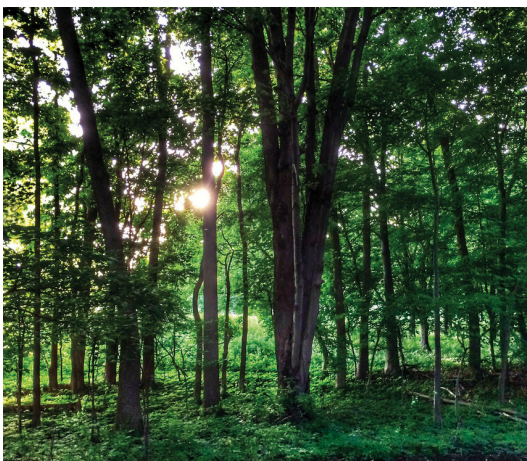
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

Today we arrive in Philadelphia; our landing spot to begin our step-by-step tour of the beginnings of Church history will begin here in the City of Brotherly Love.



SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

This morning we will begin our bus ride toward Susquehanna, NY to Harmony, PA and visit the restored Joseph Smith Home and the new Priesthood Restoration Site and Visitor Center.



SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

We will begin our day with a tour of the Smith Family Farm and visit the replica log home where Joseph lived with his family and where Moroni later appeared in the bedroom loft. The home is adjacent to the Sacred Grove, when in early spring of 1820, Joseph received his First Vision. We will then visit the Grandin Press and then later, Hill Cumorah.



SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

Leaving Palmyra early, we will travel along the Great Lakes stopping at Niagara Falls State Park for a brief visit. This 20-mile river separating Lake Ontario from Lake Erie became the boundary between the United States and Canada. We'll have time to discuss doctrines and concepts from the scriptures with our guide.



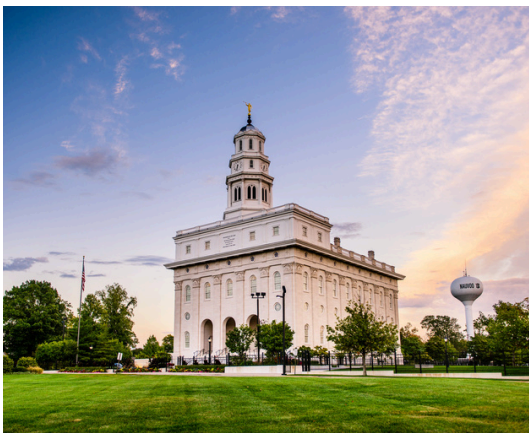
SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

This morning, we will drive the short distance to Kirtland. We'll visit the Isaac Morley farm. Here we will discuss the visions that took place there and discuss the organization of the Priesthood Quorums for the administration of the Gospel in the Latter-days. We will visit the Kirtland Temple; the first temple constructed in this dispensation designed for the restoration of the priesthood keys. We'll travel to Historic Kirtland, the Whitney Store and home, the hotel, sawmill, and other buildings.



SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

This will be a somber day, for here in this place that was made sacred from the "best blood of the 19th century", the Prophet and his brother Hyrum, patriarch of the Church, were martyred on June 27, 1844.



SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

We will spend most of the day here to visit the various sites in the city, restored homes, and re-enactments of various 19th-century trades. This restored village includes dozens of original homes, replicas, and restored sites, from the Nauvoo House, Joseph Smith's store, the John Taylor home, a brick kiln, and other fascinating places of interest, including the Visitors Center. And, the crowning achievement, rebuilt according to its original plans in 2002, is the Nauvoo Temple.



OCTOBER 1, 2024

We can read in the Doctrine and Covenants 107 and other chapters about Adam-Ondi-Ahman. Today, the area is cared for by the Church, a beautiful restful place that where we will have a chance to see this holy ground in person and learn about the key events that happened here in the distant past, and according to scripture, will occur in a future time.



OCTOBER 2, 2024

On this day we will visit the Independence Visitors' Center. Independence was the designated "center place" of Zion (D&C 57:3) where Saints gathered. They began to establish a new community, and prepared to build temples. But their actions and their large population concerned settlers who had arrived there previously. Some of those settlers violently drove the Saints out of the county in 1833. We'll also visit the Liberty Jail Visitors Center, and a reconstruction of a jail where the Prophet Joseph Smith received divine revelations of comfort in March 1839.



OCTOBER 3, 2024

Today we will make our way to the airport for our departure flights home.



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