

Church History Tour

9 Day Land Tour

06/22/2023 - 06/30/2023

Join Casey Griffiths on this spiritual journey to the sites of the Restoration as we visit Palmyra, Fayette, Susquehanna, Kirtland, Independence, Liberty Jail, Adam-ondi-Ahman, Nauvoo, Carthage Jail, and so much more! Hear the stories and read the revelations at the actual sites where they took place. Be taught while traveling and while visiting these sacred sites by historical guides, set apart missionaries, and each other. We won't just talk about the history of these places, but how the stories of the past can help us draw closer to the Savior in our everyday lives!

Headliners:



Casey Griffiths

Itinerary:

Day 1: Fly to Rochester

June 22, 2023 (Thursday)

You will depart this morning for Rochester, New York. Plan to arrive at the hotel before 7:00 pm as dinner is included at the hotel in the evening. Following dinner you will have a chance to get to know the group and tour director at our meet & greet. Meals : Dinner. Hotel: Hampton Inn and Suites Rochester/Victor

Day 2: Palmyra - Sacred Grove - Hill Cumorah

June 23, 2023 (Friday)

Today we will spend a full day seeing the sites in Palmyra. Our stops include the Sacred Grove, the Smith Family Farm, the rebuilt log home where Moroni's 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. Meals : Breakfast, Dinner at the hotel. Hotel: Hampton Inn and Suites Rochester/Victor

Day 3: Fayette - Colesville - Susquehanna River - Harmony, Pennsylvania

June 24, 2023 (Saturday)

We will travel to Fayette where we will visit the Peter Whitmer farm. Here in Fayette, the Church was officially organized in the home of Peter Whitmer. It was also here the Three Witnesses saw an angel and the plates. Next we will travel to Harmony, PA and the Susquehanna River. Much of the translation of the Book of Mormon took place here. Also, this is where the Priesthood was restored and Joseph and Oliver were baptized. The sites include Joseph and Emma's home, and the Isaac Hale home. On our way back to the hotel we will stop at Colesville, NY. Time permitting, we may visit the restored home of Joseph Knight. Hyrum Smith was the branch president of one of the church's first branches here in Colesville. We will then return to hotel in the evening for dinner.

Day 4: Niagara Falls

June 25, 2023 (Sunday)

We check out and head toward Kirtland. Depending on the 2023 schedule, we may be able to attend sacrament meeting at a local ward before heading to our first destination, Niagara Falls, the oldest state park in the USA. We will board the Maid of the Mist boat which passes directly in front of the falls and enters Horseshoe Basin. This is a fun activity you don't want to miss! After free time for lunch and shopping we travel to Kirtland, OH. Meals : Breakfast, Dinner. Hotel : TBA

Day 5: Kirtland

June 26, 2023 (Monday)

Today we will visit sites in the Kirtland area. The morning will begin with a visit to the Kirtland temple. It was here that the Savior appeared to Joseph and Oliver. Moses, Elias, and Elijah also appeared and restored the Keys of the Priesthood associated with the temple ordinances. We will visit the historic village of Kirtland, where we will see the LDS Visitor's 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 see the reconstructed Kirtland Schoolhouse, the Kirtland Ashery, and a reconstructed water-powered sawmill. Following some free time for lunch, we will visit the Morley Farm where a home was built for Joseph when he moved to Ohio. In the late afternoon, we will also visit the Johnson Farm, where much

opposition came to Joseph and where the Church periodical The Evening and Morning Star was published. Meals : Breakfast, Dinner. Mary Yoders Amish Kitchen: TBA

Day 6: Kansas City - Independence

June 27, 2023 (Tuesday)

This morning we will transfer to the Cleveland airport for a flight to Kansas City. Upon arrival, we will have a bus waiting for us to take us to Independence, where we will visit the LDS Visitors Center near the temple site in Jackson County. we will also visit the Liberty Jail where the Prophet Joseph spent several months while the Saints suffered severe persecution in Missouri. Meals : Breakfast, lunch.

Hotel : Comfort Suites Independence

Day 7: Adam-ondi-Ahman - Far West - Nauvoo

June 28, 2023 (Wednesday)

As we travel to Nauvoo we will visit the historic site of Adam-ondi-Ahman, and Far West where the name of the church was revealed. After arriving in Nauvoo we will visit the Joseph Smith homestead; the grave sites of Joseph, Emma, and Hyrum; the Mansion House; and the Red Brick Store. Meals : Breakfast, Dinner: Picnic in Nauvoo: Hotel: TBA **option to stay in Nauvoo late to attend the British Pageant

Day 8: Nauvoo - Carthage

June 29, 2023 (Thursday)

Our day begins with an optional temple session at the Nauvoo Temple, based on the temple schedule. We will have some free time to browse through the many restored homes and buildings in Old Nauvoo, including the homes of Brigham Young, John Taylor, Heber C Kimball, Lucy Mack Smith and the Jonathan Browning Gun Shop. This afternoon we will travel the old road to Carthage to view a production of the Life of the Prophet Joseph Smith at the Visitorâ€™s Center. Next, we will tour the jail itself where the Prophet Joseph and his brother Hyrum were martyred. Meals : Breakfast, Dinner at Hotel Nauvoo. Hotel : TBA *option to stay late in Nauvoo to attend the Nauvoo pageant

Day 9: Nauvoo - St. Louis Airport - Home

June 30, 2023 (Friday)

We will check out of our hotels this morning and have a farewell lunch before we depart for the airport. Meals : Breakfast, Lunch

Information:

INCLUDED

8 nights hotel accommodations
Meals as specified in itinerary
Deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach transportation
Taxes on included services
Internal flight from Cleveland to Kansas City (group flight)
Meal gratuities

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to Rochester and home from St. Louis
Meals not specified in itinerary
Items of personal nature
Trip cancellation and baggage insurance
Checked baggage fees
Bus Driver gratuities
Tips for the LDS tour director are appreciated but not required

Pricing:

Price

- \$2895 per person based on double occupancy for cash or check payments.
- \$2755 per person based on triple occupancy.
- \$2685 per person based on quad occupancy.
- \$3495 for single occupancy.
- Additional \$80 per person fee if paying by credit card.

Tips

Several of you have asked about the tipping for the bus driver and guide. This is done at the end of the tour (anytime during the last day).

â€¢ Driver: A tip is required for the driver and we recommend the amount of \$30 per person for the tour, split between drivers.

â€¢ LDS Guide: This tip is not required; but it is appreciated. If you feel they did a good job and would like to thank them, this is the perfect way to do so.

Payment Schedule

- \$500 per person due at time of booking
- Final Payment: Final payment is due three months before the tour departure date.

Cancellation Policy

- If you cancel: Deposit is non-refundable; however, it is transferable to another guest on a new booking, traveling on the same tour date. After final payment, the full amount is non-refundable.
- If we cancel the tour for any reason: Deposit is refundable if we cancel the tour for any reason other than a pandemic. If we have to cancel the tour due to a pandemic, the deposit will be kept as a future tour credit to be used at any time on one of our advertised tours or on a private tour.
- The only way to avoid trip cancellation penalties is to buy trip cancellation insurance. If you are interested in the insurance, we can help you purchase it.

Check Your Invoice Names: Please check to see that your names are spelled correctly. Your first and last names must appear as they appear on your passport for International travel and Driver's License for domestic tours.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to the nature of this tour you must be able to climb stairs and walk unassisted at a moderate pace.

Please note that minor changes to the itinerary may occur due to local conditions and to better accommodate our group.