

Church History Tour

9-Day Land Tour

07/24/2026 - 08/01/2026

Join John Hilton III & Bountiful Travel on this unforgettable tour to Palmyra, Kirtland, Independence, and Nauvoo. The highlights of the tour are the Sacred Grove, Joseph Smith farm, historic Kirtland village, the Kirtland temple, Independence, Liberty Jail, Far West, historic Nauvoo, and the Nauvoo temple to name a few. You and your family will love John as he takes you to these historic places. We will stay in nice hotels all along the way, eating some of our meals at the hotels. We do meals at the hotels as we have found this to be a great way to allow for group interaction and better, quicker meals.

Headliners:



John Hilton III

Itinerary:

Day 1: Fly to Rochester

July 24, 2026 (Friday)

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

Day 2: Palmyra - Sacred Grove - Hill Cumorah - Fayette, New York

July 25, 2026 (Saturday)

We will spend the day seeing the sites in Palmyra and Fayette New York. 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), and the Peter Whitmer

farm. Meals : Breakfast, Dinner at the hotel. Hotel: Hampton Inn and Suites Rochester/Victor

Day 3: Harmony, Pennsylvania - Susquehanna River

July 26, 2026 (Sunday)

We will begin the day by attending sacrament meeting. We will then 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 Time permitting, we may have the opportunity to visit the restored home of Joseph Knight in Colesville New York. Hyrum Smith was the branch president of one of the church's first branches in Colesville. We will then return to hotel. Meals : Breakfast, Dinner. Hotel: Hampton Inn and Suites Rochester/Victor

Day 4: Niagara Falls

July 27, 2026 (Monday)

We check out and head toward Kirtland. On our way, we will stop at 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 at the hotel. Hotel : Holiday Inn Mentor

Day 5: Kirtland

July 28, 2026 (Tuesday)

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 Yoder's Amish Kitchen. Hotel: Holiday Inn Mentor

Day 6: Kansas City - Independence

July 29, 2026 (Wednesday)

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

July 30, 2026 (Thursday)

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: Hampton Inn Keokuk

Day 8: Nauvoo - Carthage

July 31, 2026 (Friday)

Our day begins with 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 Los Charros . Hotel: Hampton Inn Keokuk.

Day 9: St. Louis Airport - Home

August 1, 2026 (Saturday)

We will check out of our hotels this morning and depart for the St. Louis airport. Meals : Breakfast

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

Transportation from the Rochester airport to the Hotel

Meals not specified in itinerary

Items of a 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

- \$2560 per person based on double occupancy

- \$2380 per person based on triple occupancy

- \$2275 per person based on quad occupancy

- \$3295 single occupancy rate

Tips

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

â€¢ Driver: A tip is required for the driver and we recommend the amount of \$30 per person for the tour, split between 2 drivers.

â€¢ LDS Guide: We are often asked about tipping the LDS tour director.

They greatly appreciate tips. If you feel they did a good job and would like to thank them, this is an appropriate way to do so. As with any service, tipping is at your discretion. \$50-\$100 per person would

be an appropriate tip for extra mile service.

Payment Schedule

- \$250 per person due at time of booking
- Final Payment: Final payment is due three months before the tour departure date.

Cancellation Policy

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To cancel, you must notify us in writing (by email). Additional fees may be assessed to cover non-refundable bookings such as flights and hotels. There is no refund for cancellations received less than 90 days prior to departure of the tour.

- If you cancel before final payment due date: Deposit is refundable or transferable as long as we (or you) can fill your spots. After final payment, the full amount is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- If Bountiful Travel cancels the tour: We will refund all deposits and any other payments unless the tour is canceled due to a pandemic or civil unrest.
- If Bountiful Travel cancels due to a pandemic or civil unrest: The deposit is non-refundable. However, the deposit is transferable to a future tour. The balance will be refunded.
- No changes can be made to land tour bookings within 30 days of tour departure date, including name changes.

Bountiful Travel recommends the purchase of travel insurance to help avoid loss of your travel expenses due to cancellations.

A minimum number of 29 passengers is needed for this tour to depart

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 3-5 miles per day.

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