

# TESCH Church History Tours 2025



Experience the lives of Joseph Smith and the early Church Saints by visiting 40 early Church History Sites and following the Pioneer Trail into Salt Lake City, Utah. Enjoy the spirit that these once in a lifetime locations have to offer. These sites promote faith and strengthen testimonies. On tour we visit places where the Savior was seen, places like the School of the Prophets, the Isaac Morley Farm, and the Sacred Grove. Think of the power in the testimony of a young missionary who can relate the First Vision and testify of divine Prophets having stood in the Sacred Grove, in Carthage Jail, and so many other Church History sites and felt of the truthfulness. There is a very strong and special spirit in these locations. Learn as we study the lives of these early Saints in the locations where they walked and lived.

### **Church History Highlights**

- Sharon Vermont, birth place of Joseph Smith
- Sacred Grove, New York
- Independence, Zion, Jackson County Missouri
- Kirtland Ohio
- Far West Missouri
- Haun's Mill, Missouri
- Liberty Jail, Missouri
- ° Nauvoo, Illinois
- ° Carthage, Illinois
- Martin's Cove, Wyoming
- Palmyra Sites
- ° Susquehanna Priesthood Site
- ° And many others

#### Tour summary

**Director:** Aaron Tesch

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**Dates:** July 10 to July 26, 2025

**Who**: 48-50 Youth and 5-7 Chaperones **Sites:** 40 Church History and 20 American

History; Baptisms in Kansas City, Washington DC, Nauvoo, and Winter

Quarters

**Cost:** \$1855; includes 2/3 meals, bus accommodations, and hotels for 17 days

## **American History Highlights**

- Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, Philadelphia
- ° Arlington Cemetery, Maryland
- Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Martin Luther King memorials
- World War II, Korean, Vietnam War
   Memorials

#### **Temples**

- Kansas City (Baptisms)
- Nauvoo (Baptisms)
- **Philadelphia**
- Washington DC (Baptisms)
- **Palmyra**
- Winter Quarters (Baptisms)

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#### **Church History Sites**

- 1. Sharon Vermont
- 2. Manchester & Palmyra, NY
- 3. 4 Corners Churches, Palmyra
- 4. Sacred Grove
- 5. Gravesite of Alvin Smith
- 6. Hill Cumorah
- 7. Harmony PA/Susquehanna River
- 8. E.B. Grandin Printing Shop
- 9. Fayette, New York
- 10.Isaac Morley Farm
- 11. Newel K. Whitney Store
- 12. School of the Prophets
- 13.John Johnson Farm, Hiram Ohio
- 14. Kirtland Cemetery
- 15. Kirtland Temple
- 16. Independence Missouri
- 17. Independence Temple Lot
- 18.Adam-ondi-Ahman

- 19.Hawn's Mill, Missouri
- 20.Gallatin Missouri
- 21.Far West Missouri
- 22.Liberty Jail
- 23. Richmond Cemetery
- 24. Pioneer Cemetery
- 25.Red Brick Store, Nauvoo
- 26. Seventies Hall, Nauvoo
- 27. Carthage Jail
- 28.Smith Family Cemetery
- 29. Women's Monument, Nauvoo
- 30. Parley's Street
- 31.Old Nauvoo Burial Grounds
- 32. Winter Quarters Nebraska
- 33. Chimney Rock
- 34. Rebecca Winters Gravesite
- 35.Guernsey Wagon wheel rut
- 36.Independence Rock
- 37. Martin's Cove
- 38. Kanesville Tabernacle

#### **American History Sites**

- 1. Independence Hall, Philadelphia
- 2. Liberty Bell, Philadelphia
- 3. Arlington Cemetery
- 4. Jefferson Memorial
- 5. Lincoln Memorial
- 6. Washington Memorial
- 7. Martin Luther King Memorial
- 8. World War II Memorial
- 9. Iwo Jima Memorial
- 10. Vietnam War Memorial
- 11. Women's Vietnam Memorial
- 12.Korean Memorial
- 13. Community of Christ Temple, Independence MO

#### LDS Temples

- 1. Kansas City Missouri Temple
- 2. Nauvoo Illinois Temple
- 3. Washington DC Temple
- 4. Philadelphia Pennsylvania Temple
- 5. Palmyra New York Temple
- 6. Winter Quarters Nebraska Temple



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DATES: Thursday, July 10, to Saturday, July 26, 2025

**COST: \$1,855.00 PER PERSON - includes the following:** 

- \* 2/3 of the meals
- \* All ground transportation in a deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- \* All motel accommodations (16 nights)
- \* Admission fees + tip to driver

**PAPERWORK:** Applies for a seat

\* Mail the Paperwork to Tesch Church History Tours at P.O. Box #39, Tremonton, Utah, 84337.

Please note: The trip begins and ends in Salt Lake City. Each participant is responsible to arrive in Salt Lake City on the date of departure and return.

### Why I do Church History Trips

My father, Garth Tesch started trips in 1986 when I was five years old. I have had so many experiences in the decades since then. I want to provide opportunities to strengthen testimonies. This trip is designed for youth, because the youth face so many challenges in this time. The youth need to have strong testimonies. They are also on the verge of life changing events like missions, college, parenthood. There is a spirit that cannot be felt in any other setting than onsite.

If you have any questions call me at 435.465.2902 or email at <u>teschchurchhistorytours@gmail.com</u>. I look forward to sharing this experience with you.

Sincerely, Brother Aaron Tesch Tour Director

# TESCH CHURCH HISTORY ITENERARY – 2025 Thursday, July 10 to Saturday, July 26

	DAY	DATE	ITENERAY	
1	Thursday	July 10	Pick up in Salt Lake City at 8:45 am – Pick up at Salt Lake Airport at 9:00 am – Travel	
			to Ogallala Nebraska	
2	Friday	July 11	Independence, Missouri – Liberty Jail – LDS Visitor's Center – Temple Lot	
3	Saturday	July 12	Kansas City Temple (Baptisms) – Richmond Cemetery – Pioneer Cemetery – Far West temple site – Haun's Mill – Travel to Cameron, Missouri	
4	Sunday	July 13	Adam ondi Ahman – Church in Gallatin MO – Travel to Nauvoo – Women's Monument – Smith Family Cemetery – Parley's Street – Stay in Carthage, Illinois	
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5	Monday	July 14	Seventy's Hall – Old Nauvoo Burial Grounds – Red Brick Store – Nauvoo Temple (baptisms) – Old Nauvoo on your own – Uptown Nauvoo – Carthage Jail	
6	Tuesday	July 15	Travel day – stay in Zanesville OH	
7	Wednesday	July 16	Washington DC – Arlington Cemetery – Iwo Jima – Lincoln Memorial – Vietnam Memorial – Korean Memorial – MLK – WW II Memorial – FDR – Jefferson	
8	Thursday	July 17	Independence Hall – Liberty Bell – Ben Franklin Grave – Philadelphia Temple (exterior)	
9	Friday	July 18	Sharon Vermont, Birthplace of Joseph Smith – Laundry in Scotia NY	
10	Saturday	July 20	Priesthood Restoration site, Harmony PA – Hill Cumorah – Grandin Building, Book of Mormon Publication Site – Alvin Smith Grave – 4 Corner Churches	
11	Sunday	July 21	Sacred Grove – Palmyra Temple (exterior) – Church in Palmyra – Smith homes – Peter Whitmer Farm, Fayette	
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12	Monday	July 22	Kirtland Temple – Kirtland LDS Sites – Isaac Morley Farm	
13	Tuesday	July 23	Kirtland Cemetery – John Johnson Farm	
14	Wednesday	July 24	Mormon Trail Center at Winter Quarters – Special Pioneer Meeting – Cemetery – Winter Quarters Temple (exterior)	
15	Thursday	July 25	Winter Quarters Temple (baptisms) Chimney Rock – Rebecca Winters gravesite	
16	Friday	July 26	- Guernsey to see wagon wheel ruts - Independence Rock - Martin's Cove b	
17	Saturday	July 27	Travel Day – Salt Lake City – Final Testimony meeting: 1:30 – 4:30 Parents and family are invited to final meeting - Pick-up	

## **Preparation Commitments Checklist**

Each participant will need to send in the following paperwork. This paperwork serves as an application for the tour. Before mailing the paperwork please ensure that it is complete.

- The 2025 Personal Data Sheet (see below). Please make sure that your photo is current.
- ➤ Personal Commitment Form (see below). We have been blessed to have been born in the nation where God established his church in the last days. As of 1995 there have been more members of the Church living outside the US than inside the US. This means that most members will never have the opportunities you will have to visit these sites. I truly believe this trip is a privilege most members will never have. Because of that we need to be fully committed.
- A two page essay answering the following questions.
  - o Tell me about yourself.
  - o Why I want to go on the Church History Tour?
  - What I hope to give to the Church? What talents, abilities and desires do I have that will benefit the other trip participants?
- Your testimony written on a separate page. It can be typed or hand written, please make sure it is legible. Please write your testimony of the Church at this very moment. Please be honest. I will not read it. I will put this in an envelope and give it to you on the last day of the trip as we drive to Salt Lake City in preparation for our final testimony meeting.
- ➤ The parent release form (see below). This is a precaution. I will contact parents before seeking any medical attention with the exception of emergency.

Send to Aaron Tesch, P.O. Box #39, Tremonton Utah, 84337  Participant Name:	<b>2025 PERSO</b>	NAL DATA SHEET	Paste current		
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Make sure that your commitment is genuine and that not only you <u>WANT</u> to do it but that you are <u>ABLE</u> and <u>WILL</u> do each commitment. Failure to do any of these will jeopardize your seat.

# PARENTS RELEASE FORM July 10 to July 26, 2025

Date:	
AUTHORIZATION TO CO	ONSENT TO TREATMENT OF A MINOR:
oftour director as agent for the or surgical diagnosis or tre rendered under the general provisions of the medical p	the undersigned, parent(s)  , a minor, do hereby authorize <u>Aaron Tesch</u> , a undersigned to consent for any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical eatment and hospital care which is deemed advisable by, and is to be or special supervision of any physician and surgeon licensed under the practice act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such indered at the office of said physician or at said hospital.
hospital care being require said agent to give specific of	thorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or d but is given to provide authority and power on the part of the afore consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment of hospital care which ian in the exercise of his best judgment may deem advisable.
	vance of treatment, to contact parent or guardian but if such contact gent, acting on behalf of the parent or guardian will authorize treatment.
	nain effective for the date of the event given below. History and American History Tour to July 26, 2025
Father:	·
Home Address:	
SIGNED:	
	(Parent or Guardian)
It is vitally important that I (landline and cells) where you	be able to reach you at any hour of the day. Please give phone numbers a can be reached.
PHONES: Home:  Business:	( )

\*\*\* Please fill out the reverse side...thank you.

Any health concerns that I need to be aware of:	
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Any other concerns that I need to be aware of:	
Is your son/daughter on medication? YesNo  If so what?	
Primary Physician's name and phone number:	
Policy Number and company for your son/daughter:	
Policy Number:	
Company Name:	
Phone number:	

Thanks,

Bro. Aaron Tesch