LDS Fall Nauvoo & Branson Escape Tour

Directed by Allan and Vicki Gunnerson

Day 1: Sat, Sept. 8  Home Cities to Kansas City
This morning we fly to Kansas City with a lunch stop before we travel to the Independence side of town and start our journey into the history of our faith. We will tour the LDS Visitor’s Center, then visit the dedicated site for the future temple. We will visit the Community of Christ (RLDS) Auditorium and temple. After a Kansas City BBQ dinner we will check into our hotel. (D)

Day 2: Sun, Sept. 9  Liberty/ Far West/ Adam-ondi-Ahman/Nauvoo
Today we will spend our Sabbath at very sacred sites. Our day begins with a drive to Liberty Jail and the Visitors’ Center. It was here during the winter of 1838 that the Prophet Joseph Smith was imprisoned for 4.5 months and received the 121\textsuperscript{st} and 122\textsuperscript{nd} sections of the Doctrine and Covenants. As we continue on our next stop is the Far West Temple Site to see the corner stones that were placed and the plaques that explain the importance of this site. We will stop in Hamilton to pickup box lunches and then on to Adam-ondi-Ahman, where many significant events have taken place and where important future events will occur. After our stop we will continue on to Hannibal, Missouri, where Mark Twain shared his love for this riverboat town and world. We will board the Mississippi Queen river boat to enjoy a dinner cruise on the Mississippi. After a short drive up river we arrive in Nauvoo!! (B,L,D)

Day 3: Mon, Sept. 10  Nauvoo “The City Beautiful”
We will have our full buffet breakfast at the hotel this morning before we begin our adventure into Nauvoo-The City Beautiful. We will start at the LDS Visitors Center where we can enjoy the tribute Gardens with its many statues honoring women. We will view the new film Joseph Smith: Prophet of the Restoration to get us ready to see the city our pioneer ancestors built from a swamp. After lunch we will visit the Joseph Smith homestead, the Mansion House, the Red Brick Store, and the gravesites of Joseph, Emma, Hyrum and other Smith family members. We will walk the “Trail of Hope” and read excerpts from the Saints’ personal diaries. The balance of the evening is at your leisure before dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

8 days from $1,599 pp/dbl
Sept. 8-15, 2018
LAND ONLY

JOIN ALLAN AND VICKI GUNNerson ON THIS SUPER FUN FALL TOUR OF LDS CHURCH HISTORY SITES AND BRANSON, MISSOURI - THE ENTERTAINMENT CAPITAL OF THE MIDWEST! OUR 8 DAY EXPERIENCE IS FULL OF SPECIAL SPIRITUAL MOMENTS AND FUN! ENJOY THE PLEASANT FALL WEATHER ALONG WITH FEWER CROWDS AS THE GUNNERSONS LEAD YOU THROUGH THE PAST - BRINGING THE HISTORY OF THE EARLY SAINTS TO LIFE. OUR TOURS ENJOY THE BEST SEATS AND BEST RESTAURANTS THE CITY HAS TO OFFER!
Tour Includes:
• 7 nights hotel accommodations
• 6 Branson shows with prime seats (Shows subject to change)
• Deluxe heated/air conditioned motor coach
• Meals as specified in the itinerary at the end of each day (B,L,D)
• Optional session at the Nauvoo Temple
• Taxes & gratuities for meals and hotel

Price does not include (for all tours):
• Airfare from your home city - Group air out of SLC will be available - TBA
• Meals not included in itinerary
• Travel insurance
• Items of a personal nature

Optional Pricing:
• Airfare additional (call for pricing)
  • Single price: $1,999
  • Triple price: $1,489
  • Quad price: $1,419

Payment Terms
• $250 per-person due at booking time
• Final payment due June 29, 2018

Additional Information:
• Terms: morrismurdock.com/terms
• Note: Do not purchase airline tickets without consulting LDS Travel Study. There is a minimum amount of 29 passengers needed to operate this tour.

Day 4: Tues, Sept. 11  Nauvoo “The City Beautiful”
Today begins with an optional Temple Session, followed by lunch and shopping. We will then visit the old pioneer cemetery to read the names of those who made it to Nauvoo, but not the Salt Lake Valley. From here we will return to Old Nauvoo and visit the different homes and building that have been restored. Make sure to explore the Time and Seasons Office, and the Browning Gun and Blacksmith Shops to only name a few. Be sure to see the homes of Brigham Young, Wilford Woodruff and the Heber C. Kimball! Dinner tonight is at the famous Hotel Nauvoo, followed by a musical production called “Rendezvous” at the Cultural Hall. (B,D)

Day 5: Wed, Sept. 12  Nauvoo/Carthage/Branson/Six
We bid farewell to Nauvoo and travel to Carthage to view the “Life of The Prophet Joseph Smith,” at the Visitor’s Center. We then tour the jail itself where the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were martyred. Lunch will be en route and then on to Branson, America’s #1 Entertainment destination. Dinner tonight will be at the famed Lamberts restaurant, “home of the throwed rolls”!

After dinner we are off to see the group SIX. Dubbed “An Orchestra of Human Voices”, SIX combines the musical showmanship and boundless energy of six remarkable brothers (Barry, Kevin, Lynn, Jak, Owen and Curtis). Their intense high-octane energy, electrifying stage presence, and powerhouse vocals combine to create a truly amazing entertainment experience. (B,D)

Day 6: Thurs, Sept. 13  Clay Cooper, George Dyer & Million Dollar Quartet
This morning get ready for the Clay Cooper Express Show! Don’t miss New York’s number one cowboy, trick roper, and gun-slinger, Johnny Lonestar; eleven amazing dancers led by Clay’s wife, Tina Cooper; a seven-piece band; funny comedian, Matt Gumm; outstanding youth entertainers, Colt & Caden Cooper; and “Oklahoma’s little sweetheart” Ezrah Noelle! After lunch we will see one of the finest tenors in the world, George Dyer. Accompanied by an award winning 5 piece band, George sings a variety including power ballads, Broadway hits, love songs, classic standards, favorite oldies, gospel, and more.

Dinner tonight will be at Florentinas Ristorante followed by the Million Dollar Quartet. Inspired by an incredible true story, the show relives December 4, 1956 when an impromptu jam session with Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins occurred. Featuring a set of the greatest rock ‘n’ roll, gospel, R&B and country hits from these music legends, this show captures the infectious spirit and thrilling sounds of that singular historic moment. (B,D)

Day 7: Fri, Sept. 14  City Tour, The Duttons, The Samson Show
This morning we will tour Branson’s spectacular sights with a lunch/shopping stop before our next show, the Duttons. The Duttons’ show features a variety of instruments, including violin, guitar, bass, viola, banjo, mandolin, keyboard, harmonica, and drums. They are also accomplished singers and dancers.

Dinner tonight is at the Hughes Brothers Theatre. After dinner enjoy seeing the production of Samson at the Sight & Sound Theatre. He’s the original superhero. Experience this Bible story in jaw-dropping scale as it’s brought to life by a world-class cast, spectacular special effects and live animals. It’s an unforgettable, uplifting thrill ride that literally brings the house down! (B,D)

Day 8: Sat, Sept. 15  Branson/Kansas City/Salt Lake City
After breakfast this morning, we will board our motorcoach to travel back towards Kansas City and fly home with memories to last a lifetime. (B)