



2023 Church History Tour

Tour Hosts: Gerrit and Angie Dirkmaat • June 19 - 25, 2023

Join Gerrit Dirkmaat and his beautiful wife Angie on this unforgettable tour of the sacred sights of the restoration. This tour starts in Baltimore and will have a full day honoring our American history at important points including Fort McHenry and the hallowed ground of Gettysburg. We continue on to visit the new Priesthood Restoration site, the Susquehanna River, Peter Whitmer Farm, Sacred Grove, Palmyra Temple, Niagara Falls, Kirtland Temple, Morley Farm, Whitney Store, and the John Johnson Farm to name a few.

Date	Daily Schedule
06/19 - Mon	Home City to Baltimore
06/20 - Tue	Baltimore - Gettysburg - Allentown
06/21 - Wed	Harmony - Fayette - Palmyra
06/22 - Thu	Palmyra
06/23 - Fri	Niagara Falls - Kirtland
06/24 - Sat	Kirtland - Hiram
06/25 - Sun	Hiram - Home

Price from **\$1,719**
per person/double occupancy
(12 Days/11 Nights)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR:

- 1 tour-bus experience for the whole tour!
- The same Morris Murdock LDS tour Director for the whole trip
- VERY INCLUSIVE rate - many meals and ALL sights mentioned are included and MORE
- Licensed, insured, and bonded travel agency with 60 years of experience!! Ask around, IT MATTERS!

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Day 1: Monday, June 19, 2023

Home City to Baltimore

Depart for Baltimore airport. Upon arrival in Baltimore, we transfer to our hotel and dinner where we will become better acquainted with our group. **Meals: Dinner**

Day 2: Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Baltimore - Gettysburg - Allentown

This morning we begin our tour at Fort McHenry. Fort McHenry is a historical American coastal fort on Locust Point. It is best known for its role in the War of 1812, when it successfully defended Baltimore Harbor from an attack by the British navy. Next, we travel to Gettysburg. Our first stop will be lunch at the historic Dobbin house built in 1776, then we visit the Gettysburg Visitor's Center and watch the introduction movie, tour the museum, and see the Cyclorama Painting. We will then visit the battlefield and our last stop will be the National Cemetery which is famous throughout the world as the site of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. We end our day with a better understanding of the sacrifices made in the most crucial battles of the Civil War. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**



Day 3: Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Harmony - Fayette - Palmyra

Today we depart for Palmyra, NY. En route we visit the Priesthood Restoration Site in Susquehanna County, PA. Here we see the visitor's center and explore the place where Joseph and Emma Smith lived from 1827 to 1830. Next, we travel to the Peter Whitmer Farm where the Church was organized on April 6, 1830.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4: Thursday, June 22, 2023

Palmyra

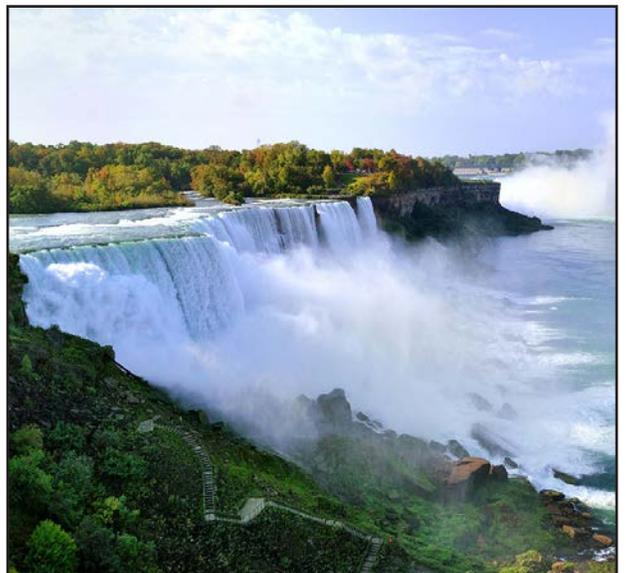
Today we spend time in the Sacred Grove and reflect on the special events that took place here. Next, we visit the restored home and farm of Joseph Smith, Sr., including the restored log cabin where the Smith family lived at the time of the first vision. We see the Palmyra Temple and talk about the importance of this modern-day temple in this historic and sacred place. Next, we see the Grandin Printing Complex where the first Book of Mormon was printed and then the grave site of Alvin Smith, eldest brother of Joseph Smith. Our last stop will be the Hill Cumorah and visitor's center.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Friday, June 23, 2023

Niagara Falls - Kirtland

Today we continue our journey to Niagara Falls, the oldest state park in the USA. We board the Maid of the Mist boat which passes directly in front of the falls and enters Horseshoe Basin. This is a not to miss activity! After free time for lunch we travel to Kirtland, OH. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



Day 6: Saturday, June 24, 2023

Kirtland - Hiram

We spend the morning visiting the Morley Farm and the historic Kirtland village including the LDS Visitor's Center, Whitney Home and Store, Johnson Inn, Ashery, and Sawmill. Next, we see the Temple Quarry and enjoy a picnic lunch. This afternoon we depart for Hiram, OH to visit the John Johnson Farm. It was at the Johnson farm that Joseph Smith received the vision of the three degrees of glory. We finish our day at Mary Yoders with an Amish dinner. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Day 7: Sunday, June 25, 2023

Hiram - Home

Following Sacrament meeting, we see the Kirtland Temple where The Lord Himself appeared as did Moses, Elias, Elijah, and numerous other angels. We conclude our tour with a late afternoon flight home and a better appreciation for the life of the Prophet Joseph and the early saints.

Meals: Breakfast



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Tour Includes:

- 1 tour-bus experience for the whole tour
- 6-night's hotel accommodations
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary
- Deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach transportation
- Group transfers
- Taxes on included services
- Maid of the Mist boat ride in Niagara Falls
- Meal gratuities on included meals

Price does not include (for all tours):

- Airfare to Baltimore and back from Cleveland, OH
- Additional transfers when not arriving or departing with the group
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature
- Trip cancellation and baggage insurance
- Checked baggage fees
- Bus Driver and Historian gratuities

Optional Pricing:

- Double Price: \$1719.00
- Triple Price: \$1669.00
- Quad Price: \$1619.00
- Single Price: \$2129.00
- Cash Discount \$50 per person

Payment Terms:

- \$250.00 per person due at booking time
- Final payment due April 19, 2023
- Terms & Conditions (see page 3)

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