

# 2024 FALL NAUVOO AND BRANSON ESCAPE TOUR

September 6-14, 2024



*Escorted by Kay Godfrey*

Join Morris Murdock Escorted Tours and historian Kay Godfrey as you experience Liberty Jail, Far West, Adam-Ondi-Ahman, Carthage Jail, and Nauvoo and catch the vision of the Prophet Joseph Smith as you experience the trials and triumphs that he and early saints experienced during the early years of the church. Top off these unforgettable locations with a trip to Branson, MO and watch the best performances Branson has to offer. This is a tour you truly don't want to miss. While other companies take 2 and 3 buses on their tours, ours has a 1-bus guarantee that ensures you have an intimate experience at the sites as well as with your educator. It allows your group to bond as a family and make fast friends with those you are traveling with. You will not come home wishing you had more.

Date	Daily Schedule	<p><b>Price from \$2,199</b> per person/double occupancy (9 Days/8 Nights)</p>
09/06 - Fri	Salt Lake City - Kansas City	
09/07 - Sat	Kansas City Temple - Liberty Jail	
09/08 - Sun	Far West - Adam-ondi-Ahman - Nauvoo	
09/09 - Mon	Nauvoo	
09/10 - Tue	Nauvoo	
09/11 - Wed	Nauvoo, IL - Carthage, IL - Branson, MO - SIX Show	
09/12 - Thu	George Dyer, The Petersen's Show, The Duttons	
09/13 - Fri	Branson City Tour - Hughes Music Show - Queen Esther Show	
09/14 - Sat	Branson, MO - Kansas City, MO - Salt Lake City, UT	

### Highlights of the Tour:

- 1 tour-bus experience for the whole tour!
- Morris Murdock LDS tour Director for the whole trip along with local guides
- Licensed, insured, and bonded travel agency with 60 years of experience! IT MATTERS!

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**Your Tour Host:**

**Kay Godfrey** is a graduate of Brigham Young University. He holds degrees in Historic Archaeology and Anthropology as well as Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. He has studied and researched the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith and regularly leads Church History and Israel tours. He has spoken to the issue of the "Trials of the Prophet Joseph" at numerous symposiums in Nauvoo and Independence. He has edited books and videos for various authors on the historical accuracy of materials pertaining to Joseph Smith.

**Included:**

- 1 tour-bus size experience for the whole tour
- Hotel accommodations in first class hotels or best available.
- Morris Murdock escort/historian Kay Godfrey
- Meals as outlined in itinerary
- Ground transportation via luxury air-conditioned motor-coaches
- Tips for hotels and provided meals outlines in itinerary
- All sightseeing and group transfers as outlined in itinerary
- Travel document package
- Whisper headset's throughout tour so you don't miss a thing
- 6 AMAZING shows with prime seats: "SIX, George Dyer, The Dutton's, The Petersen's, Hughes Music Show, and Queen Esther Show"
- Guided city tour of old and new Branson

**Not included:**

- Airfare to Kansas City from your home city. Group air TBA
- Travel Insurance
- Meals other than those specified
- Tips for Director, local guides and bus driver
- Items of a personal nature

**Payment Information:**

- The deposit is \$250.00 pp
- Cash Discount of \$55.00 pp is offered for final payment by Check or ACH
- Final Payment is due July 1, 2024
- Tour price is based on 25 travelers
- Refer to our Terms & Conditions ([www.mmetours.com](http://www.mmetours.com))

**Optional Pricing:**

- Triple - \$2,049.00
- Quad - \$1,949.00
- Single - \$2,899.00

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### **Day 1: Friday, September 6, 2024**

*Salt Lake City - Kansas City*

Depart this morning for Kansas City. Upon arrival we will drive to Independence to visit the LDS visitors' center and temple lot-the site where the first temple was commanded to be built in this dispensation. We will check into our hotel to rest from our travel. Overnight at the Fairfield Inn and Suites.

**Meals: Dinner**



### **Day 2: Saturday, September 7, 2024**

*Kansas City Temple - Liberty Jail*

This morning we visit the Eight Witness Monument and continue onto Liberty Jail, where, during the winter of 1838-29, Joseph Smith was imprisoned. After lunch (lunch on your own) some of the highlights will be Rush Creek, Big and Little Fishing River Miracle, David Whitmer's Home, Richmond Jail, Vacant Log House, Three Witness Monument, Mound Grove Cemetery and Missouri River Crossing. Overnight at the Fairfield Inn and Suites.

**Meals: Breakfast**

### **Day 3: Sunday, September 8, 2024**

*Far West - Adam-ondi-Ahman - Nauvoo*

Today we will get to spend our Sabbath at some very sacred sites. Our touring today will begin as we drive to Far West Temple site to see the corner stones that were placed and the plaques that explain the importance of this site. Our next stop is Adam-ondi-Ahman to see where Adam and Eve lived after the Garden of Eden and we will enjoy a picnic lunch.

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!! Overnight at the Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### **Day 4: Monday, September 9, 2024**

*Nauvoo*

We will have 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.



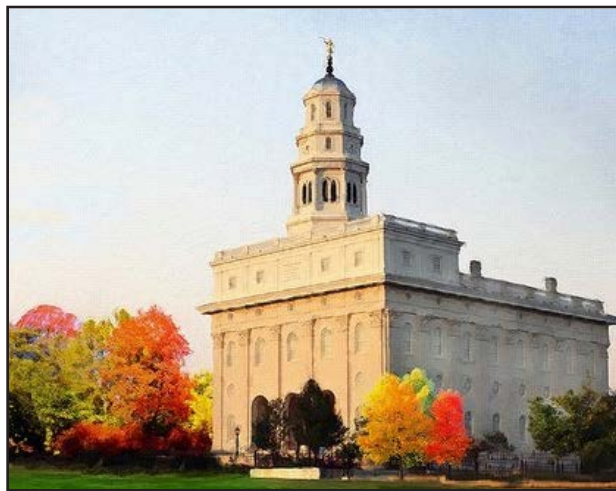
After lunch, we will continue our tour at the Joseph Smith homestead, the Mansion House, the Red Brick Store, and the gravesite of Joseph, Emma, Hyrum, and other family members that are buried there. We will have time to walk the Trail of Hope and read excerpts from personal diaries of the Saints. Your understanding will increase as you read about the hardships and struggles, they went through. Tonight, the balance of the evening is at your leisure, we will have dinner at the hotel. This is a great time to take a walk down to the temple for some night photos. Overnight at the Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



### Day 5: Tuesday, September 10, 2024

#### Nauvoo

Our day begins with a morning Temple Session for those who would like to attend (pending individual appointments). After the temple, we will go back to the hotel to change our clothes and give you time to have lunch and shop. We will then meet and drive to the old pioneer cemetery where you can see the names and headstones of those who made it to Nauvoo, but not on with the Saints into the Utah Valley. From here we will return to the restored buildings of Old Nauvoo, and you will have time to wander around and visit the different homes and buildings that have been restored. Places to make sure not to miss are Time and Seasons Office, the Browning Gun, and Blacksmith Shop to only name a few, and be sure to see the homes of Brigham Young, Wilford Woodruff, and Heber C. Kimball! Overnight at the Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



### Day 6: Wednesday, September 11, 2024

#### Nauvoo, IL - Carthage, IL - Branson, MO - SIX Show

This morning we bid farewell to Nauvoo and depart for Carthage. Here we will tour the jail where the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were martyred.

We will then travel to Branson, MO - America's #1 Entertainment destination in the U.S.A. Dinner tonight will be at the famed Lamberts Cafe, "home of the thrown rolls," REALLY! To start off our Branson entertainment we are off to see the SIX Show. SIX is a powerhouse "Vocal Band" featuring real brothers who take musical entertainment to a whole new level. Critically acclaimed and dubbed "an orchestra of human voices" and "masters of showmanship", these multi-talented brothers don't use an instrument, but you'll think you're hearing them. True pioneers of contemporary a cappella, they utilize the palpable rhythmic bass, driving beatbox style percussion, and impeccable vocal blend that they've been developing since they were children. Overnight at the Savannah House. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



### Day 7: Thursday, September 12, 2024

#### George Dyer, The Petersen's Show, The Duttons

This morning get ready for the Broadway to Buble Show starring George Dyer. Bringing his World-Class, Award-Winning tenor voice and showmanship to the Branson stage, George Dyer WOWS audiences with hits from Broadway, Cinema, Power Ballads, Opera, Love Songs, Country, and Gospel, as well as contemporary favorites. Unlike any other show you'll find in Branson, George and his talented family take you on a mesmerizing musical journey that is inspiring audiences to enthusiastic ovations.

After a lunch break we will see the Petersen's Show. The Petersen's, an award-winning family band, will knock your socks



off with their sibling humor and a top-notch bluegrass sound. The band performs traditional bluegrass standards with a contemporary twist for a music style that appeals to audience members of all ages. To the mix, The Petersens add gospel acapella, original songs and yodeling to completely satisfy the bluegrass appetite of the audience. After a great dinner tonight at Florentina's we get to enjoy The Dutton's Show. The Duttons are a family of three generations of musical performers. Committed to family appropriate, quality entertainment. The Duttons are international touring and recording artists who perform bluegrass to classical music and everything in between. Their show features a variety of instruments, including violin, guitar, bass, viola, banjo, mandolin, keyboard, harmonica, and drums, among others. The Duttons have garnered awards and recognition in national fiddling contests, classical violin competitions, and as studio musicians. Overnight at the Savannah House **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 8: Friday, September 13, 2024**

*Branson City Tour - Hughes Music Show - Queen Esther Show*

This morning we will have a step on guide who will show you around Branson and tell you some of the history of Branson. Tour includes Table Rock Dam, the scenic overlook and the College of the Ozarks.

After a lunch break we will see the Hughes Music Show. It is a culmination of over 40 years of experience and effort. It is the biggest production The Hughes Brothers Theatre has ever seen. A cast of 50 uniquely talented entertainers brings you an experience you can't miss. These actors, dancers, comedians, instrumentalists, and singers of all styles will work their way into your hearts forever. The Hughes Music Show is astonishing audiences with its crisp harmonies, explosive energy, impressive instrumentals, and multi-layered musical arrangements. The show will astound you as you hear the best in pop, rock, R&B, country, classical, Broadway, patriotic, and even gospel music. It's a big list, but it's also a big show. And that's a promise!



After dinner we will be totally entertained by the production of an unforgettable exploration of the story of Queen Esther. Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, QUEEN ESTHER is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories from the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals in this brand new, original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres. Overnight at the Savannah House. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 9: Saturday, September 14, 2024**

*Branson, MO - Kansas City, MO - Salt Lake City, UT*

After breakfast this morning, we will board our motorcoach to travel back towards Kansas City with memories to last a lifetime.

**Meals : Breakfast**



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