

# 2024 JOURNAL OF THE TRAIL BUS TOUR



**Escorted by Stewart Glazier • September 23-28, 2024 (6 Days/5 Nights)**

Imagine one bus carrying you through a tapestry of spiritual experiences, weaving through the pages of history with a touch of the divine. This isn't just a tour; it's a transformative pilgrimage where reverence for sacred tales adds a profound layer to every moment. Picture discovering outlying lands and the resilient souls of yesteryear, all guided by the spirit of the journey. Brace yourself for the profound lessons that await, as the pioneer company unfolds a chapter of history that will leave an indelible mark on your soul. Get ready for an unforgettable ride where the past and present converge, and the echoes of the trail's tales linger long after the journey ends.

Date	Daily Schedule
Sep 23 - Mon	Salt Lake City - Cheyenne, Wyoming
Sep 24 - Tue	Cheyenne, WY - Scottsbluff, NE
Sep 25 - Wed	Scottsbluff, NE - Casper, WY
Sep 26 - Thu	Casper, WY - Rock Creek, WY
Sep 27 - Fri	Rock Creek, WY - Green River, WY
Sep 28 - Sat	Fort Bridger - Salt Lake City, UT (Home)

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**Your Tour Host:**

**Stewart Glazier** has a bachelor's degree in Spanish education and general science from Arizona State University. He received his master's degree in recreational education from BYU. He has also completed many hours in graduate scripture study with the Church Educational System. Brother Glazier has taught seminary and institute classes plus many Continuing Education classes. Stewart Glazier married Sandra Rushton in Mesa, Arizona, in 1963. They have eight children. Brother Glazier has a special interest in Wyoming and the Mormon Trail, Israel, and Spanish and Latin America. He enjoys gardening.

**Included:**

- 1 tour-bus size experience for the whole tour
- Hotel accommodations
- Author and tour guide, Stewart Glazier
- Meals as outlined in the itinerary
- Travel document package

**Not Included:**

- Meals other than those specified
- Tipping for guide and bus driver
- Personal expenses (phone calls, beverages, etc.)
- Travel Insurance (Highly recommended!!)

**Payment Information:**

- Deposit is \$250.00 pp
- Cash Discount of \$50.00 pp offered if all payments after deposit are paid by check or electronic bank transfer
- Final Payment is due June 24, 2024
- Tour based on a minimum of 25 travelers
- Refer to our Terms & Conditions

**Optional Pricing:**

- Triple - TBD
- Quad - TBD
- Single - TBD

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### Day 1: Monday, September 23, 2024

*Salt Lake City - Cheyenne, Wyoming*

We meet our bus at 9:00 am in the parking lot of "This is the Place Monument" in Salt Lake City, then the adventure begins! As we journey on our way to Cheyenne, we will discuss the following sites as we pass by or nearby: **Gogorza**, named for Rodriguez Velasquez de la Gorgonza, a Spaniard who invested \$1,000,000 in a narrow-gauge railroad which eventually failed. **Golden pass road** (Parley's Canyon), **William H. Kimball's stage station**, built in 1862, **Silver Creek Canyon** where you can still see part of the old Lincoln highway, **Coalville**, originally named Chalk Creek; Kemmerer Wyoming where J.C. Penney began his business in 1902; **Point of Rocks; Tipton**, famous for the likes of Butch Cassidy, and other points of interest. After a wonderful dinner, we will stay in Cheyenne, Wyoming at the Little America Hotel. **Meals: Dinner**



### Day 2: Tuesday, September 24, 2024

*Cheyenne, WY - Scottsbluff, NE*

After breakfast we will head east arriving in Nebraska, where we will first stop at the **North Platte River**, "which was too thick to drink, too thin to plow, too yellow to wash in, and too pale to paint with." The town of North Platte is where a historical marker describing one of the **first odometers** built by Appleton M Harmon and William Clayton was put into use. Then the **Ancient Bluff Ruins**, a most dramatic and extensive bluff formation along the north side of the North Platte River. We will then stop at **Court House Rock, Jail Rock, Chimney Rock, grave of 'Wee Grannty** and **Rebecca Winter's** grave and finally at **Scott's Bluff**, before going to the hotel. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



### Day 3: Wednesday, September 25, 2024

*Scottsbluff, NE - Casper, WY*

Our first stop will be just west of Morrill, Nebraska, site of the **Horse Creek Treaty Council of 1851**, which within a few short years was broken because of a Mormon cow and a lame one at that. The breaking of this treaty resulted in the Grattan Massacre. **The Grattan Battle/Massacre** signaled the beginning of warfare between the Northern Plains Indians and the United States Army, which reached its zenith at the Little Big Horn in 1876 and culminated at Wounded Knee in 1890. Our next stop will be near **Henry**, Nebraska where they tended to forget their covenants. Next, will be the site of **Fort Bernard** and a discussion about the Mississippi Saints, which wintered in Pueblo, Colorado, then **Ft Laramie** and **Register Cliff**. The cliff is one of the major places where camping emigrants carved their names and the date of their presence. Just a short distance away we will see the dramatic ruts in **Guernsey, Wyoming**. Following interstate 25, we then come to **Glen Rock, or Deer Creek** where the Martin Company burned their extra clothing and bedding two days before the snowstorm came. After that we drive on to Casper to see the location of **Reshaw's Bridge** where some of our people crossed during the winter of 1856, **The Mormon Ferry site, and Old Ft. Caspar**, where many emigrants crossed including the Martin and Willie Companies. Time permitting, we will finish at **Bessemer Bend**, where the rescuers found the Martin and Hodgett Companies on October 28th, 1856. We then travel to our hotel. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

#### Day 4: Thursday, September 26, 2024

*Casper, WY - Rock Creek, WY*

We will leave Casper by way of county highway 319, (see your map) which is a dirt road. This is the route of the original **Pioneer Company** and also many others including the Willie Company but not the Martin, Hunt or Hodgett Companies. We will pass by **Avenue of the Rocks, Willow Springs, and Prospect Hill**, where Brigham Young wanted to build a summer “home” and then on to Horse Springs or Greasewood Creek where the Martin Company met G. D. Grant and the rescue wagons. We will finish the morning visiting **Independence Rock and Martin’s Cove** area including the Cove, Devil’s Gate, the Dan Jones Stockade and the Visitors’ Center. We will then travel east on Highway 287 to the Split Rock Overview, point out Bitter Cottonwood Creek, and stop briefly overlooking the Sixth Crossing where the rescuers had their first view of the Willey Company. Dinner upon arrival at hotel. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



#### Day 5: Friday, September 27, 2024

*Rock Creek, WY - Green River, WY*

This will be an exciting day as we follow the route of the **Willie Company** and read from their journals. After breakfast we head to **Rocky Ridge**, the tremendous obstacle the Willie Company surmounted on October 23 on their way to Rock Creek. We then follow their trail to Rock Creek where 13 members of the Willie Company were buried in a common grave. We will discuss several of the stories of these people and the implications for our children and us today. We will then continue our trip to the **South Pass overlook** and discuss not only South Pass and Pacific Springs, but also the story of Redick Allred where he spent about a month serving as a significant part of the rescue effort. Afterwards, we will continue our journey pass the **Dry Sandy, Little Sandy and Parting of the Ways**, where the Donner-Reed Party split off from the larger California bound wagon train. We will visit the **Big Sandy Crossing** at Farson and have ice cream and lunch. We then continue to Simpson Hollow and the Green River crossing, and then arrive at our hotel.

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



#### Day 6: Saturday, September 28, 2024

*Fort Bridger - Salt Lake City, UT (Home)*

Following breakfast and then on to Ft Bridger to where we now leave the “Oregon Trail” and follow the route of the **Hastings Cut-Off**. As time permits, we will visit Camp Scott, site of where Johnston’s army spent the winter of 1847-48, **Gravel Hill**, where the pioneers had to lock their wheels on their wagons in order to descend the **Bigelow Bench**, and the **Needles** where Brigham Young got sick and had to remain in camp making it the 24th of July instead of the 22nd. We will enter the Valley via Henefer, East Canyon, Big Mountain; ending at “This is The Place Monument.” Tour the This is the Place Park. **Meals: Breakfast**



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