LDS Church History Across the United States from Salt Lake to Philadelphia
July 3-18, 2018

Join expert Alan McKay for an in-depth exploration of LDS Church history as you journey from Salt Lake City to Philadelphia. You will follow the Pioneer Trail, take in the sites of Nauvoo, explore Kirtland, pause in Palmyra and so much more! Travel is easy with only one flight home. You will be in a luxury motor coach each day and great hotels each night.

Itinerary:

Tuesday, July 3 – Start your Pioneer Trek with early departure from SLC. Travel through Echo Canyon and re-live the Utah War, as federal troops come into the Valley. Remember how Porter Rockwell, Lot Smith and the boys slowed down the army’s progress. Enjoy a stop at the great supply stop for the pioneers, Ft. Bridger. Remember the hardships of the Willie Handcart Company as you witness the common grave at Rock Creek. Overnight in Lander, Wyoming.

Wednesday, July 4 – Today starts with an overwhelming visit to Martin Cove, site of the tragedy of the Martin Handcart Company. View Devil’s Gate and climb Independence Rock. Next visit Ft. Casper with a discussion about the importance of the Mormon Ferry. View actual ruts carved into stone and view names of past travelers carved into Register Cliffs. Enjoy a stop at the all important Ft. Laramie. Overnight in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Thursday, July 5 – Begin the day with a reverent visit to Rebecca Winters Grave, a true memorial to a Mormon Pioneer. As you travel along the Platte River you will view the great markers of the plains: Chiminey Rock, Scottsbluff and Courthouse Rock. At Chimney Rock view graves of saints that gave the greatest sacrifice on the trek. Overnight in Kearney, Nebraska.

Friday, July 6 – Not much has changed over the years along the Platte River. You will be traveling and seeing the same sights as your pioneer heroes. Arrive in Winter Quarters and give respect to those who rest from their hardships in the pioneer cemetery near the Winter Quarters temple. Overnight in Omaha.

Saturday, July 7 – Start your day at the reconstructed Kanesville Tabernacle where the 1st Presidency was reorganized with Brigham as the Prophet. Drive south to Jackson County, Missouri and visit the sacred site of Independence, including a tour of the Community of Christ Temple and Auditorium. In the afternoon re-live the hardships of Liberty Jail and the suffering and growth of Joseph Smith JR. Overnight in Liberty, Missouri.

Sunday, July 8 – In Richmond, Missouri visit the graves of the special witnesses of the restoration, Oliver Cowdery and David Whitmer. Far West with its temple site will be a special visit to remember the hardships and blessings of the Missouri story. Then on to one of the most sacred spots on earth, Adam-Ondi-Ahman. Your first view of the Mississippi River and then the 11 mile drive up river to Nauvoo will always be remembered. Overnight in Nauvoo.

Monday, July 9 – Nauvoo City Beautiful! Begin your visit at the Old Pioneer Cemetery and remember the saints that created this beautiful city on the river. During the next 2 days you will visit the historic sites of Joseph’s Homestead, Mansion House, Red Brick Store, the homes of Brigham, Heber, Wilford and so much more. During these 2 days you will have an opportunity to attend the Nauvoo Temple.

Tuesday, July 10 – Continue your tour of Old Nauvoo.

Wednesday, July 11 – Start your day with a remembrance visit to Carthage Jail and re-live the tragedy of the Martyrdom. Overnight in the Chicago area.

Thursday, July 12 – Travel along Lake Erie to Kirtland, Ohio., the place where the heavens were open with glorious revelations. Overnight in the Kirtland area.

Friday, July 13 – Start your morning off remembering sacred restoration of temple keys in the Kirtland Temple. Here the Savior, Moses, Elias, Elijah visited and restored sacred keys that touch eternity. In Historic Kirtland enjoy the Whitney home and store, the Ashery, Sawmill, and Morley Farm. Overnight in the Kirtland area.

Saturday, July 14 – Off to Palmyra with a wonderful stop at Niagara Falls. In Mendon NY remember the missionary work that brought Heber C, Kimball, Brigham Young and others into the church. This evening enjoy the wonderful outdoor Hill Cumorah Pageant. Overnight in the Palmyra area.

Sunday, July 15 – Today enjoy the beauty of the Restoration with visits to the Sacred Grove, Hill Cumorah, Smith homes, Grandin Building, and Martin Harris Farm. This will be a special, memorable day.

Monday, July 16 – Depart Palmyra and drive to Harmony Pennsylvania. On our way we will visit the Peter Whitmer Sn home in Fayette NY where the church was organized on April 6, 1830. Next stop will be Harmony Pennsylvania, site of the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood on April 6th 1830. View the Susquahanna River where John the Baptist restored the Aaronic Priesthood. This evening overnight in Allentown PA.

Tuesday, July 17 – On to Philadelphia, the city of Brotherly Love. Enjoy sites like Independence Hall, Carpenters Hall, the Liberty Bell and so much more.

Wednesday, July 18 – Transfer to the airport for your flight home filled with memories that will last a lifetime.

**Breakfast included each day at your hotel
Your Host: Alan McKay

Alan started guiding tours when he was a senior in high school. Since that time, he has traveled with hundreds of groups all over the world, including tours to England, Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Peru, Guatemala, Mexico, China, and Thailand. His degree in history from Utah State University adds richness to the tours that he leads. He and his wife, Ida Mae, live in Huntsville, Utah and are the proud parents of four sons. Alan’s love in life is to see the world with incredible people and to share his knowledge of travel with all of his groups. Come and become one of his “travel groupies” today.

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*Tour Accommodations – Double Occupancy – $1999 per person

*Tour Accommodations – Single Occupancy – additional $1000

*Airfare from Philadelphia to Salt Lake City (Or your home city) – Call for options or arrange your own (pricing around $200-$300 per person)

*Credit Card Fee – 3.5% (only applies to final payment-pay by check to avoid it)

*Deposit Required – $400 per person

*Full payment due 90 days before departure.

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Passports are required.

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