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Salt Lake City Temple Square Tours



One step through the gates of Temple Square and you'll be immersed in 35 acres of enchantment in the heart of Salt Lake City. Whether it's the rich history, the gorgeous gardens and architecture, or the vivid art and culture that pulls you in, you'll be sure to have an unforgettable experience.

Temple Square was founded by Mormon pioneers in 1847 when they arrived in the Salt Lake Valley. Though it started from humble and laborious beginnings (the temple itself took 40 years to build), it has grown into Utah's number one tourist attraction with over three million visitors per year. The grounds are open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and admission is free, giving you the liberty to enjoy all that Temple Square has to offer.

These five categories let you delve into your interests and determine what you want out of your visit to Temple Square:

Family Adventure

Temple Square is full of excitement for the whole family, from interactive exhibits and enthralling films, to the splash pads and shopping at City Creek Center across the street.

**FamilySearch Center
South Visitors' Center**

If you're interested in learning about your family history but not sure where to start, the FamilySearch Center is the perfect place. Located in the lobby level of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, the FamilySearch Center is designed for those just getting started. There are plenty



of volunteers to help you find what you need and walk you through the online programs. The center has an activity area with coloring and games, as well as a photo booth where kids can imagine being an immigrant to the United States like many of their ancestors. For curious teenagers, scavenger hunts are offered in the center

South Visitors' Center

The Salt Lake Temple is the namesake for Temple Square, so it just makes sense to find out what the temple is all about. In the South Visitors' Center, you and your family can view a scale model of the temple and see the intricate details of each room. Uncover why it took 40 years to build through the art exhibit, "The Building of the Salt Lake Temple." Learn about the members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the role of temples in their lives.

The Legacy Center



Inside the Joseph Smith Memorial Building is a 500-seat theater known as the Legacy Theater. Films are shown on a continuous basis beginning at 11 a.m., with the last showing at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. And don't worry, if you're here on a Sunday, the film is showing in the North Visitors' Center. Tickets are not required and it's free of charge, so bring the family and enjoy a movie. Visit the Legacy Theater page for current information on times and showings.

North Visitors Center - The Christus Statue

On the other side of Temple Square is the North Visitors' Center with more interactive fun. Here, you can view a model of Jerusalem in New Testament times and follow Christ's life through the paintings throughout the building. The beautiful rotunda, where the Christus is located, is painted with the Milky Way galaxy, showing Christ as the center of the universe. Kids will love "God's Plan for His Family," an interactive film exhibit also on the second floor that teaches more about why families are important.



Arts and Culture

Immerse all your senses in the music, beauty, and culture of Temple Square. Museums, artwork, and performances lie around every corner.

The Tabernacle Choir

This world-famous volunteer choir has performed all over the world, won a Grammy, and participated in the inauguration of U.S. presidents.



Even with this track record, the choir often has free performances at Temple Square. Their rehearsals are open to the public every Thursday night as long as they're not on tour, so head over to Temple Square and let their booming harmonies fill your ears. Rehearsals are held in the Tabernacle. On Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., come to the Tabernacle to see Music & the Spoken Word, or watch the live broadcast online at mormontabernaclechoir.org.

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Garden Tours



Set aside an hour to stop and smell the roses on this tour of the Temple Square gardens, available April through October. Learn about the plant life surrounding the temple and wander among the waterfalls, meadows, and flowers on the roof of the Conference Center. The gardens are planted several times throughout the year, so there's always something new. You'll be surprised at some of the plants you'll find!

Organ Recitals

The organ in the Tabernacle is comprised of over 11,000 pipes, has five keyboards, and is considered one of the finest organs in the world. Free recitals are performed by the organ staff of the Tabernacle Choir at noon Monday through Saturday, and on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, there is a second recital at the Conference Center at 2:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Drop by for half an hour and let yourself take it in.



NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:



Abravanel Hall - The home of the Utah Symphony and Opera is known for its incredible acoustics and modern four-story lobby, and hosts many outstanding shows and events.

Utah Museum of Fine Art - Located at the University of Utah, the Utah Museum of Fine Art is the state's center for global culture and features everything from classical to contemporary artwork.

Capitol Theatre - Incredible performances happen in the home of Ballet West and many traveling Broadway shows.



The Leonardo - This contemporary museum features interactive and curiosity-provoking exhibits for people of all ages.

Genealogical Journey

Discover your roots and delve into your past as you set out to uncover the stories of your ancestors. Temple Square is home to the largest genealogical library in the world and plenty of other resources to help you get started.

The FamilySearch Center

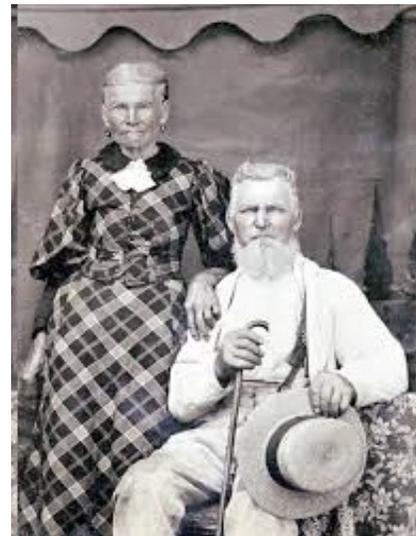
The FamilySearch Center is the perfect place to begin if you're a newcomer to family history or just want a more simplified approach. Volunteers are around every corner, waiting to help you find your family and explain the programs used to conduct research. Located in the lobby level of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, it's the perfect place to spend the day and connect with your ancestors.

Church History Library

Completed in 2009, the Church History Library was created as a place to house records for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Its rooms are kept at closely monitored temperatures in order to preserve historical documents and prevent aging. Many of these materials are available for you to explore, and of course, volunteers are available to assist you.

The Family History Library

The Family History Library was founded in 1894 and holds copies of millions of original records from around the globe. For those serious about digging into their ancestry, the largest genealogical library in the world is a great place to spend time. Learn about your heritage and find your ancestors with unmatched resources at your fingertips. If you feel a little lost, don't worry - over 200 hosts are there every day to help you. Research consultants and volunteers will assist you on how to get started, which sources and tools you'll need, and how to use the records you find.



History of Salt Lake City

Hear the story of how the Salt Lake metropolis came to be and visit the many historical sites that lie on the 35 acres of Temple Square.

Church History Museum

Learn about the impact the Mormon pioneers had on the founding of Temple Square and Salt Lake City. Follow along with a historic timeline that shows where they came from and why they chose the Salt Lake Valley. While you're there, check out the 1847 pioneer log home just outside the museum and see a full-sized statue of the Angel Moroni like the one that stands on top of the Salt Lake Temple. The museum is open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

The Tabernacle

Completed in 1875, the Tabernacle is home to the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir and is one of the most acoustically sound buildings on earth. Take a tour and experience an acoustic demonstration of a pin dropping at the pulpit. Can you hear it? Or, come to an organ recital at noon on weekdays to get the full effect of this building's acoustic power. Bridge-building techniques were used to construct this domeshaped building without any supporting columns on the inside.



Assembly Hall

One of the more extraordinary and historic buildings on Temple Square is the Assembly Hall, built from the discarded granite of the Salt Lake Temple. In the past, the building was used for religious meetings, and now is mainly used for weekend concerts. Visit on a Friday or Saturday night for a free show from local or international artists.

Beehive House

Brigham Young lived in the Beehive House in the 1850s. He was the second president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, led the saints to the Salt Lake Valley and later became the first governor of the Utah territory. The beehive motif on top of the building was meant to symbolize Brigham Young's strong work ethic and later became the Utah state symbol. Stop into the Beehive House between 9:30 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. for a half hour tour and a look into what life was like for the early pioneers.



The Joseph Smith Memorial Building

Formerly the Hotel Utah, the Joseph Smith Memorial Building was built in 1911 and was internationally known for its incredible service. It was renovated after 76 years as a hotel and reopened in 1993 as a social center. Step inside during your visit to Temple Square to admire the architecture and grab a bite to eat at one of the three restaurants inside the building..

Brigham Young Historic Park



Located just east of Temple Square, the land comprising this park used to be part of Brigham Young's property and is now a memorial to his legacy. Decorated with statues and a spinning water wheel, the park is beautiful anytime of year. If you're visiting in the summer months, head over for concerts in the park on Tuesday and Friday nights during June, July, and August. On Wednesday evenings, talks are given on various gardening topics during the summer.

Base and Meridian

Often overlooked, the Base and Meridian is a small statuette on the southeast corner of Temple Square. Salt Lake City's grid system originates from here, making its coordinates 0 East, 0 West, 0 North, and 0 South, according to the system. Make sure you look down as you're walking by so you don't miss out! It's a great place to stop and snap a photo.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:

This is the Place Heritage Park - Experience firsthand what life was like for the early settlers of the state and enjoy a day relaxing and learning at the park! There's tons to do, including pony rides, a splash pad, quaint shops, and train rides.



State Capitol Building - Take yourself on a self guided tour of the Capitol anytime during open hours, and don't forget to download the scavenger hunt from their website! Scheduled tours are also available, leaving every hour on the hour from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Inside the Mormon Church

Salt Lake Temple

This magnificent structure took 40 years to build and was the fourth temple to be completed in Utah.

Temples are considered the house of the Lord to members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the Salt Lake Temple is the most iconic. Temples play an essential role in the lives of LDS families. Although the temple itself is not open for tours, you can take a stroll around the grounds. Stop in the South Visitors' Center to see a cutout model of the temple and learn more about the history and importance of this stunning building.



The Conference Center



Every October and April, the LDS General Conference is broadcast from the Conference Center to people all over the world. The rest of the year, the Conference Center is home to various performances. This impressive building has the largest indoor theater in the world, seating 21,000 people with no visible supporting columns. The building also houses a number of original paintings including the famous Book of Mormon gallery by Arnold Friberg. Visitors can drop by for a tour of the building or the rooftop

gardens any day between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. The Conference Center is one of the few buildings at Temple Square open on Sundays.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:

Welfare Square - Vans are available to shuttle visitors here from the west gates of Temple Square April through October. Come by for a tour of the huge grain silo, fruit orchards, cannery, bakery, and more and find out how the LDS Church helps those in need all over the world.





Humanitarian Center - Vans are available to shuttle visitors here as well, from the west gates of Temple Square April through October. Learn about the humanitarian aid and supplies stockpiled by the LDS Church and how they train refugees to join the workforce.

Getting to Temple Square:

By Car There are three parking lots that provide the best access to Temple Square. The preferred parking lot with easiest access is under The Joseph Smith Memorial Building on 15 E. South Temple. There are two other garages available: Social Hall/Eagle Gate on 51 S. State St., and the Plaza Hotel on 122 W. South Temple. While parking is not free, all four Temple Square restaurants give a 3-hour validation when you dine. Events in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building and Lion House validate as well.

By TRAX: Catch the TRAX on Main Street and 500 South (just a few steps from the hotel). You can ride TRAX to the Temple Square or the City Center stop, which is less than a block from Temple Square. The TRAX ride is free of charge within the Free Zone.



Walk: Temple Square is 5 blocks from the Grand America and Little America Hotels. It is an easy walk for those of you who want to stretch your feet after sitting in classes all day.

Map

