

Day 1 **SUNDAY - June 30 - Travel Day**

TIPS and DETAILS

Fly to Buffalo	Could also fly into Rochester** See below
SLEEP - Inn and Suites Buffalo Airport	Not the best hotel - smelled a little musty. But it was fine for one night.

Day 2 **MONDAY - July 1st - Niagara and Palmyra**

Get car from Budget Car	Hard to find one we could drop off in St. Louis, this was our best choice.
Drive to Niagra Falls (30 min)	
Go on the Maid of the mist (2 hours with long line & ride)	The line to get on this was SUPER LONG!!!! I was not expecting this. But it was AWESOME and worth it. You WILL 100% get wet. Even with their ponchos they give you. Have shoes on that you are ok getting wet.
Drive to Palmyra (2 hours)	
Enjoy Palmyra	We had time to do Smith Family Farm, Sacred Grove and Hill Cumorah
We ate at Akropolis	yummy food, greek options and lots of other american options
SLEEP - Best Western Palmyra Inn	Good hotel. They ran out of warm food for breakfast. So go early for breakfast!

Day 3 **TUESDAY -July 2nd - Palmyra**

9:30 go to Temple	It is small & lovely: get things scheduled right away. You can borrow clothes here.
EB Grandin Book Store.	
Eat at Chill and Grill	yummy hamburgers and the ice cream looked delicious
Drive to Whitmer Farm (45 minutes)	Well worth the drive to go here. Loved the movie and the tour!!
Visited Sauders a Mennonite Store	The sandwiches were great! Perfect for our drive to Kirtland. Bryson got the ice cream and it was amazing. Also lots of fresh groceries.
Drive to Kirtland (4 hours)	If you have extra time - see below about adding in Priesthood Restoration Site)
SLEEP - Best Western Plus Mentor-Cleveland Northeast	Hotel was good.

Day 4 **WEDNESDAY - July 3rd - Kirtland**

Start at Kirtland Historical Sites (about 2 hours)	
Kirtland Temple and Emma and Joseph's house (1 hour)	
Could have gone to Johnson's farm	but it is a bit out of the way and we decided to take that time to get closer to Nauvoo.
Drive at least half way to Nauvoo	my goal was to drive at least 6 hours - we drove 9 hours and stayed in Galesburg IL. Also - beware - Indiana toll booths have gates at the EZ-pass lanes. We had ezpass with our car rental - sort of... in other states drove through, but in Indiana there are gates, so don't do that. Rather I should have paid tolls as I went when possible.
SLEEP - somewhere - your choice as you drive.	

Day 5 **THURSDAY - July 4th - Nauvoo**

Drive rest of way to Nauvoo	
Do Nauvoo Things	There are SO many things to do. Could probably spend 2 or 3 full days
** Important shows are only Tues - Sat,	I would avoid coming to Nauvoo on Sunday or Mondays.
Eat at Red Front	We ate lunch at Red Front 2 times. Got the ice cream brick 2 times. Yummy
SLEEP - Coblestone Inn and Suites in Fort Madison Iowa	The hotel was fine, but a bit far. 24 minute drive. We made our plans to go only about 2 weeks before and there was no room in Nauvoo. Or at least at a reasonable price. If I was to have planned ahead I would have preferred to stay in Nauvoo. Where we stayed worked out fine. But ideally stay in Nauvoo.

Day 6 **FRIDAY - July 5th - Nauvoo**

More Nauvoo Things	Definitely go to Sister Granger's house - it is a little out of the way in Nauvoo, but worth driving there. (like a 3 minute drive, but you have to choose to go there)
Temple Visit	Get appointment for temple. They do have clothes you can rent.
Go to the Sunset Show!!	Preshow was great too. So fun.
SLEEP - Coblestone Inn and Suites in Fort Madison	

Day 7 **SATURDAY - July 6th- Carthage and Travel**

Drive to Carthage (<i>30 minutes</i>)	
Carthage Jail	Took us less than an hour, but we arrived just as a tour was starting.
Drive to St. Louis (<i>3 hours</i>)	
2:30 drop off car	
4:30 fly home	

Things I could have done differently

probably) We got cheaper tickets flying into Buffalo and it worked just fine that way. But I would check tickets for both airports!

Do you have extra days to travel?

before heading off to Kirtland the next day.
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 Then we would have flown out of Kansas City MO
 Or just keep driving West and see more!