

SUP Convention Tour Itineraries

Boarding Location and Parking:

All tours will begin and end in the St. George East Stake Center North Parking Lot across the street from the St. George Temple at 300 East and 400 South. You may leave your cars in the parking lot all day. The motor coaches will begin loading promptly at 8:30am.

Transportation and Lunch:

Transportation will be by luxury motorcoaches equipped with video and PA system and a bathroom. Historian/guides will accompany each tour bus tour to provide background stories and information on all sites visited. Box lunches and bottled water will be provided.

Tour #1 Pine Valley / Mtn. Meadows



After stopping at the St. George Tabernacle to meet **Brigham Young, Erastus Snow, and Jacob Hamblin** this tour will head west for a stop at the **Santa Clara Town Hall** where artist Julie Rogers will tell the story behind her new 27'

long mural depicting the settling of Santa Clara by Swiss immigrants in 1861. We will also see the **Leavitt family monuments** and sculpture garden there. A drive past the location of **old Fort Santa Clara** and **Jacob Hamblin's Home** will lead us on a scenic drive up through the red and white cliffs of **Snow Canyon** on our way to the beautiful historic town of Pine Valley. There we will enjoy lunch and a tour of the old **Pine Valley Chapel**, the oldest continuously-used chapel in the LDS Church. We head back down Highway 18 to the monument site of the tragic **Mountain Meadows Massacre**, located in a peaceful valley. Here we will learn about the events surrounding the deaths of the Fancher Immigrant Train and the steps being taken to honor those who died there. Our return to St. George follows the **Old Spanish Trail** scenic drive to Gunlock, past the Gunlock Reservoir, and through the Shivwits Indian Reservation. The tour concludes with a visit to the **St. George Temple Visitors Center** and discussion on the building of the temple.

Tour #2 New Harmony / Silver Reef



After stopping at the **St. George Tabernacle** to meet Brigham Young, Erastus Snow, and Jacob Hamblin, this tour will head east toward **Washington City** where we learn the story behind the Cotton Mission, Dixie's

birthplace, and the old **Washington Cotton Factory**. From here the tour continues through the old ruins at **Harrisburg** and on to the enchanting **Silver Reef Ghost Town** where the old Wells Fargo Express building and other historic structures may be seen. John D. Lee's **Fort Harmony** site and monument will be our next stop and on to **New Harmony** Town where we will enjoy lunch. After lunch we will view the spectacular **Kolob Fingers** section of Zion National Park on our way to **Toquerville**. Stops at key points along the famed **Dominguez and Escalante Trail**

and the lesser-known **Parley P. Pratt exploration route** will give us insight into the early exploration of the Western part of this continent. The tour concludes with a visit to the **St. George Temple Visitors Center** and discussion on the building of the temple.

Tour #3 Hurricane / Pipe Spring



The tour begins with a live presentation from **Brigham Young, Erastus Snow, and Jacob Hamblin** at the historic St. George Tabernacle. *The tour bus then heads east for a day exploring the*

Native American and Pioneer settlements along the Utah/Arizona border. Significant events that took place at Gould's Sheep sheering Ranch, Little Creek Mountain, The Gap, and **Honeymoon Trail** will be pointed out along the way. At **Colorado City**, we will learn the history of this famous polygamous community while driving past points of interest such as Warren Jeffs' compound and other significant sites nearby such as **Massacre Knoll** (start of the Indian Wars). The tour then heads further east towards lunch and a tour of **Pipe Spring National Monument**. Enroute our guide will tell us about Cane Beds, Mt. Trumbull, and the **Arizona Strip** history. At Pipe Spring, costumed guides will take us through the old fort "Windsor Castle" and we will visit the historic **Southern Paiute and Mormon Pioneer museum**. The trip back will include information on the settlement of **Toquerville, Hurricane**, and the **Parley P. Pratt 1849 exploration route** which paved the way for future settlements. The tour ends at the **St. George Temple Visitors Center**.

Tour #4 Grafton Ghost Town / Hurricane



Beginning at the **St. George Tabernacle** with a live presentation from Brigham, Young, Erastus Snow, and Jacob Hamblin, this tour heads to the eastern part of the county to explore the rich pioneer and Native

American history that abounds there. The first stop is **Toquerville's Old City Hall building** for a presentation on **Chief Toquer and the Indians** who lived in the area prior to white settlement, and a look at the restoration of the building. Then its on up Highway 91 with a stop at the base of prominent **Hurricane Mesa**. Here we will learn about the famous "**Test Site**" which played a big role in the development of military aviation projects during the Cold War years. The tour then moves up the road to historic **Grafton Ghost Town**, one of the most photographed ghost towns in the West. Tour guide David Excell will tell the story behind the old adobe school house and restoration projects that are going on. Lunch will then be enjoyed at the shady **Springdale Park**. With full stomachs we head to Hurricane to learn about the **Hurricane Canal** project which contributed so much to the development of the area and see the displays at the Canal monument. We conclude our trip back at the **St. George Temple Visitors Center** for a discussion on the building of the St. George Temple.