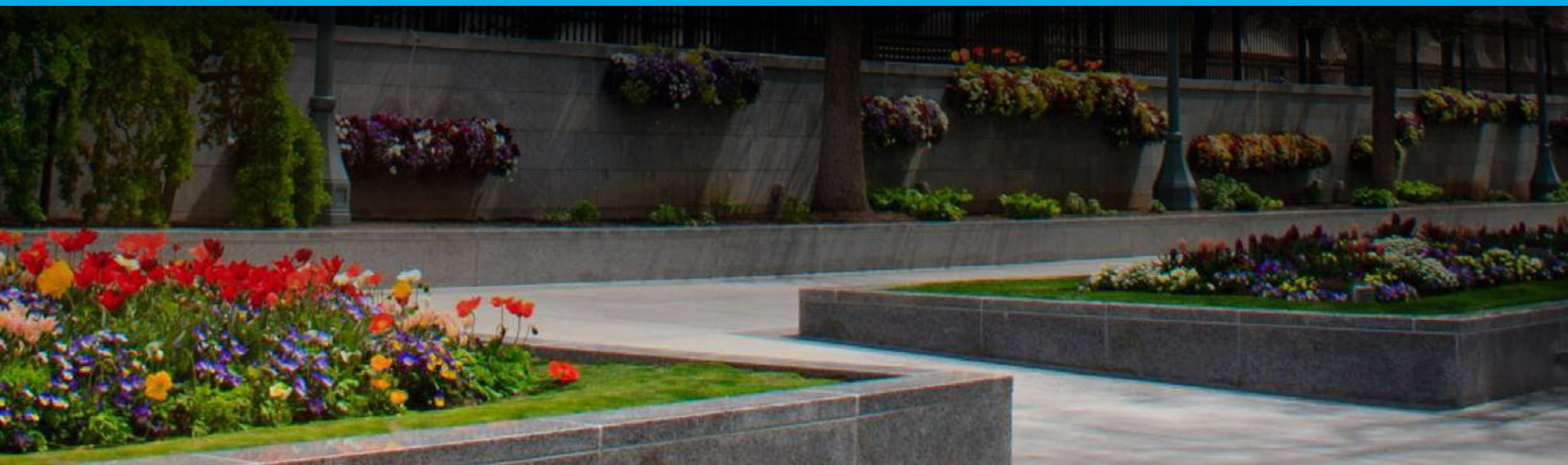


TEMPLE SQUARE

..... Planning Guide



Welcome To Temple Square

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.

Whether you are visiting with your family, diving into the world of genealogy, or find yourself with a bit of extra time on a business trip, this guide gives you the opportunity to choose your experience. These five categories let you delve into your interests and determine what you want out of your visit to Temple Square - and of course you can mix and match as you please. So what are you waiting for? Go start exploring!



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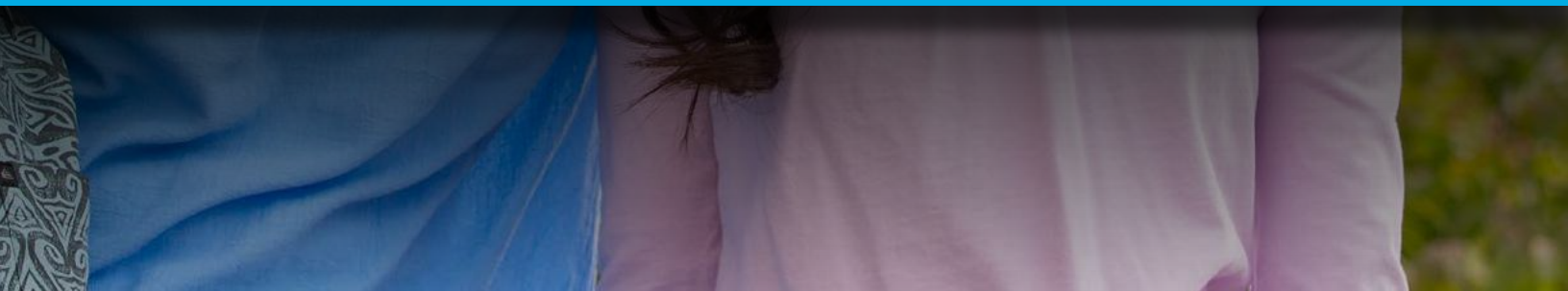
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Family Adventure

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



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.

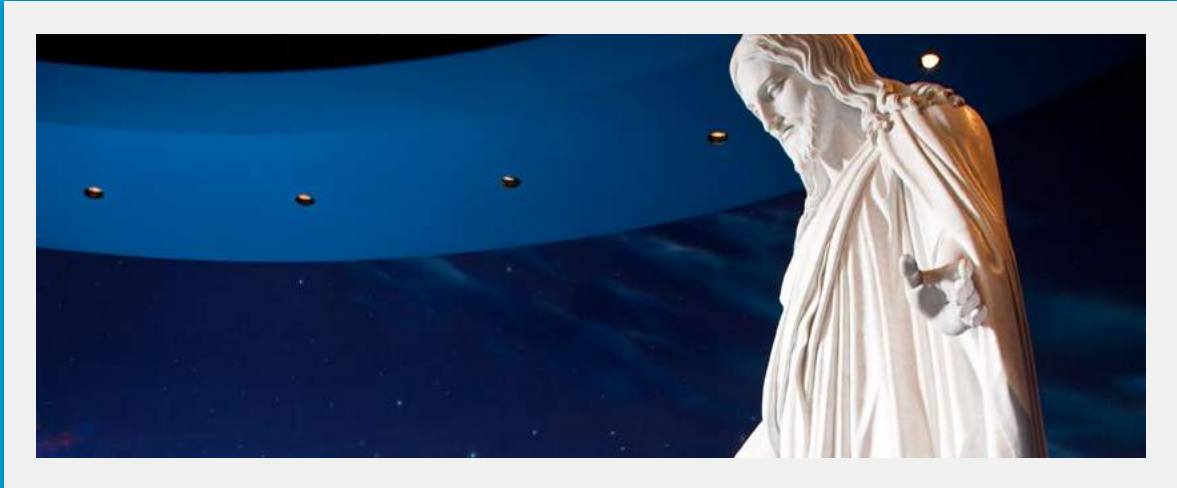


Legacy Theater



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 11:00 a.m., with the last showing at 8:30 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



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The Christus statue on the second floor is a favorite for families and those wishing to learn more about Christ's teachings.

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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.

Nearby Attractions:



City Creek Center - Let the kids play in the splash pads while you shop to your heart's content!



Discovery Gateway Museum - This nearby children's museum will delight the kids for hours as they let their creativity run wild.



Clark Planetarium - See a light show in the dome theater or visit the free exhibits to learn about what lies beyond this world.



This is The Place Heritage Park - Train rides, pony rides, and panning for gold are just a few of the activities to enjoy, along with a brand new splash pad!



Hogle Zoo - Home to over 800 animals, both children and parents will love the adventures found in the zoo at the mouth of Emigration Canyon.



Tracy Aviary - Participate in daily bird encounters or embark on an Amazon adventure at the aviary located in Liberty Park, a few blocks from Temple Square.





Arts & Culture

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



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!

Church History Museum

The Church History Museum features art, interactive exhibits, and fun programs for all ages. Discover the lives and teachings of LDS prophets, enjoy fine art from around the world, and learn about the early history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. 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 Saturdays (closed Sundays).

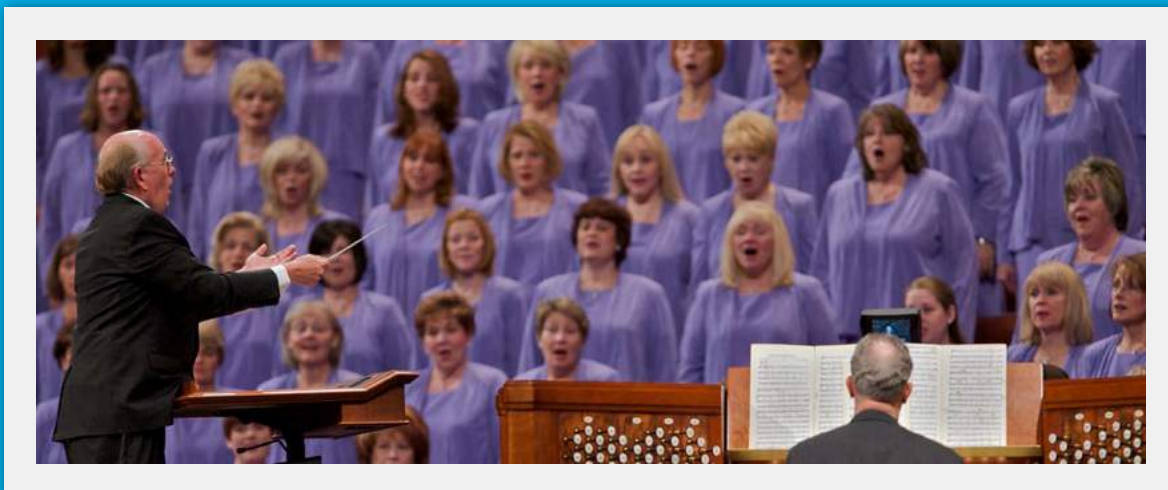


Organ Recitals



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.

..... The Tabernacle Choir



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

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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. In the summer, rehearsals are in the Conference Center, and the rest of the year, they 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.

Temple Square Performances



Throughout the year, the Tabernacle and the Assembly Hall host a variety of concerts, recitals, theatre, and other music and cultural arts events. Immerse yourself in the music of local artists or an exciting dramatic production. Most performances are available to the public free of charge. Check out our events page for current schedules.

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.



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.

Rootstech

The largest annual global family history event in the world is hosted right here in Salt Lake City. Even though it's not right on Temple Square, the conference is just down the street at the Salt Palace Convention Center. Attend hundreds of talks, network with the best ancestry researchers, and learn some new tricks of the trade. To register, visit the website: rootstech.org



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.

..... Family History Library



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The Family History Library was founded in 1894 and holds copies of millions of original records from around the globe.

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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

Temple Square is a gold mine of information and experiences for history buffs. 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 how the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was established and how its growth and teachings impacted the early Mormon pioneers who came west. Along with treasured works of art and historical artifacts, free interactive exhibitions and fun programs make the Church History Museum one of the best museums Salt Lake City. A must-see destination, it 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 Saturdays (closed Sundays).

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 dome-shaped 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.

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.

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.



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. The Joseph Smith Memorial Building also houses an on-site floral shop, Flowers Squared, and is available for all kinds of events, from weddings to business meetings.

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.



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.



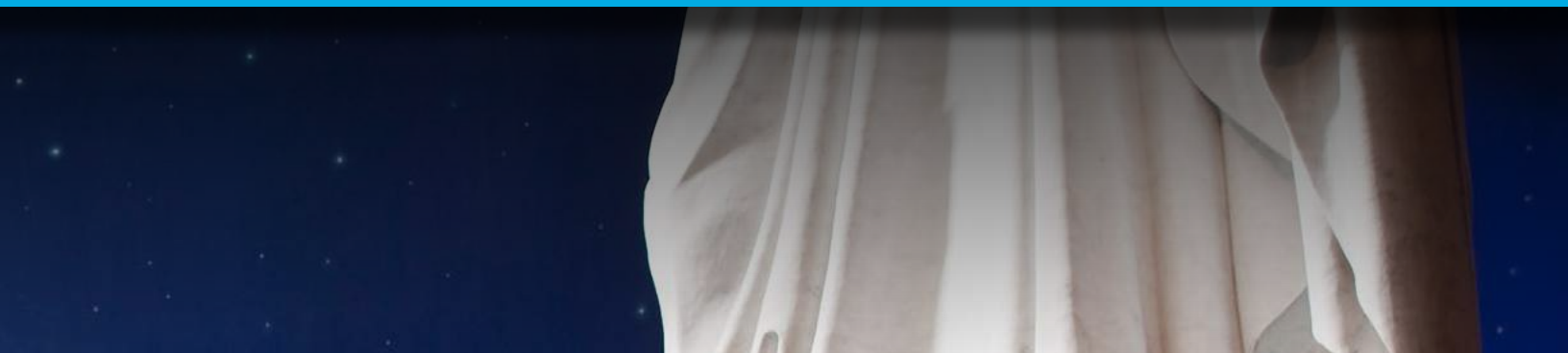
Salt Lake City Cemetery - Visit the burial grounds of many LDS prophets and pay homage to prominent historical figures.





Inside the Mormon Church

In 1847, Mormon pioneers arrived in the Salt Lake Valley and called it home. Follow the story of how they ended up here and learn about the beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



Church History Museum



The stories and teachings of LDS Church leaders are told in exhibits featuring historical objects and documents. For example, relive the martyrdom of prominent church leaders Joseph and Hyrum Smith through their death masks, clothing, and objects they had with them in the infamous Carthage Jail. You can dig into the history of the Latter-day Saints by visiting the museum, which is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m (closed Sundays).

Relief Society Building

The Relief Society is one of the largest women's organizations in the world and their headquarters are located in this building, along with the Primary and Young Women organizations of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Stop by this building to learn more about these organizations and tour the resource center on the lower level that features displays about strengthening home and family.



Church Office Building



This building is home to the offices of many church authorities, where the inner workings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints happen. While visitors aren't allowed in the offices, you can take the elevator up to the 26th floor observation deck and take in the spectacular view of Temple Square, the Wasatch Mountains, and the Salt Lake Valley.

..... 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 - 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 - Learn about the humanitarian aid and supplies stockpiled by the LDS Church and how they train refugees to join the workforce.





Planning Your Trip

Hop on a plane, park your car, and immerse yourself in the wonder and charm you will find in the beating heart of Salt Lake City.

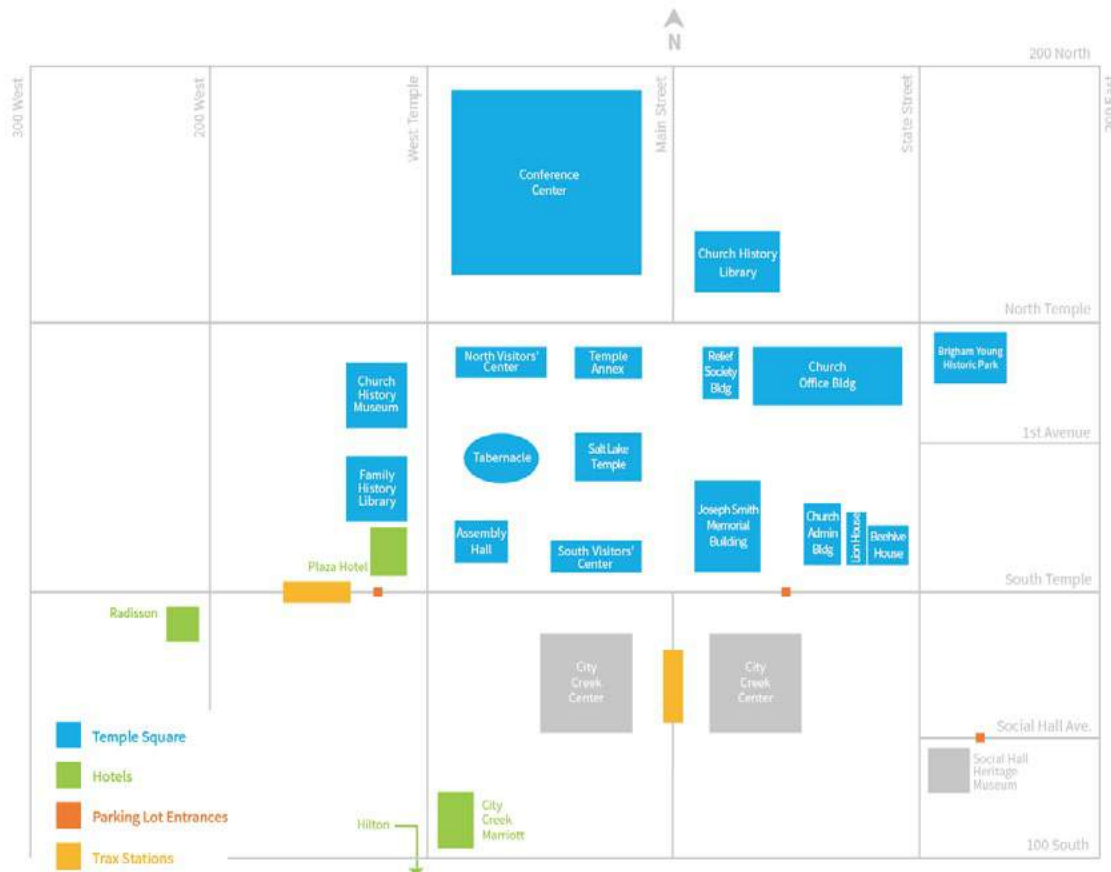
Getting to Temple Square

The most important part of your trip to Temple Square is finding your way here! Located in the heart of Salt Lake City, luckily it's not too hard to find. These options and directions will ensure you make it here safe and sound.

From the Airport If you're coming by plane, there are shuttles from the Salt Lake City International Airport that will take you right to your hotel or Temple Square itself. There is also a light rail option - the TRAX Green Line leaves Terminal 1 every 15 minutes on weekdays and in under 20 minutes you can get off at the Temple Square TRAX stop, half a block away from the west gates. For fares and schedule information, please visit rideuta.com.

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.

Map



Driving Directions

Depending on where you're coming from, follow these driving directions.

On Southbound I-15:

- Take the 600 North exit off of I-15
- Turn left at the exit light
- Drive eastbound to 300 West
- Turn right onto 300 West
- Drive south to North Temple Street and turn left
- Turn right on State Street
- Turn right onto South Temple and go down the parking ramp
- Turn right into the Joseph Smith Memorial Building Parking at the bottom of the ramp

On Northbound I-15:

- Take the 600 South exit off of I-15
- Drive eastbound and turn left onto State Street
- Drive northbound on State Street
- Turn left onto South Temple and go down the parking ramp
- Turn right into the Joseph Smith Memorial Building parking at the bottom of the ramp

On Eastbound I-80 from the airport or Westbound I-80:

- Merge onto I-15 Northbound
- Take the downtown North Temple Street exit
- Follow North Temple eastbound and turn right on State St.
- Drive one block to South Temple
- Turn right onto South Temple and go down the parking ramp

By Public Transit

If arriving by public transit, ride TRAX to the Temple Square or the City Center stop, which is less than a block from Temple Square. On Frontrunner, transfer to the blue TRAX line at the Salt Lake Central stop and ride to the Temple Square or City Center stop. There are also several bus routes that stop on North Temple just in front of the Church Office Building. For fares and schedules, please visit rideuta.com.



Lodging Near Temple Square



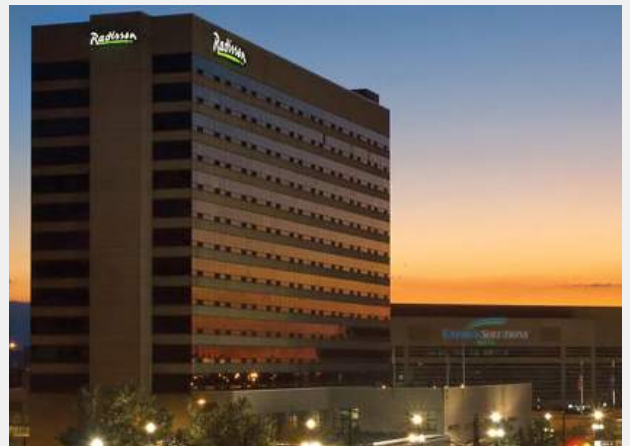
Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek, just steps from City Creek Center and Temple Square on 75 S. West Temple



Hilton Salt Lake City Center, only two blocks from Temple Square, on 255 S. West Temple



The Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, right across the street from Temple Square on 122 W. South Temple



The Radisson, nearby the Family History Library and the Capitol Theatre, on 215 W. South Temple

Dining Options

Temple Square is home to four incredible restaurants that feature everything from fine dining with gorgeous views of the temple to rustic home cooking in Brigham Young's old residence.



The Roof Restaurant

Utah's premier gourmet dining buffet is located on the 10th floor of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building overlooking the Salt Lake Temple. The Roof is a fusion of inspiring views and extravagant food. Our chefs prepare international cuisine along with traditional favorites for a dynamic menu. To end your meal, we offer a world-renowned dessert buffet with an abundance of delicious choices. The Roof is open 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closes at 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.



The Garden Restaurant

Located on the 10th floor of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building just across from the Roof, the Garden Restaurant has stunning views of Temple Square and downtown Salt Lake City. The Garden Restaurant is the natural choice when you want to be informally formal. You'll dine in a comfortable plaza-like atmosphere, surrounded by Mediterranean columns and fountains accented with live flowers and trees. Open Monday through Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



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Lion House Pantry

Enjoy exceptional home-style fare as you dine in the history that surrounds you in Brigham Young's personal residence, the Lion House Pantry. Offering a selection of entrees that rival the best home cooking, we feature authentic recipes that have been passed down through generations. The menu changes daily, always offering you something new and delectable. Open Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Nauvoo Cafe

The Nauvoo Cafe is located on the corner of South Temple and Main Street in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. Enjoy great food, delicious desserts, and pick up a gift to go. The cafe has fast service take out, or you can stay and take in the the view of Main Street and the temple while dining in the historical setting that used to be the Hotel Utah. Open Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.





See You Soon!

Make your visit to Temple Square one to remember! No matter what you choose to do, you'll be able to find something you will love.

If you want to get started with a free guided tour of Temple Square, they are offered year-round in over 40 languages! Walk-ins are always welcome, or you can schedule a tour by calling the number below.

Happy exploring and we'll see you soon!

Call to Schedule a Tour
801-531-1000

Or Book Online
www.templesquare.com