



CHRISTMAS WITH THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR!

Annual Christmas Choir Performance ❄️ Dinner in Brigham Young's Home
Temple Square ❄️ Park City's Olympic Park ❄️ Old Fashioned Sleigh Ride

5 days and 4 nights

There is nothing quite like the anticipation of Christmas and the wonderful spirit of the holiday season, so join us as we travel to Salt Lake City just weeks before Christmas. Walk through Temple Square after the sun goes down and experience an explosion of festive lights and nativity scenes. You'll find downtown Salt Lake City and Temple Square aglow with nearly a million lights and the sound of Christmas music all sure to put you in the Christmas spirit! Enjoy a delightful production of Charles Dickens', A Christmas Carol, a wondrous tale of forgiveness and redemption that surely rings true with the spirit of the holiday season. In nearby Park City, you will tour venues that were used during the 2002 Winter Olympics, and your guide just might be an Olympian! Then, marvel at the beauty of the Wasatch Mountains as your sleigh is pulled by a team of Clydesdales sporting harnesses that jingle all the way! Enjoy delightful dining at The Roof Restaurant with breathtaking views of Temple Square. Named Best of State in 2013 the in-house pastry chefs create an award winning array of desserts with more than 20 delicious offerings to tempt you! Then, find exceptional home-style fare as you dine amidst history in Brigham Young's personal residence, The Lion House built in 1856. Also named Best of State, The Pantry Restaurant in the Lion House features authentic recipes that have been passed down through generations. Don't pass up the delicious home baked breads and house-brewed Brigham's Favorite Pioneer Sarsaparilla! The highlight of your tour is sure to be the annual Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra Christmas Concert! You'll be humming along with holiday favorites and be delighted by inspiring surprises and guest artists during a holiday concert like no other.

Day 1 - Welcome to Salt Lake City!

Your holiday adventure begins as you board your flight bound for **Salt Lake City!** On arrival, you'll be met by your TRIPS representative and assisted with your transfer to your downtown hotel. Enjoy a very special **Welcome Dinner** tonight at **The Roof Restaurant!** With breathtaking views of **Temple Square** and downtown Salt Lake City, The Roof is a fusion of inspiring views and extravagant food! After dinner, enjoy a stroll through Temple Square, beautifully decorated with an amazing array of lights, nativities, lanterns and garlands. With over a **million lights** shining brightly, Temple Square and the surrounding area is truly a winter wonderland!

Overnight: Hilton, Salt Lake City

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Day 2 - This is the Place!

This morning, enjoy a **tour of the city** known as "**The Crossroads of the West.**" Settled in 1847 by pioneers, Salt Lake City became a major transit point for those traveling westward during the great California Gold Rush. It soon became one of the largest cities in the Old West, and today draws visitors from around the world to enjoy all that it offers. During your tour you'll see the State Capitol completed 100 years ago, 10 acre Temple Square, the University of Utah and This Is The Place Monument honoring the pioneers, explorers and settlers of the American West. Later this afternoon, return to your hotel for time to relax or enjoy the sites of downtown on your own. Then, join your group for dinner followed by a wonderful production of **A Christmas Carol** presented in the round at the Hale Center Theater. This timeless classic has been a complete sell-out here for over 30 years and has become a family tradition for those who live here. The cast brings every Dickens character to life and you'll surely be transported to the 1800's as you enjoy the beautifully designed costumes and the classic Christmas Carols sung throughout the performance. After the show, return to your hotel.

Overnight: Hilton, Salt Lake City

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Day 3 - A Special Christmas Performance!

This morning you'll tour the **Natural History Museum of Utah** located in a stunning new building in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountain Range overlooking Salt Lake City. Visit the Storytelling circle where you can listen to stories from Utah's Native American community or "take a walk" around the Great Salt Lake, listening to the compelling narrative about this immense body of water in the midst of a vast inland desert. The Museum Café is open for those looking for a cup of coffee or a bite to eat. After

your time here, return to your hotel and enjoy some **free time in downtown SLC** to do a bit of Christmas shopping. With two wonderful shopping districts, **The Gateway & City Creek Center**, within walking distance of the hotel, you are sure to find something special for family or friends. This evening, join the group for an amazing Holiday Experience! First enjoy a special **dinner at the historic Lion House**. Built in 1856 by Brigham Young to accommodate his large family, it gets its name from the statue of a lion over the front entrance. You'll enjoy home-style fare featuring authentic recipes that have been passed down through generations. Truly a special pre-concert dinner!! Then enjoy one more stroll through the magnificent **Christmas lights of Temple Square** as you make your way to the **Mormon Tabernacle Choir Christmas Concert**. The 360 member choir is backed up by a 110 piece orchestra and the result is truly captivating! Guest artists join the choir every year enthraling audiences as they sing Christmas favorites from around the world. And it isn't just singing, you'll be entertained by dancers and bell ringers along with the organist playing one of the world's largest pipe organs with some 11,000 pipes! There is no better way to get in the Christmas spirit!

Overnight: Hilton, Salt Lake City

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Day 4 - Sleds to Sleighs!

After breakfast, you'll depart Salt Lake City and travel through **scenic Parley's Canyon** as you make your way to the **Park City** area and the **Utah Olympic Park**. The state of the art park hosted more than 300,000 visitors and 14 Olympic medal events in February 2002, and today you'll enjoy a guided tour of this amazing facility. Now a US Olympic Training site, don't be surprised if your guide is an Olympian! You will see the Utah Ski and Olympic Museum, Nordic Jumps as well as the Bobsled and Luge Track. Then venture into Park City, a historic mining town that is now a world class resort destination and home to the Sundance Film Festival. After a brief driving tour, you'll have free time to explore Main Street's unique shops, art galleries and restaurants. In the late afternoon, you'll travel the short distance to **Midway**, where in the 1860's, a number of Swiss immigrants arrived to homestead. This Swiss style town in the Heber Valley is home to the **Homestead Resort** where you'll stay tonight. Don't miss the Homestead Crater, a geothermal spring! But your highlight here will be the old-fashioned sleigh ride! You'll marvel at the breathtaking views of the Wasatch Mountains as you glide along through the snow listening to the jingle of bells. Then, enjoy the warm hospitality and friendly service at the Homestead Resort's delightful restaurant for dinner. Rich in mountain-style ambiance, you'll dine in comfort on homestyle classics.

Overnight: Homestead Resort, Midway

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Day 5 - A Special Farewell!

After breakfast, you'll be assisted with your transfer to the Salt Lake Airport and your return flight. **You'll have wonderful memories of Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir as you make your way home.**

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Inclusions

- Round-trip airfare to Salt Lake City (checked baggage fees are not included)
- 3 nights hotel accommodations in Salt Lake City
- 1 night at the Historic Homestead Resort in Midway
- 4 breakfasts
- 4 dinners including a farewell dinner at Brigham Young's the Lion House in Salt Lake City as well as a welcome dinner at The Roof Restaurant overlooking Temple Square
- Admission to the Natural History Museum of Utah, performance of A Christmas Carol at the Hale Center Theater and Utah Ski and Olympic Museum
- Horse drawn sleigh ride at Homestead Resort
- City tour of Salt Lake City
- The Mormon Tabernacle Choir Christmas Concert
- Private motor coach throughout your tour
- Services of a tour director
- All government taxes and fuel surcharges

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