Salt Lake City Tour





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Tour Summary

Many people hear "Salt Lake City" and think immediately of the Mormon church. The city is indeed the headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and Temple Square downtown offers a fascinating glimpse into this fast-growing faith. Yet Salt Lake is much more - state capital, recreation hub, and a major center of business, arts, and sports in the Mountain West. Salt Lake City welcomed the world when it hosted the Winter Olympic Games in 2002. Now it's your turn to take a look!

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Introduction





When weary Mormon pioneers finally scaled the westernmost peaks of the Wasatch Range in 1847, they gazed out upon an enormous green valley bordered by mountains...



...and a vast shallow lake. "This is the place," their leader Brigham Young famously declared, where they would create their new community.



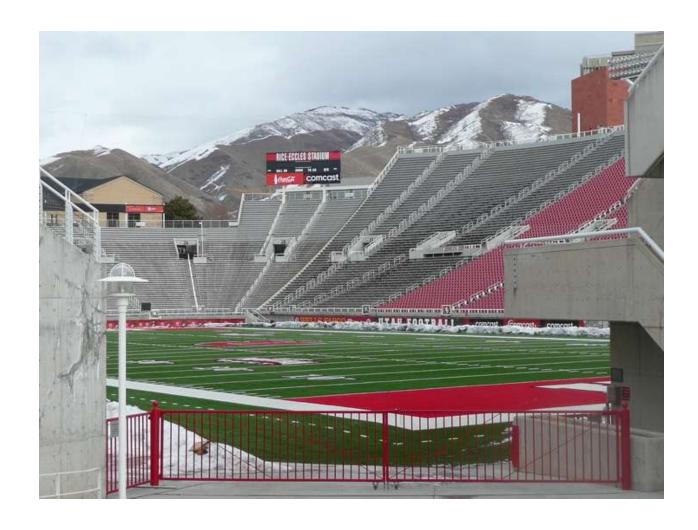
That place became Salt Lake City, today one of the major metropolitan areas of the Mountain West. Many people are familiar with the city's ties to those Mormon pioneers.



Salt Lake City is the headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or LDS for short. The downtown LDS temple is a prominent feature of the city skyline.



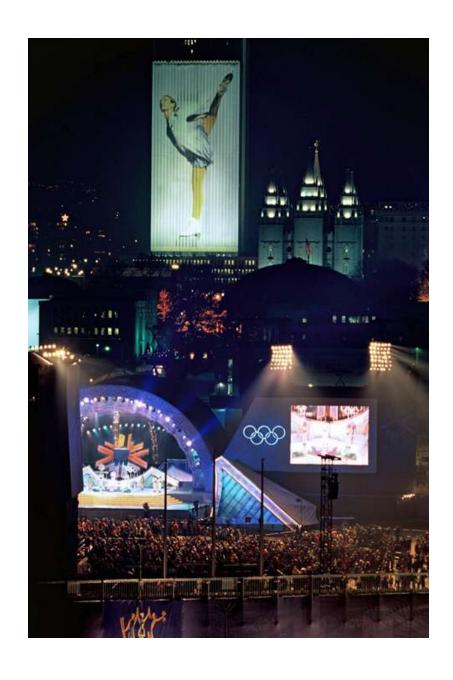
Yet Salt Lake City is much more. It's Utah's capital, of course, and the center of the state's economy and its arts.



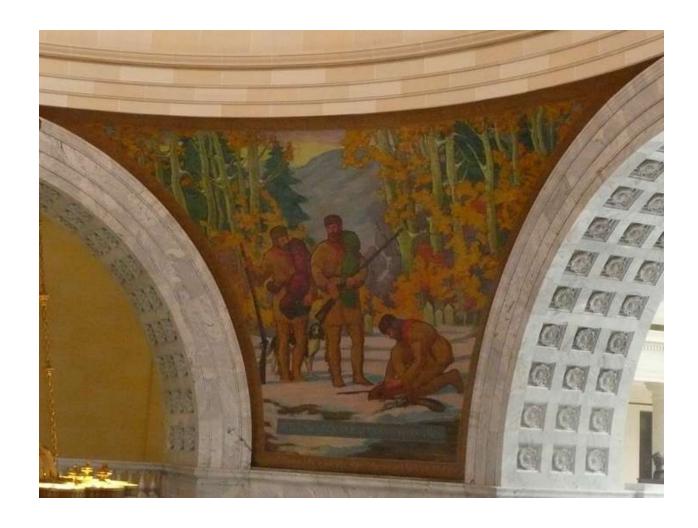
It's home to the state's largest university the University of Utah - and several other schools and colleges.



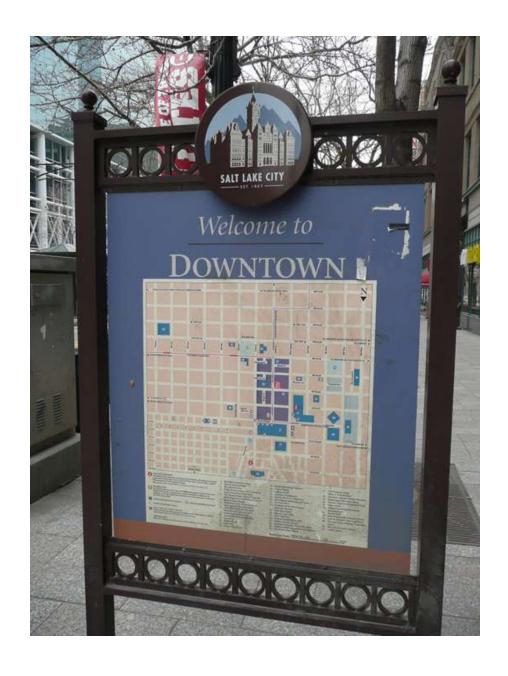
It is a gateway to some of the finest alpine skiing in North America, along with all kinds of other world-class outdoor recreation.



Many people think back to 2002, when Salt Lake City hosted the world for the Olympic Winter Games.

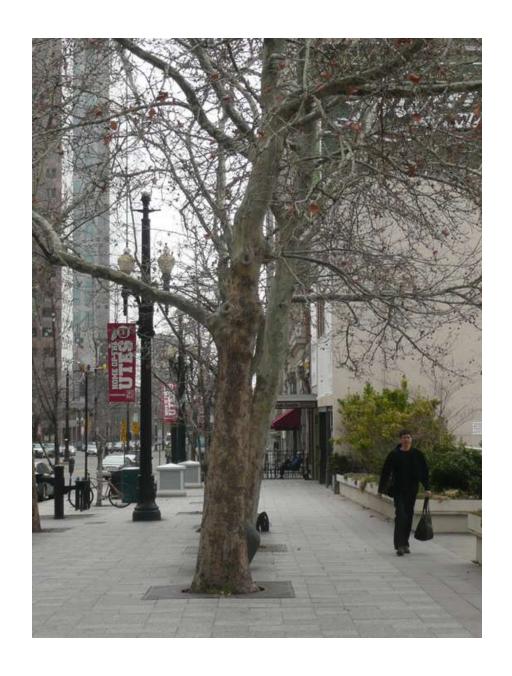


History buffs may recall its past as a pioneer settlement or railroad town.



On this tour, we'll take a look at the many facets of this Utah gem. And while Salt Lake City anchors a metro area of more than a million people, there's a lot to see

right in the relatively compact downtown area.



In fact, you'll be able to do much of this tour on foot. So let's get started!

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