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# Salt Lake City Conference Tours

The Salt Lake City Conference team is busy working on planning some fun photo walks and finalizing a nice variety of tours for the Salt Lake City Conference. Salt Lake City and the surrounding areas will provide a number of excellent photo opportunities from wildlife to beautiful architecture and botanical gardens. The Salt Lake City Conference registration will open on April 2, 2018 so be sure to register early to secure your spot on your favorite tour.

This year there will also be photo tours in the area available before and after the Conference. There will be more information about these independent tours in the next issue. Here is a look at the tours for Salt Lake City!

There will be three different tours in the schedule to photograph **Wild Horses** with **Rob's Wildlife Photography Tours**. Join Professional Wildlife Photographer & National Geographic Award Winner Rob Daugherty for a Utah wild horse guided sightseeing and photography tour. This adventure is perfect for nature lovers and photographers. We'll see everything from horses

grazing and chasing each other to mares nursing their colts. There will be two sunrise morning tours and one sunset evening tour. The evening tour will include a cowboy dinner out on the range!

Spend an afternoon at the **Antelope Island State Park** which is home to free-ranging bison, mule deer, bighorn sheep, pronghorn (antelope), and many other desert animals. Millions of birds congregate along the shores surrounding the island, offering unparalleled opportunities for birding. Year-round Interpretive opportunities round out the Antelope Island experience. The Antelope Island is a great place to view the Great Salt Lake and will provide a variety of great photo opportunities.

A great tour for plant photography will be the **Red Butte Garden Tour**. The Red Butte Garden is located on 100 acres in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountain Range. The Garden is one of the largest botanical gardens in the West. The Garden hosts an ornamental grass, rose and conifer collections and is known for its numerous display gardens. The Red Butte Garden has 21 acres of display gardens and over five miles of hiking trails.

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Temple Square Reflecting Pool at Night © Larry Cowles, FPSA, GMPSA/G

The garden buildings and some of the outdoor areas are handicap accessible.

Climb aboard a train for an all-day adventure on the **Heber Valley Train-Provo Canyon!** The



Provo Canyon Limited departs from the Heber Valley Railroad Station in Heber City, Utah and winds around the shores of Deer Creek Reservoir, and then travels along the banks of the beautiful Provo River to Vivian Park. One of the views on this tour will be Mt. Timpanogos which is the second highest mountain in Utah's Wasatch

Region. There will also be spectacular views of the glacier-carved landscape of the Provo Canyon.

There will be a morning tour and an afternoon tour available to visit the **State Capitol**. The State Capitol has been a landmark of Utah for over a century. The Capitol was designed by a local architect Richard K.A. Kletting and has been home to state government since 1916. The Utah State Capitol underwent a historical preservation project in 2004 to 2008 to restore it to the original beauty and artwork of the Capitol. You will want to take

this tour for its historic significance and marvelous surroundings. The Capitol and around its grounds hosts a variety of original artwork, treasured artifacts and historical monuments.

**Silver Lake** is nestled up Big Cottonwood Canyon near Brighton. The Silver Lake area has an accessible boardwalk with interpretive signs around a beautiful natural lake. There are picnic tables and benches strategically located around the lake. Enjoy this unique area of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest as well as learn about the environment. This tour is handicap accessible.

You will be able to step back in time on a tour of **Heritage Park**. This will give you a glimpse of how the West was in the early settlement of Utah. There are three different trains available to take you around the Park. You will want to go to the Native American Village which has Authentic Navajo Hogan's and Shoshone teepees that stand on the hillside. You can view the grinding of corn or making of arrowhead necklaces. The Park also hosts the Mormon Battalion Museum, the Stoddard Gallery, the Walk of Pioneer Faiths and 50 historic homes and structures.

**The Temple Square Tour** will be one of great beauty and architecture. The Temple is a temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located on Temple Square. Dedicated in 1893, it is the sixth temple completed by the church, requiring 40 years to complete, and the fourth temple built since the Mormon exodus from Nauvoo, Illinois, in 1846. At 253,015 square feet, it is the largest LDS temple by floor area. For more than a century, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir has given voice to the hopes, joys, trials, and triumphs of people around the world.

**Utah's Hogle Zoo** dates from 1931 and is located at the mouth of Emigration Canyon. Its natural terrain covers 42 acres where you can view over 800 animals. The Zoo has an African Savanna which is a 4+ acre exhibit featuring the giraffe, zebra, nyala and ostrich mixing and mingling. The Zoofari Express train is handicap accessible and will take you through the Savanna.

The Committee is also in the process of planning a fun and thrilling **Nightscape Photography Tour** that will coincide with the best phase of the moon! The Salt Lake City tours will be finalized soon, and we hope you will join us for the PSA Conference to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah! We hope to see you soon and that you will enjoy the tours.



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