2023 VFW & AUXILIARY WESTERN CONFERENCE

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 2-5 November 2023



Hotel Info: Marriott City Center 220 S. State Street, Salt Lake City UT 84111 801-961-8700 marriott.com/SLCCC Room Rate: TBD (Approx \$160 a night) Room Rae Code: TBD

RV Park:

KOA Salt Lake - https://koa.com/campgrounds/salt-lake-city/

Airport Info: Salt Lake International. (SLC) 776 N Terminal Dr. Salt lake City UT 84122

Airport TRAX (Train)

<u>UTA TRAX</u> - https://www.rideuta.com/Services/TRAX Get on the GREEN Line. Get off at "Gallivan Plaza" Walk East 1/2 block to the Hotel.

Airport Shuttle/Taxi Info:

<u>Salt Lake Express</u> - https://saltlakeexpressshuttle.com/ <u>Express Shuttle</u> - https://expressshuttleutah.com/ <u>Super Shuttle Express</u> - https://www.supershuttle.com/locations/saltlakecity-slc/ <u>UTA On Demand</u> - https://www.rideuta.com/Services/UTA-On-Demand <u>Yellow Cab</u> - https://yellowcabutah.com/

Mobility Scooter Rental:

<u>Next Day Access</u> - www.nextdayaccess.com - jgearheart@nextdayaccess.com <u>Wasatch Medical Supply</u>:

Covid-19: Utah has No Vaccination or Mask Mandate at this time

VFW Canteen Locations

VFW Post 1481 "Fred J Grant": 907 W. 12th St, Ogden UT 84404 (37 Miles from SLC)

VFW Post 3586 "Ben Russo": 2920 S Highland Dr, Salt Lake City UT (6 Miles from Downtown)

VFW Post 7398 "Magna-Garfield": 9057 W. 2700 S., Magna, UT 84044 (15 Miles from SLC)

VFW Post 8307 "Miller-Fraser": 1389 Main Street, Layton UT 84041 (26 Miles from SLC)

Things to do in Salt Lake City and Surrounding Areas

LDS Temple Square: 50 N Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150 CLICK HERE

Temple Square is a center of history and worship for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints. Located in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah, Temple Square encompasses 5 city blocks of historic sites, engaging exhibits, and wholesome activities centered on the Church's mission to worship Jesus Christ and serve God's children. Come enjoy beautiful gardens, majestic architecture, and the peace and reverence of this iconic space of worship.

- **Temple Square Tours:** Discover unique Temple Square experiences ranging from art and cultural attractions to family history research to locations with religious or historical significance. Most experiences on Temple Square are self-guided or can be easily accommodated if you come in groups. However, if you have a large group, you may want to schedule ahead. To schedule an in-person or virtual tour, call (801) 240-8945 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. mountain time

or email <u>TempleSquare@ChurchofJesusChrist.org</u>. You may also contact this number for general information about Temple Square.

-Family History Library: The Family History Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is one of the largest genealogical libraries in the world. It is located in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah, on the southwest side of Temple Square. The library is operated by FamilySearch, a nonprofit genealogical organization owned by the Church and dedicated to connecting families across generations. The library is free of charge and open to the public. With hundreds of thousands of visitors to the facility each year, it is one of the top tourist destinations in Utah.

This is the Place Monument: 2601 E Sunnyside Ave, Salt Lake City, UT

84108 CLICK HERE

The This is the Place Monument is a historical monument at the This is the Place Heritage Park, located on the east side of Salt Lake City, Utah, at the mouth of Emigration Canyon. It is named in honor of Brigham Young's famous statement in 1847 that the Latter-day Saint pioneers should settle in the Salt Lake Valley.

Great Salt Lake: 13312 W 1075 S, Magna UT 84044 CLICK HERE

The Great Salt Lake runs for 1,700 square miles, making it the biggest natural lake in Utah, and the largest between there and the Mississippi River. The lake's salty nature is due to the mineral deposits it leaves behind when it evaporates, and it is this iconic body of water that gave Salt Lake City its name.

Utah State Capitol: 350 N State St, Salt lake City UT 84103 CLICK HERE MAP

The Utah State Capitol has its home in Salt Lake City itself, where it serves as one of the region's main attractions. It rises 300 feet into the air and is located on Capitol Hill, designed classically with stunning and regal architecture. It is elegantly opulently decorated, with a dome topping that can be spotted from across the city and marble furnishings within. The Capitol is open to visitors. You can enjoy sights of the Golden Room, which is where the Governor holds receptions, as well as some interesting galleries furnished with rotating exhibitions.

-Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos Veterans Memorial: This memorial honors veteran soldiers from Utah who served in the Vietnam Conflict. It lists 388 names of men and women who died or went missing in action. The bronze of a soldier was sculpted by Clyde "Ross" Morgan and the circular wall was created by Mark Davenport. This memorial was dedicated on October 14, 1989.

<u>-Mormon Battalion Monument</u>: This monument commemorates the sacrifices made by 500 Mormon pioneer volunteers who joined the U.S. Army during the Mexican-American War. The 100-foot rose pink granite and bronze monument was sculpted by Gilbert Riswold and dedicated in 1927. Figures appear on all sides of the monument, chronicling different periods of the Battalion's history: the Enlistment, the March, the Discovery of Gold in California, and the Arrival of the Pueblo Detachment at the Capitol.

Ensign Peak: Trailhead: (40.79139, -111.88833) Peak: (40.794721, -

111.890959) <u>CLICK HERE</u>

If you're in Salt Lake City for the weekend, one of the best things you can do is take a hike up to Ensign Peak, which offers an incredible view of this Utah City. It's only about half a mile's hike up, making it a simple and easy option for beginner hikers, and it provides extremely rewarding results! Sunset is undoubtedly the most opportune time to take a trip to this stunning peak, though it can be crowded at this time. Still, the extra people are worth the journey regardless! You'll be treated to views of the Great Salt Lake bathed in the evening, orange sun, and you'll even be able to look over Salt Lake Valley, and to the city Capitol.

Fisher Brewing Company: <u>320 W 800 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84101</u> CLICK HERE

The Fisher Brewing Company was once an auto shop, but it wasn't long before Albert Fisher, an immigrant from Germany, decided to start up this Salt Lake City, Utah company in the Granary District. This was back in 1884, and since then, generations have taken up the helm and continued their tradition – albeit in a smaller way. Now, Tony Fisher, the great-great-grandson of Albert Fisher, continues to operate the brewery, though this is done on a smaller scale. Fisher alcoholic beverages are only sold from the brewing company's taproom, so it's pretty exclusive to Salt Lake City and won't be found in any retail outlets. Adults will especially enjoy taking a trip to this brewery, where you'll get to sample delicious and well-crafted Fisher, as well as enjoy fare from food trucks near the entrance.

Utah Olympic Park: 3419 Olympic Pkwy, Park City, UT 84098 CLICK HERE

The Utah Olympic Park was built for the Winter Olympic Games of 2002, and it's among the top must-see spots near Salt Lake City. Back then, it hosted a variety of events, such as Nordic ski jumping, bobsleigh, luge, and more. You can go on guided tours so you can witness all the places to see within the park. A variety of activities are available, some of them being seasonal. Summer promises the Xtreme Zipline, which is the steepest of its kind internationally, the Quicksilver Alpine Slide, freestyle ski jumping, and more. Meanwhile, the winter brings Nordic ski jumping, the Comet Bobsled, the terrain park, the Rocket Skeleton, and more.

Park City: 445 Marsac Ave, Park City, UT 84060 CLICK HERE

(Home of the Sundance Film Festival)

Park City lies east of Salt Lake City in the western state of Utah. Framed by the craggy Wasatch Range, it's bordered by the Deer Valley Resort and the huge Park City Mountain Resort, both known for their ski slopes. Utah Olympic Park, to the north, hosted the 2002 Winter Olympics and is now predominantly a training facility. In town, Main Street is lined with buildings built during a 19th-century silver mining boom.

Sugar House Distillery: 2212 S. West Temple Unit #14, Salt Lake City

Utah 84115 CLICK HERE

Tucked on the west edge of Salt Lake City's Sugar House neighborhood, Sugar House Distillery received federal approval for spirits distilling in September 2013, and Utah approval in January 2014. The distillery's initial 2014 vodka release was followed later that year with a 100% malted barley whisky. In 2015, Sugar House distilling added both a silver and gold rum to the product line, with more exciting spirits currently in production. Come by the distillery to meet owner and distiller James Fowler, Master Distiller Eric Robinson, and assistant distiller and sales representative Jake Wood. They take education about their craft seriously, and encourage consumers to come by the distillery and see how true grain-

to-glass spirits are made, one small batch at a time. No outsourcing. No additives. No artificial colors or flavors. Just grain or molasses, yeast, and time; finished with a little water and a lot of skill.

Fort Douglas Military Museum: 32 Potter Street, SLC UT CLICK HERE

The Fort Douglas Military Museum was registered by the Center for Military History as an official museum of the U.S. Army Museum System on 8 August 1974 with the date of establishment being two days later. Renovation of Building 32 began in June of that year. The Museum was dedicated on 26 October 1975 and officially opened on 14 May 1976. The sponsoring headquarters was the 96th Army Reserve command (ARCOM).

Camp Floyd Museum: 69 W. Main St, Fairfield UT 84013 CLICK HERE

Camp Floyd was an Army outpost quartering the largest troop concentration in the United States from 1858 to 1861. Troops were sent there to put down the "Mormon rebellion," after rumors that Mormons in Utah were rebelling against the US government. No military action was needed but the troops stayed to monitor the Mormons, explore the Western Frontier and provide safety for immigrants moving west to California, Oregon, and Washington.

Vietnam Memorial Wall Replica: 500 Constitution Circle, Layton, UT

84041 CLICK HERE

The Layton Vietnam Memorial Wall is 80 percent the size of the original and contains the names of all 58,000 plus Americans who died in the war are etched along its 360 feet in Layton commons park.

Nightlife in Salt Lake City

<u>Salt Lake Brewery Pass:</u> https://www.visitsaltlake.com/things-todo/tours-experiences/salt-lake-brewery-tour/

The Cotton Bottom: 2820 E. 6200 S. Holladay UT

Relaxing, family-owned fixture featuring some of the best Garlic Burgers in Utah & Beer

Keys on Main: 242 S Main St, Salt lake City

Salt Lake City's Premiere Dueling Piano Club. Offering a full liquor menu, light food, and the best allrequest dueling piano show in Utah. Open Monday through Saturday from 7pm until 1am. Available for Private events on or off site. Weekend reservations recommended.

Good Grammar: 69 E. Gallivan Ave, Salt Lake City, UT

Trendy, late-night spot in a colorful, art-filled space serving cocktails & pub grub.

Whiskey Street Cocktails & Dining: 323 S. Main St, Salt Lake City, UT Vintage-chic lounge & eatery featuring imaginative American bites & a huge beer & whiskey selection.

The Commonwealth Room: 195 2100 S, South Salt lake City, UT

Ice Haus: 7 E 4800 S, Murray UT

Beerhive Pub: 128 S. Main St. Salt Lake City, UT

Cozy pub with elegant, vintage decor that offers a wide range of craft beers & haute pub grub.

The Green Pig Pub: 31 E. 400 S. Salt Lake City, UT

Voted best sports bar in Salt Lake City 2020, award winning rooftop patio, quality food including our extensive vegan menu, we have something for everyone!

Sporting Events

NBA Utah Jazz Basketball: Vivint Arena 301 S Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

EHCL Utah Grizzlies Hockey: Maverick Center 3200 S, Decker Lake Dr, West Valley City, UT 84119

MLS Real Salt Lake Soccer: Rio Tinto 9256 S, State St, Sandy, UT 84070