

## **Salt Lake City, UT**

### Description:

- Founded in 1849, Salt Lake is an area over 110 sq. miles with an average July temperature of 92 degrees high and 62 degrees low.
- A population of over 190,000
- Salt Lake City Airport is approximately 4 miles west of downtown and is served by American, Delta, Frontier, Jet Blue, Sky West, South West, United & US Airways.
- City transportation – Salt Lake's mass transportation service includes light rail system covering 35 miles of the city with a blue rail line expanded in 2008, and a red line expanded in 2011 from the University of Utah thru the community of Daybreak.

### Architectural Interest:

- LDS Conference Center – ranked #1 of 17 and is the biggest ceiling span in the world.
- Temple Square – The symbolic heart of the world wide church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints. It is dominated by its 6-spired temple and gates.
- Historic Joseph Smith Memorial Building is owned by the Church & houses restaurants & movie theaters. The Beehive House and the Governor's Mansion with the Capital Building are all located within a walking distance of downtown hotels.

### History:

- Salt Lake City was settled in 1847 by Brigham Young and his followers in The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, also known as the Mormon Church. The Mormons migrated to Salt Lake Valley following religious conflicts and violence in the East.
- The city immediately became a major transit point for people moving westward into the California Gold Rush. Its strong practice of missionary work drew converts from Britain, Ireland and Scandinavia to immigrate to Salt Lake during the 1850's and the 1860's.
- This allowed it to become one of the largest cities in the old West although the conservative church values bucked the old West trend of lawless towns.

### Other Points of Interest:

- The National History Museum of Utah.
- The Clarks Planetarium.
- The Classic Cars International Museum of Utah
- Numerous major hotels are located all within walking and trolley distance of all major attractions.