

## St. Joseph, Missouri Jesse James Tour

**Welcome** to Missouri's first and last frontier. Located on scenic river bluffs overlooking the Missouri River. St. Joseph is a contemporary city blended with more than 150 years of history – creating a city of contrasts and character you will never forget.

Established by Joseph Robidoux in 1826, this early Indian trading post quickly expanded into a major trade center. The city was incorporated in 1843 by Robidoux and was named St. Joseph after his patron saint.

Stop 1.       Jesse James Home Museum  
                  12<sup>th</sup> and Penn  
                  816/232/8206  
                  Allow 20 Minutes

Start your day to see where Jesse James was shot and killed in this house April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1882 by fellow gang member Bob Ford. Jesse lived here 100 days with his wife Zee & children.

Stop 2.       Patee House Museum  
                  12<sup>th</sup> & Penn  
                  816/232/8206  
                  Allow 1 Hour

The Patee House was built as an elegant 140-room hotel in 1858. It is a National Historic Landmark for its role as Headquarters for the Pony Express. After Jesse James' death, the investigation was conducted at the Patee House, and family members stay there for two nights after he was killed.

Stop 3.       Grace Baptist Church  
                  1124 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street

According to early parishioners, Jesse moved to 1318 Lafayette on Christmas Eve and had nothing for his children. He walked to the church and "borrowed" a Santa suit and some cookies and returned to his house for the celebration. "Outside viewing only." Estimated driving time to Stop #4: 10 minutes.

Stop 4.       Buchanan County Courthouse  
                  411 Jules  
                  816/271/1412  
                  Allow 30 Minutes

A rare example of courthouse design from the late 1800's. It houses the courtroom (Division 3) where the Ford brothers were indicted for the murder of Jesse James as well as the original judicial bench before which they stood. Estimated driving time to Stop #5: 5 minutes.

Stop 5. Missouri Valley Trust Bank  
402 Felix  
816/232/8471  
Allow 30 Minutes

The 1859 stone & brick structure was the oldest building west of the Mississippi continuously used for banking. Legend says Jesse “cased” the bank shortly before he was shot and killed. Visitors can tour it as it was in 1859 with its ornate carved oak woodwork, cast iron pillars, teller cages and vault reinforced with railroad rails.