

Cahokia: New Insights

September 16–21, 2018



ITINERARY

DAY 1

Sunday, September 16

Arrive in St. Louis by 4:00 p.m. in time for introductions, dinner, a scholar presentation, and a program orientation. Overnight, St. Louis. **D**

DAY 2

Monday, September 17

In the morning, we visit Horseshoe Lake State Park for an introduction to mound sites. These intriguing earthworks still remain, constructed in the heart of America during the Middle Mississippian culture that flourished from A.D. 900 to 1500. Late morning, we arrive at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site and spend the rest of the day exploring the architecture and culture that defined the Cahokia empire. Overnight, St. Louis. **B L D**

DAY 3

Tuesday, September 18

Today we discover nearby mound sites in the St. Louis area, with enlightening discussions by our scholars. Many are still standing and are among the largest prehistoric earthworks in America. We drive and take a ferry boat to the French-colonial town of Sainte Genevieve. We enjoy a late afternoon walking tour of Sainte Genevieve, the first organized European settlement west of the Mississippi River. Overnight, Sainte Genevieve. **B L D**

DAY 4

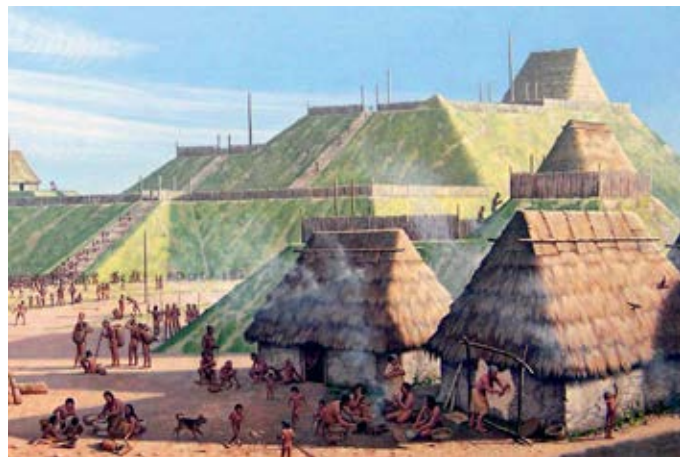
Wednesday, September 19

First, we will visit the Common Fields archaeological site, located in the bottom lands along the Mississippi River. Guest scholar Terry Norris joins us for his extensive knowledge about the deep history of this area. After a picnic lunch, we tour Towosahgy State Historic Site, with



Monks Mound

Courtesy Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site



Life at Cahokia by Michael Hampshire.

Courtesy Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site



Stair-climb to the top of Monks Mound

mounds and exhibit panels that tell the story of Towosahgy through archaeological excavations. We wrap up the day at Wickliffe Mounds located on a bluff above the Ohio River near the confluence of the Mississippi River. We enjoy evening time and dinner on our own. Overnight, Sainte Genevieve. **B L**

DAY 5
Thursday, September 20

We transfer back to St. Louis, with stops along the way. We visit a Paleoindian site and the Kimmswick Historical Society Museum. After a picnic lunch, we tour the Jefferson Expansion National Memorial at the Gateway Arch, with an optional ride to the top of the world-famous arch. We check in to our hotel and meet in the evening for a closing dinner and ceremony. Overnight, St. Louis. **B L D**

DAY 6
Friday, September 21

Departures out of St. Louis. Plan outgoing flights for any time after 9 a.m. **B**



Cahokia aerial by William R. Iseminger Courtesy Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site



Mound at Cahokia



Exploring in the Cahokia region

B = breakfast, **L** = lunch, **D** = dinner
Itinerary subject to change

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