11-Day Christian Heritage Tour to England & Scotland



DAY 1 **DEPART USA**

Departure for our flight to London. Dinner and breakfast are served on board. (meals aloft)

DAY 2 **ARRIVE LONDON**

Down through the years, from a small Roman settlement housed within stout fortifications, London has steadily grown to become one of the world's greatest capital cities. Upon arrival this morning we are met at the airport by our guide and coach and drive into the city. We will see many famous places on our panoramic tour -- Marble Arch, Mayfair, Piccadilly, the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and Hyde Park. We visit famed Westminster Abbey, home to many coronations and royal weddings. We transfer to our hotel or check-in. The balance of the day is at leisure for exploring on your own, shopping or just relaxing. Dinner is included at our hotel this evening. (B aloft, D)

DAY 3 **LONDON**

This morning we visit St. Paul's Cathedral. Its dome - the world's third largest - can be seen from many an angle in other parts of the city. The cathedral has been the site of many famous state occasions, including the funeral of Winston Churchill in 1965 and the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales in 1981. We continue to Wesley's Chapel, known the world over as the "Cathedral of World Methodism" and one of London's undiscovered jewels. Then just opposite the Chapel, we visit Bunhill Fields, the "outcast's" cemetery, reserved for those who refused to compromise their convictions and step in line with the established Church of England. Consequently, it has become a cemetery filled with some of the most famous names in Christendom, many whose preaching, writing and living have influenced many generations since for good. Among notables buried here: Isaac Watts, Susanna Wesley, John Bunyan, William Blake, Daniel DeFoe and John Rippon. Bunhill Fields was also the main burial ground for Quakers in the London area until 1857. Following our time here we visit Metropolitan Tabernacle, also known as Spurgeon's Tabernacle. Founded in1650, it was pastored by C.H. Spurgeon from 1854-1892 and remains an active congregation to this day. (B,D)

DAY 4 **CANTERBURY/LONDON**

Today we drive to Canterbury, seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, spiritual head of the Church of England. Upon arrival we visit Canterbury Baptist Church, formed in 1823 and located in the heart of Canterbury. We learn about its vibrant history over nearly two centuries, and the ways it has adapted to effectively minister both locally and globally. From here we go to historic Canterbury Cathedral, where Christians have worshiped for sixteen centuries. St. Augustine founded both the Abbey and Cathedral which much later became a great center of pilgrimage after the murder of Thomas Becket. Many beautiful Tudor buildings surround the Cathedral. Following our time here we return to London for overnight. (B)

DAY 5 **STONEHENGE/BATH/BRISTOL**

This morning we depart London for mysterious Stonehenge to see a fascinating collection of ancient monoliths placed there nearly 2,000 years before the birth of Christ. They were once used to calculate the eclipses and equinoxes. From there we proceed to Bath, the best preserved Georgian city in Britain. We have some time to explore the old Roman baths - which from early times onwards have attracted people from all over the country to come and "take the waters", notably the 18th century English lords and nobles who made this city a byword for elegance and fashion. From here we proceed to Bristol for overnight. (B)

DAY 6 **BRISTOL/OXFORD/BEDFORD**

This morning in Bristol we visit The New Room, the oldest Methodist Chapel in the world (originally built in 1739) and the cradle of the early Methodist movement. It was built and used by John Wesley and the early Methodists as a meeting and preaching place and the center for helping and educating the needy members of the community. From there we drive to Oxford, the intellectual center of western civilization where countless great men of the world began their careers in her hallowed university halls. As early as the 12th century, Oxford was already a renowned center of scholarship. Today it is composed of 28 colleges, including Regents Park College (which we will visit), a Baptist institution which has a museum of William Carey mementos. This area was often visited by C. S. Lewis and he taught here for a time. A special highlight of our

touring day will be a private guided tour of "The Kilns," C. S. Lewis' former home which now hosts a Christian study center. Following our visit we proceed to Bedford for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 7 BEDFORD/MOULTON/ OLNEY/CAMBRIDGE

We begin today in Bedford, home of John Bunyan. He joined a Baptist church, became a deacon and then began preaching here but was later imprisoned because of his preaching. The Bunyan Meeting House is a memorial to him and contains many relics. In Elstow, just outside Bedford, we see the Bunyan Museum and the Moot Hall. Also today we visit sites connected with William Carey. We travel to Moulton where Carey was the teacher of the little village school and where he was ordained to the pastorate in 1787. Here we see the shoeshop where he labored. We continue to Olney where Carey linked his life with other mission-minded pastors and joined the Baptist church. Here we visit the Baptist church and Newton & Cowper Museum, honoring 18th century poet, letter-writer and classical scholar William Cowper and his spiritiual mentor (as well as composer of "Amazing Grace") John Newton. We continue to Cambridge, site of one of Europe's oldest and best-known universities. Chartered early in the thirteenth century, Cambridge University, and much of the town's medieval architecture still remains: winding streets, spired churches and turreted buildings. Upon arrival we visit St. Andrews Street Baptist Church where Spurgeon once taught Sunday school. Then we proceed to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 8 CAMBRIDGE/ELY/ EPWORTH/YORK

This morning we visit Great St. Mary's, the university church of Cambridge. This magnificent historical church dates to the late 15th century, although a church has been present on this site since at least 1200 AD. We travel to Ely to tour its cathedral, one of the loveliest in England with its displays of stained-glass and impressive architecture. Following our time here we continue to Epworth, the village where John and Charles Wesley grew up, and visit the Old Rectory, their childhood home set among tranquil gardens. We also tour St. Andrew's Parish Church, where the Wesleys' father Samuel was Rector for 40 years. Following a visit to Wesley Memorial Chapel, we travel on to York which boasts the historical York Minster Cathedral. Hosting two million visitors per year, it is the largest Gothic cathedral in northern Europe. Dinner is included at our hotel in York this evening. (B,D)

DAY 9 YORK/DURHAM/ CHOLLERFORD/EDINBURGH

Today we travel north to Durham to tour the massive Romanesque cathedral where Cuthbert is buried. Begun in 1093 and largely completed in 40 years, the cathedral stands on a peninsula of land created by a loop in the River Wear and at one end towers over a precipitous gorge. We continue on to the village of Chollerford where we see a portion of Hadrian's Wall, a fortification built by the Roman Empire across the width of what is now northern England. We tour Housesteads Roman Fort and explore its ruins including a hospital, granaries, and barracks. Following our time here we continue our drive north to Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, the city of John Knox, Sir Walter Scott, William Wallace and Robert Louis Stevenson, among many others. We check into our hotel with dinner included this evening. (B,D)

DAY 10 EDINBURGH

Today we tour Edinburgh. This lovely city is built on hills and is home to legendary Holyrood Palace where Mary, Queen of Scots lived. The area is dominated by lofty Edinburgh Castle sitting high on Castle Rock. We visit the castle and also drive to the Scott Monument, which has a marble statue of the author at its base. Towering above is a 200-foot Gothic spire adorned by statuettes of characters from Sir Walter Scott's novels and poems. On our panoramic tour we also see Princes Street, St. Giles Cathedral (where John Knox preached his fiery reformation sermons), and the prestigious Edinburgh University, Greyfriars and the Mound. We tour the 15th-century home of John Knox, leader of the Scottish Reformation and founder of the Presbyterian Church, where he lived for a short time before dying here in 1572. The remainder of the day is at leisure with dinner on your own this evening. (B)

DAY 11 EDINBURGH/USA

This morning after breakfast we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the USA, arriving back to Atlanta this evening. (B, meals aloft)

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