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JOHN & CHARLES WESLEY METHODIST HERITAGE TOUR OF ENGLAND, WALES & SCOTLAND

With Rev. David and Teresa Werner, Rev. Joel Certa-Werner and Rev. Thanael Certa-Werner

14 Day Tour: Tues., March 18 - Mon., March 31, 2025

FLIGHTS

Departing: Tues., March 18 on Delta #010 from Minneapolis (MSP) Lindbergh at 6:00 p.m.
Arrives Wed., March 19 into London Heathrow (LHR) at 7:05 a.m.

Return: Departs Mon. March 31 on Delta #009 from London Heathrow (LHR) at 12:10 p.m.
Arrives Mon., March 31 Minneapolis (MSP) Lindbergh at 3:05 p.m.

LODGING

Tues., March	18	Depart 6p at MSP Lindbergh; Overnight on flight.
Wed., March	19	Macdonald Alveston Manor, Stratford-upon-Avon
Thurs., March	20	King's Chamber (motor oasis), Doncaster
Fri., March	21	Walworth Castle, Darlington (A 12 th century medieval castle!)
Sat., March	22	Kings Manor, Edinburgh
Sun., March	23	Kings Manor, Edinburgh
Mon., March	24	The Bournbrook Inn, Birmingham
Tues., March	25	Lansdown Grove Hotel, Bath (An 18 th century manor house!)
Wed., March	26	Lansdown Grove Hotel, Bath (An 18 th century manor house!)
Thurs., March	27	Royal Eagle Hotel, London
Fri., March	28	Royal Eagle Hotel, London
Sat., March	29	Royal Eagle Hotel, London
Sun., March	30	Royal Eagle Hotel, London
Mon., March	31	3:05p Arrive in MSP Lindbergh

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Tues., March 18: Flight to England

- 3p Travelers meet at MSP Lindberg airport, departures, Delta Check in Area
Must check-in with Reese, then go o through TSA screening and head to gate
 - 4p Travelers gather at Boarding Gate at MSP Lindbergh Terminal
Welcome, Introductions, Group Devotions
 - 6p Delta #010 Departs (dinner on flight)
- Overnight on flight

Wed., March 19: Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon

- 7a Flight arrives
Get luggage
 - 8:30a Board bus (Proximity Bus Company) & Drive to Oxford (60 minutes)
 - 9:30a Drop off at Group Drop-off site; 20 minute walk to Christ Church Cathedral
 - 9:50a Assemble at Groups Check-in Area at Visitor Centre in Christ Church Meadow; get tickets
 - 10a Tour of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford University (Wesley preached here as a Fellow)
 - 11a Bodly Tour Staircase & Christ Church Great Hall (featured in Harry Potter movies)
Christ Church meal grace:

“We unhappy and unworthy men do give thee most reverent thanks, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for the victuals which thou hast bestowed on us for the sustenance of the body, at the same time beseeching thee that we may use them soberly, modestly and gratefully.

“And above all we beseech thee to impart to us the food of angels, the true bread of heaven, the eternal Word of God, Jesus Christ our Lord, so that the mind of each of us may feed on Him and that through His flesh and blood we may be sustained, nourished and strengthened. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”
 - 11:20a Walk to Lincoln College (1/3 mile walk). Meet Amy Gerard @ Lincoln College Main Lodge
 - 11:30a Tour Wesley Study at Lincoln College: Break into 2 groups; 20 minutes per group
 - 12:30p Walk to shopping area; lunch on your own. Bus picks us up at Group Drop Off.
 - 1:45p Drive to Statford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare’s home town) (60 minutes)
 - 3p Meet English friends at birth home: Den & Pam Williams and Russell & Anne Blackwell
Tour Shakespeare’ birth home, a 16th century English home
 - 5p Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon: Shakespeare’s baptismal font & grave
 - 6p Bus drops off at hotel: Macdonald Alveston Manor, Stratford-upon-Avon
 - 7-10:30p Supper dinner cruise on Countess of Evesham (1/3 mile walk)
Russell & Ann leave after cruise.
- Overnight: Macdonald Alveston Manor, Stratford-upon-Avon (indoor swimming pool)

Thurs., March 20: Warwick, Nottingham

Breakfast at hotel

9:15a Bus pick up, drive to Warwick Castle (30 minutes)

10a Warwick Castle tour, including special dungeon tour. Lunch on-your-own at castle café.

10:15a Dungeon tour (45 minutes)

Den & Pam leave after Warwick Castle.

12:45p Drive to Nottingham (70 minutes)

2p Dessert at Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem Pub Restaurant (launching of the Crusades)

English friend Heather Andrews meets us at pub

3p Drive to Sherwood Forest Major Oak (50 minutes)

4p Stop at Sherwood Forest to walk to Major Oak (10 minute walk, each way)

4:30p Drive to Scrooby (35 minutes)

5p Visit St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, Scrooby - Mayflower Pilgrim Parish church

Pilgrim Father William & Mary Brewster's pew, baptismal font.

5:45p Drive to Wroot (15 minutes), through village of Bawtry, of Pilgrim Father George Morton

6p Photo Stop at St. Pancras Parish Church, Wroot - only church John Wesley was a pastor

6:15p Drive to Epworth (15 minutes)

6:30p Supper at Red Lion Pub (Wesley stayed there often - 2 Wesley Rooms!)

Photo: Epworth Market Cross base out front (where John preached a number of times)

8p Drive to lodging in Doncaster (20 minutes, 11 miles)

8:30p Drop off at King's Chamber (motor oasis), Doncaster

Fri., March 21: Epworth, York

Breakfast on your own at the oasis (McDonalds, Aldi & Subway)

8:30a Bus transport to Epworth (20 minutes, 11 miles)

9a Worship at St. Andrew's Parish Church, with Holy Communion (using the Wesley chalice)

10a Tour & Talk of St. Andrew's w/Melvyn Rose (Wesley baptismal font; Samuel Wesley grave)

10:45a Wesley Walking Tour of Epworth: Break into 2 groups, with two guides:

Old Rectory (Queen Ann and Georgian structure), exterior; Wesley statue; British

Methodist Church with Wesley window and Communion Table from St. Andrew's.

Heather leaves when we depart Epworth.

11:45a Drive to York (70 minutes)

1p York: Walk the Walls, Shambles, Medieval City Center, Clifford's Tower, Bishop's Palace,

Chapter House, Guild Merchant Hall, Fairfax House, Holy Trinity Church w/box

pews, etc.) Note: Entrances are extra (walls, Clifford's Tower, Chapter House, etc.)

Either: Jorvik Center - last entrance at 4p. Closes at 5p. Need to pre-book. (£20pp)

Or: Minster - last entrance at 4p. Closes at 5p. Need to pre-book (£20pp) for timed entry.

Souvenirs: Kit-Kats, Thornton's toffee, York chocolate, Terry Chocolate Oranges, etc.

Try Yorkshire pudding, Wensleydale cheese, Yum-yum doughnuts

5p Walk around exterior of Minster - see Bishop's Palace & chapter house exteriors

Those who want to eat early, get food (Minster café)

5:30p Evensong at York Minster - Enter south entrance (note, sunset this day is 6:30p)

6:15p Evening drive-by/photo opportunities of Clifford's Tower, York walls, Minster & city

Drive to Walworth Castle, Darlington (60 miles; 70 minutes)

8p Arrive Walworth Castle, Darlington

Supper on your own at Walworth Castle restaurant (closes 8:30p)

Sat., March 22: Durham, Housesteads Roman Fort, Lindisfarne, Scotland

- 7a Breakfast (included) begins at restaurant
- 8:15a Depart for Durham (25 miles; 35 minutes); drive around North York Moors National park
- 8:45a Dropped off at Framwellgate Waterside coach drop
Walk *uphill* to Cathedral (½ mile, 12 minutes)
- 9a Durham Cathedral, on your own. Don't miss: Grave of Venerable Bede.
- 10a Walk *downhill* to coach drop (½ mile, 11 minutes)
- 10:15a Drive to Housesteads Roman Fort and Hadrian's Wall (60 minutes)
Drive through Newcastle-upon-Tyne, "top" of the "Methodist triangle."
- 11:30a Housesteads Roman Fort and Hadrian's Wall; lunch on your own at café
- 1p Drive through Northumbria National Park to Holy Island (2 hours)
- 3p Holy Island & Lindisfarne Priory (also see St. Cuthbert's Island hermitage)
(Note: Lindisfarne road safe to drive 9:25a-6:40p on 3/22/25)
- 4p Drive to Edinburgh (Photo opportunities: Scotland sign & Bamburgh Castle) (90 minutes)
- 5:30p Drop off Kings Manor, Edinburgh (NE Edinburgh, near beach; has pool & hot tub!)
- Supper on your own at hotel restaurants, at nearby restaurants, or at pubs (may require taxi)
- Evening options on your own: hotel pool, hot tub; ½ mile (10 minutes) walk to beach

Sun., March 23: Edinburgh, Scotland: St. Giles, Edinburgh Castle, Holyroodhouse

- Breakfast (included) at hotel restaurant
- 8:45a Bus transport to St. Giles Church on The Royal Mile, Edinburgh
- 9:30a Worship at St. Giles, Scottish Presbyterian Church (John Knox's church)
- 10:30a Walk The Royal Mile *uphill* (1/3 mile) to Edinburgh Castle
- 11:30a Entrance to Edinburgh Castle
- 1p Firing of the One o'Clock Gun (cannon) atop Edinburgh Castle
- Afternoon: Walk *downhill* "The Royal Mile" - lunch on your own; shopping
John Knox House (optional); St. Giles Cathedral Museum (optional)
- 3:30p Tour Holyroodhouse Palace & Abbey (Scottish Royal Palace) (closes 4:30, last entry 3:45p)
- 5p Bus transport to Swanston Farm (20 minutes)
- 5:30p Picture Stop - Scottish Highland cows at Swanston Farm
- 6p Transport to Kings Manor (25 minutes)
- 6:30p Kings Manor: Supper on your own at hotel restaurant or surrounding area (beach is 1/3 mile away). Pool, hot tub, then early to bed - early morning!

Mon., March 24: Lowther Castle, Manchester & Birmingham

- 6a Leave for Lowther Castle (2.5 hours)
- 8:30a "Full English" Breakfast at Lowther Castle, Lake District
- 10a Drive to Manchester (2 hours)
- 12p Museum of Science and Technology (industrial revolution, textiles, Rolls Royce, etc.)
- 2p Leave for Birmingham (2 hours)
If time: Photo stop at Wedgwood Pottery
- 4p Tour Francis Asbury Birth Home, Birmingham
- 5p Bus transfer to hotel
- 5:30p Drop off at The Bournbrook Inn, SW Birmingham
Supper on your own at hotel restaurant, café & bar, or nearby restaurants, Aldi, Morrisons(!)

Tues., March 25: Wales: Caerphilly Castle, Newport, Tintern

Note: "Relief" bus driver

6:30a Breakfast opens (prepaid) at the hotel restaurant

8a Drive into Wales to Caerphilly (2.5 hours)

Wales: Photo Stop at Wales sign

10:30a Castell Caerffili / Caerphilly Castle - one of "the greats" Welsh castles w/moat & drawbridge

Coffee shop across the street from castle; Morrisons 1/4 mile from castle!

12:30p Drive to Newport (30 minutes)

1p Visit Tredegar 17th cent. Manor House & Gardens, Newport

3p Drive to Abaty Tyndyrn / Tintern Abbey (45 minutes)

If time: Photo stop at Caerleon Roman Amphitheatre in Cadw (NE Newport)

4:15p Visit Tintern Abbey ruins (last admissions at 4:30p, closes at 5p)

5:15p Dinner at The Anchor Inn, (Tintern Abbey Restaurant), locally-sourced!

6:30p Drive to Bath (30 miles; 50 minutes)

7:30p Drop off at Lansdown Grove Hotel, (north) Bath (with garden!)

Walk around the gardens

Wed., March 26: Bristol & Bath

6:45a Breakfast (included) at hotel restaurant starts ("Full English" or *a la carte*)

Walk around the garden!

8a Leave for John Wesley's New Room ("JWNR") (13 miles, 45 minutes)

8:45a Bus drop-off and walk (15 minutes) to JWNR

9a Private worship service in the Chapel at JWNR; Rev. Thanael Certa-Werner, preaching!

9:45a "Talk & Tour" of JWNR Museum and Library with guide

11:15 am: Lunch in the Horsefair Room:

Mature cheddar cheese and tomato deep filled ciabatta bread

Smoked ham and homemade crunchy coleslaw deep filled ciabatta bread

Selection of lentil and corn tortilla crisps

Fruit squash

12:00 p.m. Walk to Charles Wesley's House (4 blocks; .25 miles)

12:15 pm: Tour of Charles Wesley's House.

1:00 pm: Coach pick-up from Charles Wesley's House; drive to Pill Harbor (30 minutes)

1:30p Pill Harbor photo stop: JW commissions Coke and others for America.

Then travel to Hannam Mount (10 miles, 30 minutes)

2p Hannam Mount photo stop: site of outdoor preaching by Whitfield & Wesley

Drive to Kingswood School (10 miles)

2:30p Kingswood School, Bath, photo stop: School for children founded by John Wesley in 1748

3p Drive to Roman Baths (2 miles; 10 minutes)

Drive by Georgian architecture buildings Circus and Royal Crescent

3:30p Bath Roman Baths, self-guided tour

5:15p Entry for 5:30p Choral Evensong at Bath Abbey

6p Transport to Lansdown Grove Hotel (2 miles; 10 minutes)

6:30p Drop off at Lansdown Grove Hotel

Dinner: On your own: At hotel in restaurants or selection 10 minutes walking distance away

Evening: Walk to see The Circus and Royal Crescent - 18th century historical apartments (half mile)

Thurs., March 27: Stonehenge, Windsor Castle, London

- 6:45a Breakfast (included) starts at hotel restaurant: “Full English” or *a la carte*
Walk around the garden!
- 8:30a Drive to Stonehenge (1 hour)
- 10a Stonehenge tour (shuttle bus will pick us up & drop us back at the parking lot)
- 12p Drive to Windsor Castle (2 hours)
- 2:30p Windsor Castle self-guided tour (St. George’s Chapel closes at 4p)
- 5:15p Evensong at St. George’s Chapel
- 5:45p Drive to Royal Eagle Hotel, Westminster Borough (21 miles; 45 minutes)
- 6:30p Royal Eagle Hotel, Westminster Borough
- Dinner on your own at nearby restaurants (within 10 minute walk)
- Evening ideas: Hyde Park is ½ mile walk! (“Speaker’s Corner” is a mile from hotel)
Kensington Palace is 1 mile walk away.

Fri., March 28: London: British Library, London Eye, British Museum

- 7a Breakfast (included) starts: cold cuts buffet
- 9a Leave for British Library (4 miles; 30 minutes)
Photo Stops along the way:
Grave of Charles Wesley in burial ground near St. Marylebone Church
Charles Wesley’s Marylebone house (quarter mile south of grave)
- 10:30a British Library
Must see: *Magna Carta*, a *Gutenberg Bible*, *Codex Sinaiticus*, Lindisfarne Gospels, etc.
- 12p Head to London Eye (10 minutes)
- 1:15p London Eye ride (30 minutes)
- 1:45p Drive to British Museum (10 minutes)
- 2p British Museum; lunch on your own at café (Groups use Montague Place Entrance)
- 6p Leave for hotel (20 minutes)
- 6:30p Drop off at Royal Eagle Hotel, Westminster Borough
- Dinner on your own at nearby restaurants (within 10 minute walk)
- Evening ideas: Hyde Park is ½ mile walk! (“Speaker’s Corner” is a mile from hotel)
Kensington Palace is 1 mile walk away.
Pub Experience with local music talent (may need a taxi)

Sat., March 29: London: Tower, Tower Bridge, Westminster, St. Paul's Cathedral

- 7a Breakfast (included) starts: cold cuts buffet
- 7:30a Drive to Londinium (5 miles; 45 minutes)
- 8:15a Londinium Roman Walls
- 9a Visit Tower of London, self-guided tour - BOOKED! - (Norman, royal residence, notorious prison/dungeon, crown jewels, medieval armory, ravens)
- 12p Walk across Tower Bridge to Butler's Warf (east of bridge's south pier) (.5 mile walk)
- 12:25p Arrive at Butler's Warf to board cruise.
- 12:40p River Thames Cruise from Tower Bridge to Westminster Bridge (30 minutes)
- 1:10p Arrive at Westminster Pier (north of Westminster Palace, west pier of Westminster bridge)
- Afternoon, walking tour (1 mile total):
- No. 10 Downing Street (Prime Minister's residence)
 - Westminster Bridge (walk across)
 - Westminster Houses of Parliament (with "Big Ben" and Tower) (outside only)
- 2p Westminster Abbey (Poet's Corner, Memorial to the Wesley Brothers, Crypt w/royal tombs)
- Methodist Central Hall (outside only)
 - St. James Park (walk through)
 - Buckingham Palace (outside only)
- 4p Bus pickup and drive to St. Paul's Cathedral (3 miles, 15 minutes)
- Photo Stops along the way:
- Aldersgate "heart conversion" site of John Wesley - "flame" plaque
 - Little Briton - John Bray house, site of Charles Wesley's "heart conversion"
 - Boar's Head pub - Site of Charles Wesley's Marylebone house
- 5p Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral
- John Wesley Statue in St. Paul's churchyard
- 6p Transfer back to Royal Eagle Hotel, Westminster Borough (4.5 miles, 20 minutes)
- 6:30p Dinner on your own at nearby restaurants (within 10 minute walk)
- Suggested: Pub Experience with local music talent (may need taxi)
- Evening ideas: Hyde Park is ½ mile walk! ("Speaker's Corner" is a mile from hotel)
- Kensington Palace is 1 mile walk away.
- Note: Set clocks ahead an hour before going to bed!

Sun., March 30: London: Wesley Chapel & House, Royal Air Force Museum, “Last Supper”

Note: at 1 a.m. clocks go ahead an hour!

- 7a Breakfast (included) starts: cold cuts buffet
- 7:45a Drive to Wesley’s Chapel (5 miles; 45 minutes)
- 8:30a Walking/Driving Tour of Early Methodism:
 - Fetter Lane Society Meeting site
 - Spittlefields outdoor preaching site
 - Moorfields outdoor preaching site
 - The Old Foundry location
 - Bunhill Cemetery, with graves of Susanna Wesley, John Milton, John Bunyan, etc.
 - Friends cemetery, with grave of George Fox, founder of Quakers
 - Whitefield Tabernacle location
- 9:30a Wesley’s Chapel at City Road & Museum to World Methodism
- 9:45 Holy Communion Service
- 11a Worship at Wesley’s Chapel
- 12:30p Guided Tour of Wesley’s House & Grave
- 2p Leave for Royal Air Force Museum (11 miles; 35 minutes)
- 3p Royal Air Force Museum (open until 5p)
 - Please note, last entry to hangars is as follows
 - H1: Closes at 5pm
 - H2: Last entry 4:45pm, closes at 5pm
 - H3, 4 and 5: Last entry 4pm, closes at 4:30pm
 - H6: Last entry 4:30pm, closes at 4:45pm
- 5p Head to The Swan Pub (66 Bayswater Rd, London) (30 minutes, 9 miles)
- 5:45p “Last Supper” experience at The Swan Pub
- Walk back to The Royal Eagle Hotel, Westminster Borough (6 minutes)

Mon., March 31: Return Flight

- 7a Breakfast (included) starts: cold cuts buffet
- Note: Original bus driver returns
- 8:30a Leave for airport (15 miles; 30 minutes)
- 9a Unload at airport: London Heathrow (LHR)
 - Baggage Drop
 - Security
 - Group Worship
 - Lunch on your own at the airport
- 12:25p Flight departs: Delta #009 from London Heathrow (LHR) at 12:10 p.m.
(7 hour time change, “fall back,” 10 hour flight!)
- 3:15p Flight arrives Minneapolis (MSP) Lindbergh
 - Baggage claim
 - Final “Good-byes”
 - Each head home.
- ?? Arrive home somewhat numb, unable to comprehend what an awesome trip you just had!!