

SAMPLE BRITISH HYMN TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 TRANSATLANTIC

Overnight flight to Manchester UK.

DAY 2 MANCHESTER / HEBDEN BRIDGE

After arrival we drive to the small village of Hebden Bridge. Here **John Fawcett**, saddened by his intent to leave his local congregation, wrote *"Blest Be the Tie that Binds."*

DAY 3 HODNET HALL / ASTLEY CHURCH / STOURPORT

Today we visit Hodnet Hall where **Reginald Heber** wrote *"Holy, Holy, Holy."* We continue to Stourport on Severn and the Astley Church, where in the adjacent manse, **Frances Ridley Havergal** was born and where she wrote *"Take My Life and Let It Be"* and *"Like a River Glorious,"* among hundreds more.

DAY 4 LLANDOVERY / CARDIFF

Driving from Stourport, we arrive at the farmhouse of **William Williams** the writer of *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah."* We enjoy singing around the family piano and then visiting the churchyard where he is buried. Afterwards, we travel on through the beautiful Welsh countryside to Cardiff for dinner and overnight and to enjoy a rehearsal of a famous Welsh men's choir.

DAY 5 BRISTOL / CHEDDAR GORGE / EXETER

After breakfast, we continue to Bristol and the New Room of **John** and **Charles Wesley**, the great Methodist hymn writers of hymns like *"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"* and *"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"* and others. We visit the home of **Charles Wesley**. Continuing toward the south coast of England, we visit Cheddar Cave and stop in Cheddar Gorge where we see the outcropping of rock that inspired **Augustus Toplady** to write *"Rock of Ages."*



Rock of Ages

DAY 6 DARTMOOR / BRIXHAM / EXETER

This morning travel through gorgeous countryside to Lew Trenchard Manor, home of **Sabine Baring-Gould** writer of *"Onward Christian Soldiers."* He was the real-life subject of Henry Higgins of "My Fair Lady" fame. We have tea in the Manor dining room, then continue to the quaint village of Brixham and visit the church, home and harbor where **Henry Lyte** wrote *"Abide with Me."*

DAY 7 CHILD OKEFORD / BRIGHTON / LONDON

Leaving Exeter we travel east along the southern shore of England. Along the way, we stop at St. Nicholas church in Child Okeford where **William Kethe** was vicar and authored *"All People That on Earth do Dwell."* **Arthur Sullivan** o (Gilbert and Sullivan) also had roots here. We continue to Brighton on the south coast primarily to visit the burial place of **Charlotte Elliott** who wrote *"Just As I Am"*. We continue to London.

DAY 8 LONDON

It's a full day tour as we visit Bunhill Fields Cemetery burial place of **Isaac Watts**, writer of *"O*

God, Our Help in Ages Past," "Joy to the World," and scores more. Then across the street to **John Wesley's** Chapel, house, and gravesite. We see the flame monument at Aldersgate Street. We visit St. Paul's Cathedral; then the Tower of London in the afternoon.

DAY 9 OXFORD / LONDON

We enjoy a daytrip to the Kilns, home of **C. S. Lewis**, in Oxford and the churchyard where he is buried. We see the University and also have a chance to have lunch on our own in the pub where C.S. Lewis and **J.R.R. Tolkien** often lunched together

DAY 10 OLNEY / CAMBRIDGE / LONDON

Today we travel north again to Olney to visit the Cowper/Newton Museum with its beautiful gardens and 18th century summerhouse. **William Cowper** wrote *"There is a Fountain"* and **John Newton** famously wrote *"Amazing Grace"* and *"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken."* We also visit the church where **John Newton** was vicar. We continue to Stoneyard Baptist Church, Cambridge, where **Robert Robinson** wrote *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."*

DAY 11 LONDON

This morning we see the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace before visiting Westminster Abbey. Afterwards, we take a trip to Windsor Castle, the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world and Queen Elizabeth's favorite. In the evening in London, we enjoy time on our own.

DAY 12 LONDON / USA

Enjoy our return trans-Atlantic flight to the US

(Other versions of this tour can include Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon, Stonehenge, and a London Musical or even concerts by your musical group. It can also begin and end in London.)

"Thanks so much, it was truly unforgettable, and I loved it", Hymn tour participant.

Includes:

- Coach class flight from USA to Manchester and return from London.
- 10 nights lodging double occupancy in 4 star hotels.
- Full English breakfast and dinner; except breakfast only in London.
- Touring coach & English-speaking, government-licensed guide on sightseeing days
- Transfers from/to the airport in England.
- Entrances to sites listed in itinerary.
- Local government hotel taxes at the current prevailing rates.

Not included:

Tips and gratuities to drivers or guides.
(Approximately \$18.00 per person per day, all lunches; personal spending money for drinks, souvenirs, laundry, etc. Transfers to or from originating airport and passenger's home or organization; Travel insurance; Cost of obtaining passports, visas, handling fees, excess baggage and forwarding of baggage, entrance fees not mentioned, optional tours, transportation from cities other than primary city and vice versa, tips for personal favors, and costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not mentioned as being included.

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