

England's Christian Heritage

Day 1 Arrive in London, England

Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to relax or start exploring a lively British capital. At 6 PM, meet traveling companions for a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Day 2 London

A full day of sightseeing with a local guide includes WESTMINSTER ABBEY. Also visit WESLEYS HOUSE AND CHAPEL, BUNHILL FIELDS CEMETARY (resting place to many well-known Christians, including author John Bunyan who wrote the beautiful Christian allegory the Pilgrim's Progress), and ST. PAULS CATHEDRAL in the city of London.

Date 3 London- Canterbury Excursion

Depart this morning for a drive southeast into Kent, the "Garden of England," for a visit to the CANTERBURY CATHERDRAL, England's mother church, where you here about Thomas a Beckett and the Black Prince. On your return to London, visit SPURGEON'S METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE. Charles Haddon Spurgeon was an influential Baptist pastor born in Essex, England. He found an orphanage still in existence today. In addition, he befriended and supported James Hudson Taylor, who found the China Inland Mission in 1865.

Day 4 London- Oxford

Travel to Oxford, the city of dreaming spires. Join local guide as you visit magnificent CHRIST CHURCH COLLEGE AND CATHEDRAL. You tour director will then take you on a walking tour of Oxford to see Lincoln College, where John Wesley founded the Holy Club, nicknamed "Society of Methodist." George Whitfield, whose preaching in America was a significant part of the Great Awakening revivals, was also a member of the Holy Club. Some free time to explore the city and perhaps visit the Eagle and Child pub that was frequented by CS Lewis and his friends, including J.R.R Tolkien, for their literary club was known as "The Inklings." After lunch break, continue your walking tour of Oxford, visit MAGDALEN COLLEGE, where Lewis was elected a fellow in 1925. At the Kilns, former home of Lewis, pause for photographs before visiting HOLY TRINITY CHURCH in Headington Quarry, where he is buried. Then drive by the former home of Tolkien, writer of the Lord of the rings.

Day 5 Oxford

Journey through the scenic Cotswolds to Bristol. Visit ST. MARY'S RADCLIFFE CHURCH, the 800-year-old masterpiece of Gothic architecture and one of the biggest parish churches in England. Also, explore JOHN WESLEY'S CHAPEL and THE NEW ROOM, the oldest Methodist building in the world. Before returning to Oxford, try to figure out the mystery of prehistoric STONEHENGE.



Day 6 Oxford – Epworth – York

Head north to Epworth, birthplace of John and Charles Wesley. At the OLD RECTORY, visit their childhood home, which was built in 1709 by Samuel Wesley and is now a museum. Also visit the WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, completed in 1889 as a memorial to the contribution made by John and Charles to world religion. Continue to York to see one of the most intact medieval walled cities in England. Follow your Tour Director through a maze quaint streets, including the narrow Shambles. The walking tour ends with a visit to the stunning YORK MISISTER.

Date 7 York – Lincoln – Cambridge – Milton Keynes

Visit LINCOLN CASTLE, where Samuel Wesley was imprisoned. In the venerable City of Cambridge, visit 500-year-old KING'S COLLEGE, including the CHAPEL with its marvelous fan-vaulted vaulted ceilings and stained-glass windows (visits are restricted during examinations).

Day 8 Milton Keynes – Olney – Bedford – London

This morning, travel to Olney to visit OLNEY BAPTIST CHURCH, where renowned English missionary William Carry served as pastor. Then to THE COWPER AND NEWTON MUSEUM, which contains an extensive collection of possessions and manuscripts of William Cowper and Rev. John Newton. Cowper was a prolific poet and writer of Christian hymns, and the Rev. John Newton is best known for his writing of the beloved hymn, "Amazing Grace." On to the JOHN BUNYAN MUSEUM in Bedford, which features his life and works. Late afternoon return to London.

Day 9 Depart London