

A Christian journey through England and into Scotland.

Day 1 (Friday). London. Today begins with a guided tour of Westminster Abbey. The Abbey has many royal connections and is the place where all our kings and queens have been crowned since 1066. In the afternoon there will be a guided tour of Christian art in the National Gallery. Enjoy the Christian message of the paintings and learn a bit about art and art history along the way. Afterwards there will be some free time for your own explorations of this great city.

Day 2 (Saturday). London.

Today we begin with a guided tour of St Paul's Cathedral. At several points in its history St Paul's Cathedral has played a crucial part in the development of Christianity in this country. The present cathedral, actually the fifth on the site, was the first cathedral in England to be built after the Reformation. Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece, is the only cathedral in England in the English Baroque Style. After a coffee break we take a walking tour of the city of London exploring its Christian history from the Reformation to the present day. The entire walk is within the one square mile of the City of London, the oldest part of London and today the financial centre. Learn about some of the great figures of England's Christian history including John Wycliffe, William Tyndale and John Wesley and enjoy visits to a couple of City Churches which still proclaim the Christian faith in the midst of the financial centre.

The afternoon is free time to explore London on your own or we can include a visit to the Tower of London or another of London's famous sites.

Overnight in London.

Day 3 (Sunday) London.

Today we begin by attending a church service at All Souls Church Langham Place, John Stott was associated with the leadership of this church for 60 years until his death in 2011. Alternatively you can attend another church of your choice.

In the afternoon there is a guided tour of the British Museum. We will look at exhibits which prove the historical truth of the Old Testament. Time and time again archaeological discoveries have backed up and supported related statements in the Bible. We can also visit the British Library to see the Codex Sinaiticus and other important ancient biblical manuscripts.

Overnight in London.

Day 4 (Monday) Canterbury.

Today we travel to Canterbury which is where Christianity gained a firm foothold on English soil 1,400 years ago with the arrival of St Augustine. The fine cathedral, built over many centuries, embraces all three styles of Gothic architecture and holds a unique place in the history of the Church of England. It is still today the seat of its senior archbishop and the mother church of the Worldwide Anglican communion. We attend Evensong. Overnight at Canterbury at the Cathedral Lodge in the precincts of the Cathedral.

Day 5 (Tuesday) Cambridge

Today we travel to Cambridge which is famous for its university and it was also a major centre of the Reformation, we will discover both on our walking tour. We will visit Emmanuel College and discover its connections with the Puritans and King's College to see its famous chapel, a triumph of Gothic architecture.

In the afternoon we visit Ely cathedral for a tour and Evensong and then drive to Oxford for overnight.

Day 6 (Wednesday) Oxford.

A walking tour in Oxford will reveal its Christian heritage and we will also talk about the university. John Wycliff was master of Balliol College and began the struggle for the Reformation in Oxford, John Wesley started the Holy Club at Lincoln College. George Whitefield went on from Pembroke College to be involved in the Great Awakening and we will hear about the Oxford Martyrs

who died so bravely for their beliefs. A tour of Magdalen college where CS Lewis was a fellow will be included.

After lunch we continue to Coventry for a guided tour of the cathedral. Coventry Cathedral was badly bombed in World War II, the ruins were left as a reminder and a splendid new modern cathedral was built beside them. Overnight in Coventry.

Day 7 (Thursday) York.

We travel to York for a guided tour of York Minster which is famous for its medieval stained glass. Founded as a missionary church it is one of the finest Gothic cathedrals in Europe. On a walking tour we explore this fascinating city with much history, learn about its connection with the Roman Emperor Constantine who was the first Roman emperor to allow Christians to worship openly throughout the empire. The Vikings, the railways and chocolate have also played a part in the city's history. Overnight in York.

Day 8 (Friday) Fountains Abbey and Durham.

We travel the short distance to Fountains Abbey. This great abbey became a ruin because of the Reformation. Hear the story of the Reformation and the dissolution of the monasteries and enjoy the beautiful setting of these dramatic ruins in the Skell Valley.

We continue to Durham for a guided tour of the cathedral which is a fine example of Norman architecture and we will talk about early Celtic Christianity and the important role of the Celtic missionaries in the development and of Christianity in Great Britain. Overnight in Durham or Newcastle area.

Day 9 (Saturday) Lindisfarne

Today we visit Lindisfarne also known as Holy Island. It is linked to the mainland by a causeway which is flooded at high tide. Here we will learn about Celtic Christianity. Lindisfarne was an important centre of Christianity in Anglo Saxon England and the monks of Lindisfarne laid the foundations of Christianity in Northumbria. In 635 St Aiden was summoned by King Oswald of Northumbria to found a monastery here as a base from which he was to evangelise Northumbria. The monks also illuminated the Lindisfarne Gospels, their artistic skills were unrivalled. The originals are not on display here but there is an exhibition about them. There will also be the chance to visit the remarkable Lindisfarne Castle which was skilfully and ingeniously converted to a private house by the famous British architect Edwin Lutyens. To experience the remoteness and beauty of Lindisfarne will be a highlight of our journey.

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Day 10 (Sunday) Edinburgh.

Today we explore Scotland's capital city and discover the story of the Scottish Reformation which was led by John Knox. We will see his house on the Royal mile and also St Giles Cathedral.

There will also be some free time to perhaps visit the Palace of Holyrood House, Edinburgh Castle or the Royal Yacht Britannia. A church service can also be included today.

Overnight in Edinburgh.

A coach transfer from Heathrow Airport to the first hotel can be arranged on the day preceding the start of the itinerary and one to Edinburgh Airport on the day following the last day of the tour if required.

This itinerary can be tailor-made to suit your requirements, contact me to discuss your itinerary. You can also include some general sightseeing along with the Christianity sites if you wish.

