

A Christian tour through England.

Day 1 (Saturday). London.

The tour 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. It is the Christian focus of the nation when the Queen leads us to services of celebration or commemoration. The Westminster Confession was written in the Jerusalem Chamber of the Abbey.

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 exploration of this great city. Overnight in London.

Day 2 (Sunday) London.

We attend 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 we can attend another church of your choice.

In the afternoon we have 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 also visit the British library to see the Codex Sinaiticus and other important biblical manuscripts. Overnight in London

Day 3 (Monday). London.

Day three begins with a guided tour of St Paul's Cathedral, the only cathedral in England in the English Baroque style, the only one with a dome and the first cathedral to be built after the Reformation. Then 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 of London. The afternoon is free for you to explore London further 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 4 (Tuesday) Canterbury.

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 choral evensong. Overnight in Canterbury at the Cathedral Lodge which is in the Cathedral precincts.

Day 5 (Wednesday) Oxford

Today we travel to Oxford. A walking tour in Oxford helps us to discover its Christian heritage and its 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. In the afternoon we visit Magdalene college, CS Lewis was a fellow at this college. It is also possible to visit The Kilns CS Lewis's house. Late afternoon we travel to Coventry for overnight.

Day 6 (Thursday) Coventry

Enjoy a guided tour of Coventry Cathedral. This cathedral's architecture has an extraordinary and very powerful story behind it, one of ruin and rebuilding. Today the cathedral has an equally remarkable ministry of reconciliation which was also born out of its traumatic World War II destruction and rebirth. The tour includes both the ruins of the old cathedral and the impressive modern cathedral. After an early lunch we travel to York. In the late afternoon we take a walking tour of York, learn about the influence that the Romans, the Vikings, chocolate and the railways have had on this wonderful city as well as its role in the development of Christianity. Overnight in York

Day 7 (Friday) York Area

We start the day with a guided tour of York minster which is famous for its medieval stained glass and considered one of the finest Gothic cathedrals in Europe. In the afternoon we make the short journey to the ruins of 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 attend Evensong at York Minster. Over night in York

Day 8.(Saturday) Cambridge

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. Overnight in Cambridge.

Day 9 (Sunday) Ely Cathedral and then travel to London.

We visit Ely Cathedral for morning worship followed by a guided tour. Ely Cathedral is one of England's most beautiful cathedrals with powerful Christian symbolism in the architecture and incorporated art works. The Nave is a fine example of Norman architecture. Overnight in London.

This itinerary works best when it commences on a Saturday so that there is the possibility of attending a church service in London and a Ely Cathedral on the Sundays. Most cathedrals do not allow guided tours or visits for other than services on Sundays but Ely does.

Coach transfers from and to Heathrow Airport can be arranged for the days proceeding and following this itinerary if required.

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