

## ENGLAND & CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

16 – 29 SEPTEMBER, 2007

Hosted by  
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### **SUN: 16 SEP- Depart for England.**

Today we embark on our memorable journey of England. Departing this evening from Toronto, our overnight transatlantic flight will offer complimentary in-flight service to London. (D)

### **MON: 17 SEP- Stonehenge, Salisbury.**

Upon arrival at London we clear passport and baggage formalities, meet tour manager Jenny Denton and our coach driver. Our journey today takes us to the beautiful city of Bath. En-route we visit;

**Stonehenge-** Built over five thousand years ago this World Heritage Site has fascinated visitors for many years.

**Salisbury Cathedral-** One of the finest cathedrals in Britain with its spectacular spire, this cathedral is where the Salisbury Magna Carta has remained for many centuries.

Once at Bath we will check-in and relax at **The Bath Hilton** hotel. Tonight we enjoy our 'Welcome Dinner.' (B, D)

### **TUE: 18 SEP- Bath, Glastonbury.**

After English breakfast our first full day includes;

**Bath-** After a panoramic tour of this stunning city we visit the only hot springs in Britain, **the Roman Baths and Pump House**. This well preserved Roman temple and complex gives us a wonderful insight into Roman life, almost two thousand years ago.

**Glastonbury Abbey-** Traditionally viewed as the seat of Christianity in England, Glastonbury hosts many legends. Legend states that the grave of King Arthur is within the grounds, and that Joseph of Arimathea once visited here.

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. (B, D)

### **WED: 19 SEP- Cotswold's, Oxford.**

This morning we journey north through the Cotswold's to the university city of Oxford.

Once in Oxford we will enjoy our guided tour of **Christ Church and Lincoln Colleges**. John and Charles Wesley both studied in Oxford. It was here, in Oxford, that Charles Wesley started the 'Holy Club' and wrote many of his hymns that we still sing today. Our visit also includes **Martyrs Memorial**, dedicated to Bishops Latimer and Ridley and Archbishop Crammer.

Dinner and overnight stay will be at the **Warwick Hilton** hotel. (B, D)

### **THU: 20 SEP- Stratford-upon-Avon.**

Today we enjoy visiting 'Shakespeare Country'  
As we visit such famous houses as

**William Shakespeare's birthplace.**

**Anne Hathaway's Cottage.**

**Nash House (Shakespeare's Last Home.)**

From Stratford we head north to the outskirts of the Lake District. Dinner and overnight stay will be at **The Lancaster House** hotel. (B,D)

### **FRI: 21 SEP- Lake District.**

Today we enjoy some of Britain's most splendid scenery. Make sure your camera is full charged!

Two of our many highlights today are;

**Lake Windermere-** What better way to view the scenery around England's largest freshwater lake, than onboard our boat cruise.

**Grasmere-** This beautiful village was home to poet William Wordsworth. Here we visit his home, Dove Cottage and St. Oswald's, burial place for the Wordsworth family.

Dinner will be served at our hotel this evening. (B, D)

### **SAT: 22 SEP- Hadrian's Wall.**

This morning we leave the Lake District and travel across the country towards North Umbria. Our day includes visits to;

**Hadrian's Wall** – Walk along the wall at Housesteads fort, where Roman soldiers guarded the most northern posting of their Empire.

**Heaven field** – The site of the battle in 635AD where the christian King Oswald defeated Cadwallon of Gwynedd (North Wales) to restore the Kingdom of Northumbria to its dominant position in 7th century Britain. The little church of St Oswald, 100 yards from the cross, was rebuilt in 1737 and is now a site of pilgrimage.

**Corbridge** – This was once the most northern centre of the Roman Empire. Today this market town is renowned for its quaint shops. Free time will be given to enjoy this lovely town.

Our hotel for the next two nights is the lovely **Longhirst Hall**. Set in seventy five acres of woodland and landscaped gardens this Georgian property provides a lovely setting to relax and enjoy our dinner. **(B,D)**

### **SUN: 23 SEP- Holy Island.**

Today we take the short drive to the North Sea coast and cross the 'Pilgrim's Causeway' to **Lindisfarne (The Holy Island.)** This morning we have the opportunity to participate in a special Sunday morning service at St. Mary's church before touring this historic island. It was here that St. Aidan's 7<sup>th</sup> C priory was built and is the home to the Lindisfarne Gospels.

From here we shall follow the coast back to our hotel and pass by **Bamburgh Castle**, one of the finest castles in England overlooking the Holy Island and North Sea.

Our memorable day ends with dinner at our hotel. **(B,D)**

### **MON: 24 SEP- Durham, Yorkshire Dales.**

This morning we leave Northern England and make our way to beautiful Yorkshire, visiting;

**Bede's World, Jarrow**- This award winning museum gives us a fabulous insight into the life and times of the **Venerable Bede**. Today, we probably know him best as the author of the Ecclesiastical History of the English People which he completed in AD 731. This work is the primary source for understanding the beginnings of the English people and the coming of Christianity

**Durham Cathedral** – One of the greatest Norman cathedrals in all of Europe.

**Yorkshire Dales**- James Herriott Country! A lovely way to end our day as we take you through the 'back roads' and show you parts of Yorkshire many people have never seen.

Upon arriving at York we unpack and enjoy dinner at **The York Hilton** hotel. **(B,D)**

### **TUE: 25 SEP- York, free time.**

After breakfast we will take a guided walking tour of this ancient city and **York Minster**. From its early days as a Roman city, through medieval times and Norman conquests, York has been an important centre of English history.

This afternoon has been left free for you to peruse the many narrow streets of such areas of old York as "The Shambles". Some of you may enjoy a boat cruise on the River Ouse.

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

### **WED: 26 SEP- Epworth, Lincoln.**

This morning we leave Yorkshire and head south towards London. Another unique day is in store as we visit;

**Epworth Rectory**- Here we visit the birthplace of John Wesley, son of Samuel Wesley (a Church of England Minister.) It was here that, at the age of 6, John Wesley was 'plucked from the burning fire.'

**Lincoln Cathedral**- One of the most stunning Gothic cathedrals in the world. Well worth the visit! From 1300c-1550c, Lincoln cathedral was the tallest building in the world.

**Boston**- The central location of the Pilgrim Fathers' attempts, imprisonment and eventual departure to America, in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Dinner and overnight stay will be at the **London Olympia** hotel for the remainder of our journey. **(B,D)**

**THU: 27 SEP- London.**

Today we will enjoy a panoramic tour of London city plus a visit to Westminster Abbey.

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

This evening is the recommend night for those who wish to visit London's West End and enjoy a 'musical.' Christian Journeys will coordinate this for you, closer to departure. (Ask for more details.)

**FRI: 28 SEP- Canterbury.**

Our final touring day is dedicated to visiting the beautiful 'Garden County' of Kent and the city of Canterbury.

Our first stop is at the ruins of the 6<sup>th</sup> century **St. Augustine's Abbey**. Just like Lindisfarne, in the north, this abbey played an important role in early English Christianity.

The cathedral dominates the skyline as we approach the city. Pilgrimages were an important part of medieval life and Canterbury was a location where people flocked to the city to visit the shrine of the Archbishop of Canterbury, **Thomas Becket**, who was murdered in the cathedral.

Tonight we will enjoy our 'farewell dinner' at our hotel. **(B,D)**

**SAT: 29 SEP- Homeward bound.**

After a truly memorable journey we leave our hotel and say good-bye to Jenny and our coach driver. Once on board our transatlantic flight, we will enjoy complimentary in-flight service before arriving back in Toronto. **(B,L)**