

The Great Cathedrals and Churches of Southern England

Day 1: Friday, Sept. 13, 2024, Departure from the USA

Depart US from Washington D.C. area airport for overnight flight to London.

Day 2: Saturday, Sept. 14, London-Windsor-Canterbury

Arrive London, clear customs and immigration and meet your driver and guide. Board your dedicated private motorcoach for Windsor. Visit Windsor Castle and St. George's Chapel, burial site of many monarchs (including King Henry VIII). Lunch will be on your own in Windsor. Later in the day, continue to Canterbury. Check-in to hotel and have time to unpack and freshen up before dinner and a service of Compline. Overnight in Canterbury.

Day 3: Sunday, Sept. 15, Canterbury

Following breakfast at your hotel, enjoy the Lord's Day with a morning visit to Canterbury Cathedral – Mother Church of the Anglican Communion. Attend Sunday morning Holy Eucharist. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore the city. In the afternoon, return to the Cathedral and take your places for a service of Evensong, sung by the Choir of Canterbury Cathedral – a truly unique and beautiful expression of our Anglican traditions.

Day 4: Monday, Sept. 16, Canterbury-Dover

After breakfast, at your hotel, make a morning visit to St. Augustine's Abbey ruins before traveling back to Canterbury Cathedral for a guided tour of the building and grounds. You may want to stay for noon prayers, and experience the quietness and beauty of your surroundings. Lunch will be on your own in the area around the Cathedral. In the afternoon make the short trip to the English Channel to visit Dover and the white cliffs. While there, visit Dover Castle and tour the War-time tunnels where Churchill orchestrated the D-Day invasion. In the late afternoon, return to Canterbury for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Tuesday, Sept. 17, Cambridge

Following breakfast, check-out of your Canterbury accommodations and depart for Cambridge (a little over 100 miles). Upon arrival, enjoy some free-time for lunch, on your own, then tour the city/university, ending at the iconic King College Chapel. Check into hotel and have the remainder of the day free for prayer and reflection, rest, shopping, punting, or exploring your own interests. It may be possible to attend Evensong at King's College Chapel, if desired. Dinner and overnight in will be in Cambridge.

Day 6: Wednesday, Sept. 18, Cambridge-Norwich-Ely

After breakfast, enjoy a day trip to Norwich. Upon arrive visit Norwich Cathedral, for a tour, before heading to St. Julian's Church

and shrine. Quiet time will be set aside to reflect on the life of Julian of Norwich and her legacy. Lunch will be on your own. In the early afternoon, make the return trip to Cambridge, stopping en route in Ely, where you will have a guided tour of Ely Cathedral and its octagonal tower. Return to Cambridge for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: Thursday, Sept. 19, Coventry-Oxford

Following breakfast, at hotel, check-out and board your coach for Coventry. Upon arrival visit Coventry Cathedral and the bombed remains of the old Cathedral, juxtaposed against the new modern building. Continue on to Oxford for lunch. In the afternoon, tour the city and colleges, ending with Christ Church Cathedral. Spend some time leaning and focusing on the Oxford Movement and its impact on the church, today. The remainder of the afternoon will be free. In the evening, join for a group dinner and a service of Compline.

Day 8: Friday, Sept. 20, London

After breakfast, check-out and depart for London. Upon arrival enjoy a short panoramic coach tour of the city, to help you become more familiar with the city layout and locations of sites. Your coach tour will stop at the Tower of London, where you will be lead on a "Beef Eater" tour of the castle and grounds. (Be sure not to miss the Crown Jewels display!) Next, walk past Traitors' Gate as you exit the Tower next to the River Thames. Lunch will be on your own in the area around. See the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. Next, walk next door to Westminster Abbey for a tour of the "Royal Peculiar". Your coach will return you to your hotel to rest or freshen up, before transferring you to St. Paul's Cathedral, to attend a service of Evensong, sung by their world-famous choir. Return to your hotel for a group dinner and overnight in London.

Day 9: Saturday, Sept. 21, London

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel. This day has been left completely free, to let everyone explore their own interests. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to give suggestions and directions to the sites you may wish to explore. The London Underground is a great way to get nearly anywhere in the city or your coach could take larger groups to specified sites. If you're interested in attending a West End show, day of show tickets can be purchased in Leicester Square. A special group dinner will be held this evening to celebrate your time on pilgrimage.

Day 10: Sunday, Sept. 22, Flight Home

Following breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight home to the United States.

Pilgrimage price with self-arranged airfare (Land-Only): \$3,188

Pilgrimage price including airfare from Washington, D.C.: \$4,795

(U.S. government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges up to \$550 included – pricing is based on a minimum 20 pilgrims)

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