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June 3 - June 14, 2025



The Quire of St. Paul's Cathedral



St. Paul's Cathedral, London



Wells Cathedral, Somerset

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Tuesday, June 3

Group meets at Houston (IAH) and check-in for our overnight flight to London Heathrow (LHR). We partner with United or British Airways for their nonstop, direct service from Houston to London, Heathrow.

Wednesday, June 4 Oxford

Welcome to England! After arriving at Heathrow we board our coach and enjoy a scenic drive to the Eastgate Hotel in Oxford. We check-in and get together in the hotel bar for a short orientation meeting over a welcome drink. Our hotel is located adjacent to Magdalene College. There are many pubs and restaurants within easy walking distance. We will attend Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral at 6 PM, please arrive the cathedral at 5:40 PM for VIP seating for our group. Dinner is on your own this evening.



Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford

Thursday, June 5

We start our day with a traditional English breakfast, and meet our guide who will take us on an informative walking tour of Oxford. We learn how Oxford played an important part in the Reformation, and the Wesleyan movement. We see historic colleges and churches: We visit the Bear Tavern, an 800-year old pub, and learn of its intriguing history. Lunch is enjoyed as a group during our walking tour, and dinner will be on your own. [B,L]

Friday, June 6 Gloucester

This morning we take a scenic drive through the Cotswolds. En route Gloucester, we will stop at Cirencester where we visit the church of St. John the Baptist, dubbed the Cathedral of the Cotswolds (c. 1150 AD.) This church is a so-called Wool Church, and we will learn of its rich history. We take time to enjoy lunch or a spot of tea (on our own,) in this most beautiful town. We continue our drive to the Roman city of Gloucester, and check into our hotel located in the historic city center where you are in easy walking distance to major attractions. [B]



Cotswold Village

Saturday, June 7

After breakfast, we enjoy a guided walking tour of Gloucester that leads to the incredible Romanesque cathedral. We learn of John and Charles Wesley who both preached in Gloucester, and established a strong movement in surrounding towns and villages. After lunch, we load our coach and travel to Tewkesbury Abbey. We enjoy a tour of the Abbey and learn of its rich history. We return to our hotel, and celebrate the day with a group dinner. [B, D]

Sunday, June 8

Exeter

We load our coach with luggage, and take a short walk to the cathedral for church. After church, we depart for Exeter located in the picturesque shire of Devon. En route Exeter, we take time for a comfort stop, and snacks. Enjoy the evening at your leisure. [B]



Churchdoor near Wells

Monday, June 9

After breakfast, we are guided through the ancient city of Exeter. The Cathedral, which was built in the year 624 AD sits at the center of the city. We learn how Methodism took hold, and how the movement spread throughout the region of Devon and Cornwall. Enjoy the quaintness and beauty of Exeter. There are several historic pubs, and shops with lots of character. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Enjoy! [B]



Wells Cathedral

Tuesday, June 10

Wells

After breakfast, we load our coach and head to Wells, in the county of Somerset. We tour the Bishop's Palace, and learn of its history, and religious reformation. In addition to Wesleyan history, many of our loved hymns were penned in this region; including *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*, and *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*. You will see where these hymns originated. We end our day attending Evensong at the Cathedral. [B]

Wednesday, June 11

Today we recommend taking time to enjoy the market, and find a spot of lunch in one of the many quaint restaurants. For those interested, we will offer an excursion to Glastonbury where the ruins of the Abbey has been converted to a wonderful museum. We will return to Wells at 6 PM. [B]

Thursday, June 12

London

After breakfast, we load our coach and head to London. On our way to our hotel, we will make a stop at Methodist Hall in Westminster and have a guided tour. We should arrive London by 4 PM. We will stay at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel, which is located by the Gloucester Road tube station [B]



Westminster

Friday, June 13

Please enjoy a lovely breakfast at the hotel. This is our last full day in England so make the most of it. Many of the museums are free, but the Tower of London is not. You will save some pounds if you purchase online tickets to the Tower in advance. We also recommend Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and St. Paul's Cathedral. We enjoy a celebratory closing dinner at our hotel. [B, D]

Saturday, June 14

Our fabulous tour must unfortunately come to an end. We check-out of our hotel after breakfast, load the coach, and make our way to London Heathrow where we will check-in for our flight back to Houston. [B]

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