



## HERITAGE OF HYMNS TOUR – ENGLAND 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS TOUR THROUGH LONDON RESCHEDULED - May 12-22, 2021

### THURSDAY, MAY 13 – DAY 1 \_\_\_\_\_

**WINDSOR** - Arriving London Heathrow late morning, drive to **Windsor**, a town full of history and charm dominated by **Windsor Castle** (entrance included) which is over 900 years old and the largest inhabited castle in the world. It is located in the centre of the town and is surrounded by cobbled streets dating from the 17th Century. Overnight Winchester or Salisbury.

### FRIDAY, MAY 14 – DAY 2 \_\_\_\_\_

**SALISBURY / STONEHENGE / LYLES CARY** – Today's visits will include the **World Heritage Site of Stonehenge**. Included is a 20-minute round-trip shuttle bus journey to and from the Stone Circle. Continue to nearby town of **Salisbury** for a tour of this early English gothic **Cathedral**. It is also home to the famous **Magna Carta**. We will then visit **Somerset** and **Lytes Cary Manor**, an intimate medieval manor house with a beautiful arts and crafts garden. Originally the family home of Henry Lyte, who wrote many hymns, including *Abide with me*. Overnight Bristol

### SATURDAY, MAY 15 – DAY 3 \_\_\_\_\_

**CARDIFF / LLANDAFF / BRISTOL** – Travel to Cardiff via **Pantycelyn**, home of **William Williams Pantycelyn**, author of the original Welsh version of *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*. Arriving in Cardiff we will visit **Cardiff Castle**, one of the most amazing and richly complex sites with a story that spans over 2,000 years. Continuing to the waterfront area of the city, **Mermaid Quay**, we will have a guided walk to see the **Norwegian Church**, a former Norwegian Sailors' Church. We end the day visiting **Llandaff Cathedral**, one of the oldest Christian sites in the British Isles and home to Jacob Epstein's stunning sculpture '**Christ in Majesty**'. We will present a concert inside the Cathedral. Overnight Bristol

### SUNDAY, MAY 16 – DAY 4 \_\_\_\_\_

**BATH / WELLS / CHEDDAR** – Today we travel to the city of **Bath** to visit the **Roman Baths** which were built around Britain's only hot springs. This great temple and bathing complex still flows with natural hot water. We continue on to **Wells** where we visit the great **Gothic Cathedral**. There is also the moated and walled **Bishops' Palace** with 14 acres of gardens. **Vicars Close** has a

fine selection of architecture and the Market Place is linked to the Green by the curiously named **Penniless Porch**. Returning to Bristol, we will stop at the **Cleft of the Rock** at **Burrington Combe** which inspired Augustus Toplady to write '*Rock of Ages*'. Overnight Bristol.

### MONDAY, MAY 17 – DAY 5 \_\_\_\_\_

**BRISTOL / GLOUCESTER** – Bristol is home to the **Charles and John Wesley Museum**. We will visit the **Wesley Chapel**, where Methodism was founded and where the Wesleys ministered for many years and **The New Room**, the oldest Methodist church in the world. Continuing on to **Gloucester**, the home of **John Stafford Smith**, who wrote the music to *The Star Spangled Banner*. We will present a concert in the Cathedral where he was christened. The journey then continues through the stunning **Cotswolds**, the largest 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in England and Wales', with a stop in **Bourton-on-the-Water**, a quintessential picturesque English village known for its low bridges and traditional stone houses. Overnight Oxford

### TUESDAY, MAY 18 – DAY 6 \_\_\_\_\_

**OXFORD / STRATFORD** – Today we visit **The Kilns**, the home of **C. S Lewis**. The extensive wild grounds to the south of the house provided the inspiration for the *Chronicles of Narnia*, which started off as a tale told to children evacuated to the Kilns from London in 1939. *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* was published nine years later in 1948. **Holy Trinity Church** is situated a short distance from The Kilns and is where C S Lewis worshipped for over 30 years and is buried in the churchyard. (If a visit to the Kilns is not possible then the morning will be spent in the City of Oxford with a visit to the Bodleian Library, one of the oldest libraries in Europe.) Inside its historic rooms you can visit the 15th-century Divinity School, medieval Duke Humfrey's Library and the impressive Radcliffe Camera. This afternoon we visit **Stratford-upon Avon** to see **Shakespeare's birthplace**, the **Holy Trinity Church** where he is buried and **Anne Hathaway's Cottage**. Overnight Oxford

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 – DAY 7 \_\_\_\_\_

**OLNEY / CAMBRIDGE / LONDON** – Our day begins in **Moulton**, where **William Carey** lived and worked as a shoe

cobbler to provide for his family while pastoring the Baptist church from 1786-89. Carey is regarded as one of the most well-known missionaries in Baptist history. Next we visit **Olney** and the **William Cowper Museum** with its beautiful gardens and 18th-century summerhouse to see some of the original texts and musical scores of hymns he wrote. Visit the **St Peter & St Paul Church** where John Newton was vicar when he wrote *Amazing Grace* and where he is buried in the church cemetery. We also visit the **Sutcliff Baptist Church** where William Carey preached his first sermons.

This afternoon we continue to the **University City of Cambridge** to explore quaint passages set around the historic market place and colleges. William Baring-Gould, remembered today predominantly for his hymn *Onward Christian Soldiers*, was educated here at **Clare College**. We visit **Stoneyard Baptist Church (St Andrews)** where Robert Robinson wrote *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*. Dinner is at **Theobalds Estate**, home to Isaac Watts for 36 years. Watts was the writer of many hymns such as *When I survey the Wondrous Cross, Joy to the World and God our help of Ages Past*.  
Overnight London

## THURSDAY, MAY 20 – DAY 8

**LONDON** – Today we visit **Bunhill Fields Cemetery**, the burial place of Isaac Watts. We also visit **John Wesley's Chapel, House and Gravesite** and see John Wesley's Conversion Place Memorial -

The '**Aldersgate Flame' Monument**. We will have a guided tour of **St. Paul's Cathedral** known for its world-famous dome.

Remainder of Day free – Overnight London

## FRIDAY, MAY 21 – DAY 9

**LONDON** – This morning we will see the '**Changing of the Guard**' at Buckingham Palace, a striking display of British pageantry, when the new guard takes over from the old guard. We continue to **Westminster Abbey**, a place that has touched the lives of kings, queens, statesmen, soldiers, poets, priests, heroes and villains since 960AD. Westminster Abbey has been the coronation church since 1066 and is the resting place of more than 3,000 great Britons. Late afternoon, we will visit the **Tower of London** to explore 1,000 years of history at London's iconic castle and see the Crown Jewels, the legendary Yeoman Warders, and the Ravens. We end the day with a **River Thames cruise** and a spectacular panoramic view of London atop the **London Eye**, the world's largest ferris wheel. Overnight London

## SATURDAY, MAY 22 – DAY 10

**LONDON / USA** – Transfer to London Heathrow for your trans-Atlantic flight to the U.S.

## GENERAL INFORMATION/TERMS AND CONDITIONS Heritage of Hymns Tour – England - MAY 12-22, 2021

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- **Hotels** - 9 nights of accommodations based on double occupancy
- **Meals** - 9 Breakfasts, 7 dinners, daily water bottles on bus
- **Sightseeing** - 9 days sightseeing in modern deluxe air-conditioned coach with wi-fi access and services of top class Government licensed guide
- **Entrance Fees** - All entrance fees for 9 full days of sightseeing Itinerary
- **All Tips, Taxes & Portage** (one suitcase per person)
- **Service Charges and Government Taxes** in effect as of date of tour
- **Metting Assistance and Transfers** on arrival and departure (if arriving and/or departing with main group)
- **Airfare** - Round trip from Houston to London including all airport taxes and fuel surcharges

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- 10 lunches
- 2 dinners
- Any other personal expenses incurred while traveling

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Passports must be valid for at least 6 months AFTER the date of arrival in England. There will be no refund for unconsumed hotel meals or unused entrance fees. Please Note: This tour will include daily walking (2-3 miles daily at a moderate pace), climbing steps, and occasional standing for extended periods of time. If a passenger is unable to get on and off the bus and walk without the assistance of another individual, the passenger must bring someone with them for

assistance. The itinerary as listed is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Prelude Tours.

### TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Travel insurance is highly recommended to safeguard your trip investment from unforeseen circumstances. Insurance must be purchased within 14 days of registration to cover **existing** medical conditions. Visit [www.preludetours.com](http://www.preludetours.com) for more information on travel insurance.

### PAYMENTS AND CONDITIONS

- **Total Trip Cost: \$4,395.00**
- \$495.00 non-refundable deposit due upon registration
- \$1,950.00 due September 12, 2020
- \$1,950.00 due January 15, 2021 (FINAL PAYMENT)
- Land Only Cost: \$3,295.00
- Single Supplement: \$740

### CANCELLATION POLICY

(Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing)

- Prior to September 12, 2020 - cancellation fee of \$495 per person
- September 13, 2020 – January 14, 2021 - cancellation fee of \$2,445 per person plus non refundable deposit
- After January 15, 2021 – No refunds

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