

Wesley Heritage Performance Tour

Visiting And Singing Where Methodism Was Born.

11 Days – 9 Nights

Itinerary Key:

B – breakfast included this day

L – lunch included this day

D – dinner included this day.

Day 1 – Thursday

En Route to London

Evening Depart for England, traveling on an overnight, transatlantic flight to London.

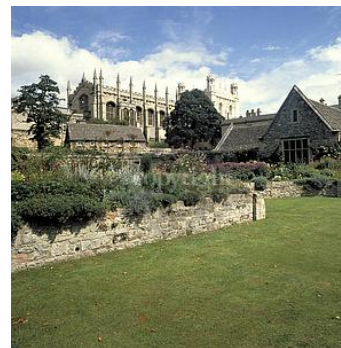
Day 2 – Friday

Arrive London and continue to Bristol, visiting Oxford en route

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Morning Breakfast on board the aircraft.

Arrive at Heathrow airport in the early morning. After clearing customs and claiming luggage, you will be met in the arrivals hall by your Cultural Tour Consultants tour manager. Board a deluxe coach, meet your driver, and travel to Oxford. In Oxford you will have a guided Methodist Heritage walk conducted by a local expert. The tour will include Christ Church College and Cathedral where John and Charles Wesley were undergraduates and Lincoln College where John Wesley founded the Holy Club.



Afternoon Time will be allotted for an independent lunch in Oxford, before continuing on to Bristol. Arrive in Bristol and check into your centrally located hotel.

Evening Welcome dinner at the hotel. Evening at leisure

Day 3 – Saturday

Bristol

B,D

Morning Breakfast at the hotel. This morning you will visit The New Room, the first Methodist church in the world, founded by John Wesley in 1739. You will visit Charles Wesley's house. Charles was the younger brother of John and is considered one of the world's greatest hymn writers as well as being a great preacher in his own right. He lived at the house with his wife Sally and their children for several years. The property is set out as it would have been in Charles' time as a domestic family house.



Afternoon Return to the hotel in the early afternoon. Independent lunch.

Evening A concert will be planned with a Methodist congregation in the area, followed by an evening of fellowship and dinner.

Day 4 – Sunday

Excursion to Stonehenge, Salisbury and Bath

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- Morning Breakfast at your hotel. Travel through English countryside to the city of Salisbury. Here you will enjoy a guided tour of Salisbury Cathedral. Built in the 13th century, this English Gothic cathedral has the tallest spire in England. Choirs are invited to perform a short recital following the noon service.
- Afternoon Independent lunch. Continue to the Roman spa town of Bath. Tour and visit to the baths.
- Evening Return to Bristol for overnight.

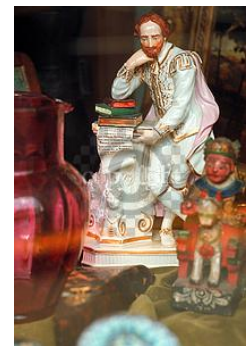


Day 5 – Monday

Travel to Stratford

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- Morning Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and depart for Stratford-upon-Avon. Today's travel will take you through the quaint villages and countryside of The Cotswolds.
- Afternoon Independent lunch en route. Arrive at your hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon. A visit will be planned to Shakespeare's Birthplace.
- Evening Independent dinner. This evening a concert will be planned at Holy Trinity Church, where William Shakespeare is buried, or in another church in Stratford.



Day 6 – Tuesday

Travel to York, visiting Coventry en route

B,D

- Morning Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and depart for the scenic drive to Coventry to visit Coventry Cathedral. The medieval cathedral there is now in ruins after the bombing raids in WWII. The magnificent new cathedral stands adjacent to the ruins of the old and is famous for its splendid tapestry, *Christ in Majesty*, and its vast collage of stained glass windows.
- Afternoon Continue to the medieval walled city of York. Met a local professional guided for a waking tour which will include a walk along the Romans walls and gates, the Shambles, and the York Minster.
- Evening Dinner at the hotel. A concert performance will be planned with a local Methodist congregation.



Day 7 – Wednesday

York

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- Morning Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure to enjoy the city. York is renowned for its exquisite architecture, its tangle of quaint cobbled streets and the iconic York Minster, towering over the city. Numerous sights and activities exist in York as testament to the city's history dating back to Roman, Viking and Medieval times.
- Afternoon Independent lunch.
- Evening Independent dinner and evening at leisure.



Day 8 – Thursday

Travel from York to London, visiting Epworth en route

B,D

- Morning Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for the short drive to Epworth. In Epworth, visit the Old Rectory where John Wesley grew up and Susanna's kitchen which was the site of her famous Sunday evening meetings; St Andrew's church where his father was Rector; and the Wesley Methodist Memorial church, dedicated to the memory of both John and Charles Wesley.
- Afternoon Independent lunch and continue to London. Arrive and check into a centrally located hotel.
- Evening Pub dinner



Day 9 – Friday

London

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- Morning Breakfast at the hotel. This morning meet a Blue Badge guide for a panoramic orientation tour of London. You will pass by Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Methodist Central Hall, Buckingham Palace and more.
- Afternoon Independent lunch. The remainder of the afternoon will be free to pursue your own interests. You might choose to tour the Tower of London and see the Crown Jewels, shop in Knightsbridge or along Oxford Street., tour the Victoria and Albert Museum, or visit Westminster Abbey.
- Evening Independent dinner and evening at leisure.



Day 10 - Saturday
London

B,D

Morning Breakfast at the hotel. Today, visit and tour John Wesley's House, Chapel and the Museum of Methodism. The Museum of Methodism tells the history of Methodism from John Wesley to the present day and its contribution to shaping Britain's political and social history. John Wesley's House stands next to the Chapel. His home for over a decade it is one of the finest surviving small Georgian townhouses in London.



Afternoon Independent lunch. The balance of the day will be set aside for last minute shopping or sightseeing.

Evening Farewell dinner.

Day 11- Sunday
Fly home.

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Morning Breakfast at the hotel.
Transfer to the airport for your return flight home.