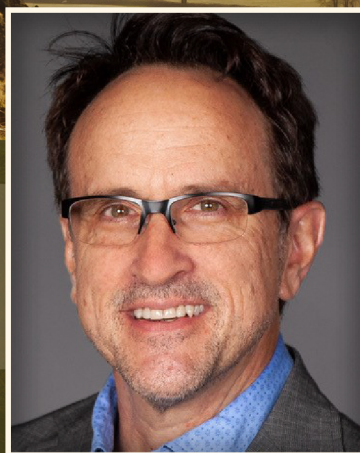


Wesley & the
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Explore England and experience the places where divine inspiration led the Wesley brothers, Newton, Watts, and others to write some of the most beloved hymns of all time: “Amazing Grace,” “Just As I Am,” “Rejoice, the Lord is King,” “Joy to the World!” and more.

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DAY 1 - Wed, May 22, 2024 USA / LONDON

Overnight flight from the USA to London. Meals and snacks will be served on the airplane (flights are included in the package).

DAY 2 - Thu, May 23, 2024 LONDON / BRISTOL

After arrival, drive to visit Europe's most famous prehistoric site, Stonehenge. Travel to Bristol for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3 - Fri, May 24, 2024 BRISTOL

Today sightseeing is of the Bristol areas including the **New Room** built in 1739 by John Wesley, the oldest Methodist building in the world, known as the 'cradle of Methodism,' built when John Wesley started preaching outdoors to the people of Bristol. Visit **Charles Wesley's home**, where he lived for the last 20 years of his life, and the **Charles and John Wesley Museum**. See **Hanham Mount** where a flagged cross marks the spot where George Whitefield and John Wesley preached to the local mining community as one of their earliest open-air preaching locations. Visit the **George Müller Museum** and see an original Orphan Home built during the Victorian era that housed and educated over 10,000 orphans. Dinner and overnight in Bristol.

DAY 4 - Sat, May 25, 2024 BRISTOL / STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN / STRATFORD-UPON-AVON / EPWORTH

Depart Bristol to visit Stourport-on-Severn and the **Astley Church** where in the manse **Frances Ridley Havergal** was born and where she later wrote "**Take My Life and Let It Be**" among hundreds of others. Continue to Stratford for a literary afternoon to honor England's greatest poet and playwright **William Shakespeare**. Visit Stratford-upon-Avon, a charming market town with more than 800 years of history. Set in the beautiful rural Warwickshire countryside, on the banks of the river Avon, it is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the United Kingdom. See **Shakespeare's birthplace**, the **Holy Trinity Church** where he is buried, and **Anne Hathaway's Cottage** (wife of Shakespeare), a spacious 12-roomed farmhouse built in trademark Tudor style architecture. Dinner and overnight in Epworth area.

DAY 5 - Sun, May 26, 2024 EPWORTH

After breakfast, attend a worship service at **Wesley Memorial Church**. While in Epworth, visit the **Old Rectory**. Samuel Wesley, Rector of the parish of St. Andrew in the 18th century, and wife Susanna raised sons John and Charles here along with his other children. Continue to **St. Andrews Church**, located on a hill overlooking the town where Samuel Wesley ministered to his flock. Dinner at Red Lion, where John Wesley used to lodge and overnight in the Epworth area.



DAY 6 - Mon, May 27, 2024 EPWORTH / OLNEY / LONDON

Today, travel to Olney to visit the Cowper and Newton Museum, highlighting **William Cowper**, English Poet and hymnodist who penned "**There is a Fountain**" and **John Newton** who penned "**Amazing Grace**" and "**Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken.**" The Museum has beautiful gardens and an 18th century summerhouse. Visit the **St. Peter & St. Paul Church** where John Newton was minister, with time for prayer and worship. Commemorate the 250th anniversary of "Amazing Grace" written in 1773. Travel to London for free time and dinner on your own. Overnight in London.

DAY 7 - Tue, May 28, 2024 LONDON

It is an all-day tour beginning with a visit to Bunhill Fields Cemetery, the burial place of John Bunyan, Daniel Defoe, Susanna Wesley and **Isaac Watts** who wrote "**O God, Our Help in Ages Past,**" "**Joy to the World**" and many more. Travel across the street to **John Wesley's Chapel**, considered the mother church of world Methodism, the **tomb of John Wesley** is in the churchyard; **Wesley's House** where he spent the last eleven winters of his life. See the **flame monument** at Aldersgate Street, where it is said that John Wesley had his conversion. Lunch and shopping at **Borough Market**. Tour **St. Paul's Cathedral**, where John Wesley worshipped in the chapel on several occasions; his statue is in the churchyard. On the day of his conversion, Wesley came here for an afternoon service and was deeply moved by the choir's anthem, "Out of the Deep Have I Called Unto Thee, O Lord." End tour at Westminster Abbey, the traditional place of christenings, coronations and burials for English monarchs, for **Evensong Service**. Dinner on own and overnight in London.

DAY 8 - Wed, May 29, 2024 LONDON / OXFORD / LONDON

This morning journey to Oxford, known for its architecture, universities and Christian history and religious figures such as John Wycliffe, John Wesley, C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. Your guided tour will include **Christ Church Cathedral**, located inside one of the colleges of the **University of Oxford**. Known as the smallest cathedral in England, it has had a choir since 1526. The campus has been used for filming several major movies, including the Harry Potter series. The **Wesley Memorial Room** at **Lincoln College** will be included in your tour of Oxford. Return to London for a **dinner cruise** to admire London's iconic landmarks and spectacular skyline from the historic river Thames. Overnight in London.



DAY 9 - Thu, May 30, 2024 LONDON

Today is a full day at leisure to explore London on your own. Dinner on your own and overnight in London.

OPTIONAL HALF-DAY EXCURSION: Travel by train and spend time exploring the iconic **Windsor Castle**, home to royalty and 1000 years of royal history. Founded by William the Conqueror in the 11th century to guard the western approach to London, it has since been the home of 39 monarchs. The Queen spent most of her private weekends at the Castle. **Please note:** the cost of this excursion is not included in the package and will be an additional cost.

DAY 10 - Fri, May 31, 2024 LONDON / USA

Transfer to the airport for a return flight to the USA (flights are included). There will be one group transfer to the airport at a predetermined time. Private transfers can be arranged upon request.



Order of events may vary and are subject to change.

