# "In the Footsteps of John Wesley" St Andrew, The Second Act Private John Wesley Tour in the United Kingdom October 7-16, 2025

\$4,488 per person based on double occupancy / \$2,089 single supplement



# Day 1: Welcome to London:

Upon arrival at Heathrow, your private transfer will meet you at the airport and take you on a panoramic tour of London; taking in all of the famous landmarks such as Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and Tower Bridge before taking you to your central London Hotel (the 4\* Copthorne Tara Hotel, Kensington) where the rest of the evening will be spent at your leisure.

#### Day 2: London and John Wesley:

After a traditional English Breakfast at your hotel, your driver and guide will meet you and take you on a Methodist tour of London. First, you will visit St Paul's Cathedral, designed by Sir Christopher Wren. This Anglican cathedral serves as the mother church of the Diocese of London.

After an independent lunch you will head to John Wesley's Chapel, considered by many to be the



'Mother Church of World Methodism,' John's house in London, the Museum of Methodism and Bunhill Fields Burial Ground where Sarah Wesley and other non-conformists are buried.

You'll then return to your London Hotel to have dinner together as a group at a nearby venue.



# Day 3: Methodist Central Hall and Westminster Abbey:

After breakfast at the hotel, join your guide for a tour of Westminster starting at the Methodist Central Hall. This monumental memorial hall opened in 1912 and displays a Manning statue of John Wesley.

Pass by Westminster School where Charles Wesley was educated before a stop for an independent lunch. In

the afternoon you will travel to Westminster Abbey. Since 1066 it has been the location of the coronation of every English and British Monarch. It has witnessed royal weddings and is the resting place for kings, queens, statesmen and soldiers, poets, heroes and villains. Discover the memorial tablet to John & Charles Wesley within the Abbey. Possibly treat yourselves to a cream tea before attending the Evensong.

Return for your last night at your central London Hotel.

### Day 4: Epworth and Wesley Family

After breakfast, leave your hotel and travel northwards towards Epworth, the birthplace of John and Charles Wesley, via Cambridge. After spending some free time exploring the beautiful university town of Cambridge, you will stop for an independent lunch in Grantham before continuing on to Epworth where you will learn about John's childhood. You will visit the Wesley Memorial Church and discover the tomb of Samuel Wesley in St. Andrew's Church.

You will then travel to York and check into your central hotel (4\* Doubletree by Hilton York) and spend the rest of the evening at your leisure.

### Day 5: York

After breakfast at your hotel, you will enjoy a walking tour of York; a city with Roman roots and a Viking past, where ancient walls surround contemporary shops and vibrant eateries. Take in the iconic sites of the medieval city including the famous Shambles and the ancient castle before enjoying an independent lunch.

After lunch you will head to the majestic York Minster to enjoy a guided tour; with over 2000



years of history, it is one of the world's magnificent cathedrals; a masterpiece in stained glass and stone. You will then return to your hotel to spend the rest of the afternoon and evening at your leisure.

# Day 6: Central Methodist Church and Rievaulx Abbey

After breakfast at your hotel, head over to the Central Methodist church to join their traditional Sunday service. Enjoy an independent lunch before joining a coach at your hotel for the journey to Rievaulx Abbey. This was one of the great abbeys in England until it was seized by Henry VIII during the dissolution of the Monasteries. Enjoy the extensive ruins and fascinating museum before returning to your hotel to have dinner together as a group and enjoy your last evening in York.



# Day 7: Stratford upon Avon and William Shakespeare:

After breakfast you'll travel towards Oxford stopping in the historic Stratford upon Avon. Take a step back in time to Elizabethan England and explore the hometown of 'The Bard.' Walk in the footsteps of Shakespeare and view his birthplace. The half-timbered house is where the famous writer was born and grew up. A

captivating costumed guid will show you around the house he spent his childhood years and tell you tales of its colourful history. You will also visit:

- Shakespeare's New Place: The Bard's family home from 1597 until his death in 1616. When he bought New Place, he was already an established playwright and it is believed he wrote his later plays here, including 'The Tempest.'
- Anne Hathaway's Cottage: A picturesque farmhouse surrounded by beautiful gardens where Shakespeare's wife spent her childhood.

Your independent lunch will be taken in Stratford upon Avon. You will then continue your journey to your Oxford Hotel (The 4\* Leonardo Royal Oxford) where you will spend the rest of the evening at your leisure.



# Day 8: Oxford and the Methodist Story:

After breakfast you will enjoy a walking tour of the incredible city of Oxford; with more than 1,000 years of history it is home to some of the oldest colleges in the world. On this walking your you will visit Lincoln College where a young John Wesley presided over the 'Holy Club' and learn about the group of students who were jeeringly known as 'Methodists' – a name that was happily embraced. (This group is now estimated to

contain around 80 million people worldwide.) You will also see the Memorial Room and College Chapel before visiting the spectacular Christ Church College where John Wesley graduated in 1724. He was admitted here as a commoner in 1720 and said to have been an earnest but sociable student. At Christ Church, Wesley is commemorated by a floor plaque at the foot of the pulpit from which he once preached. Finish your tour with a visit to Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. Your independent lunch will be in Oxford.

The rest of the afternoon and evening will be free for you to spend exploring the wonderful city of spires at your leisure.

### Day 9: George Whitefield and Bristol:

After breakfast your group will head towards Gloucester; famous for its stunning cathedral and known as the home of the great Methodist Evangelist – George Whitefield. After spending some time touring and exploring the incredible city your next stop will be Bristol.

On arrival in Bristol, you will enjoy an independent lunch. In the port city of Bristol



you will visit John Wesley's Chapel – the oldest Methodist building in the world. Now known as the 'New Room,' it was originally built in 1739 after John was asked by the members of two religious societies in Bristol to create a 'new room' where they could meet. Many of the features of Methodism, including its 'class system' (a way of Christians encouraging each other) first appeared at the New Room. Regular worship is still held here, and the site is also home to a 12 room, hands on museum telling the story of the Wesley's in Bristol and beyond.

You will also see the former house of Charles and Sarah Wesley before returning to Oxford, where there will be a farewell dinner to celebrate your tour.

### Day 10: Home Time:

After breakfast at the hotel, your private transfer will take you to Heathrow Airport for you to commence your journey home.

### **Tour Includes:**

- Tour Escort Services for the duration of the tour
- Private transfer from Heathrow Airport with panoramic tour of London with local guide
- 3 x Night's Accommodation at the 4\* Copthorne Tara Hotel in London or similar on a Bed and Breakfast basis
- Private Group Dinner in London near the hotel
- 3 x Night's Accommodation at the 4\* Doubletree by Hilton York or similar on a Bed and Breakfast basis, with dinner at the hotel on 1 night (Saturday)
- 3 x Night's Accommodation at the 4\* Leonardo Royal Oxford or similar on a Bed and Breakfast basis.
- Farwell dinner in Oxford (venue TBA)
- 7 x Full Day Coach Hire and Driver Services
- 1 x Half Day Coach Hire and Driver Services
- Guided Tour of London
- Visit to John Wesley Chapel
- Entrance to John Wesley House

- Entrance to Museum of Methodism
- Visit to Bunhill Fields Burial Ground
- Guided Tour of Westminster Abbey
- Guide Services for Cambridge and Epworth
- Visit to Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
- Visit to St. Andrew Church, Epworth
- Guided walking tour of York
- Guided tour of York Minster
- Church service at Central Methodist Church
- Guided tour of Rievaulx Abbey
- Entrance to Shakespeare's Houses (Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Shakespeare's New Place, Shakespeare's Birthplace.)
- Guided Tour of Oxford
- Visit to Memorial Room, College Chapel and Christ Church College, Oxford
- Full Day Guide for Gloucester and Bristol
- Entrance to Gloucester Cathedral
- Entrance to John Wesley's Chapel (New Room)
- Visit to House of Charles and Sarah Wesley
- Private transfer from Oxford Hotel to Heathrow Airport on day of departure
- All local taxes

# **Tour Does Not Included:**

- Airfare
- All lunches
- Six (6) dinners
- Gratuities (up to your discretion)

Price:

- \$4,488 per person based on double occupancy / \$2,089 single supplement
- \$500 per person non-refundable deposit to secure place. First 50 travelers that deposit secure their place.
- Final payment is due May 9, 2025. At that time, full payment is guaranteed. Insurance can be purchased at time of deposit.

Book Your Place Now! The Tour is limited to 50 people.

# Click here to register.

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