



## UNITARIAN ENGLAND

JOIN REV. DR. DAVID USHER ON A FASCINATING  
EXPLORATION OF UNITARIANISM IN BRITAIN

**FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> - MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> 2021**

British Unitarianism enjoys a rich history spanning almost 350 years, and its churches are amongst the country's finest examples of nonconformist architecture. British Unitarians are known for the warmth of their welcome, especially to their American counterparts.

Our journey begins in Southeast England attending the annual FUSE Festival (Festival of Unitarians in the South East). We'll spend the weekend taking part in interesting and engaging workshops and sessions based around the themes of spirituality, community, social action, creativity and music, as well as having ample time to mingle and socialize with our British UU cousins.

Leaving the southeast, we head north to Oxford, city of dreaming spires and ancient seat of learning. A walking tour of the city center highlights the historic, architecturally stunning colleges. We have a special visit to Harris Manchester College, one of England's two Unitarian training colleges, and also a tour of nearby Blenheim palace, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. We continue north through the stunningly beautiful Peak District National Park and finally wend our way south, to London - a hotbed of nonconformist activity in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Our travels will take us to magnificent stately homes, friendly country pubs, fascinating museums and gorgeous countryside - and all with a backdrop of Unitarian history and tradition. Your guide will be the Rev. Dr. David Usher, a graduate of Oxford University with 35 years as a UU minister in both England and the US, as well as previous experience leading several tours. The Reverend David Usher is uniquely qualified to introduce you to British Unitarianism.

Join fellow Unitarian Universalists on an English pilgrimage, visiting some of its finest churches, historic religious sites, and most beautiful cities and landscapes. This trip is operated by Discover Europe with the endorsement of the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council.



BLenheim PALACE



OXFORD UNIVERSITY RADCLIFFE CAMERA

### THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):	<b>\$4180</b>
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	<b>\$990</b>

*Airfares are available from most U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.*

### THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

<b>HOTELS:</b>	11 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges
<b>COACHING:</b>	All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
<b>MEALS:</b>	Full breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 7 dinners
<b>GUIDES:</b>	Reverend David Usher throughout, local guides at Chatsworth & Blenheim Palace
<b>BAGGAGE:</b>	Porterage of one large suitcase per person
<b>TICKETS:</b>	Best seats for the theater in Stratford-upon-Avon Weekend pass to the FUSE Festival
<b>ENTRANCES:</b>	Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.  
Insurance information will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.*





**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>** - Departure from your chosen gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>** - Your arrival at London Heathrow Airport will be met for the transfer to our hotel in Royal Windsor. After time to unpack and rest up from the overnight flight, there will be an orientation meeting to introduce you to the tour and the neighborhood of your hotel. This evening we'll gather for drinks before a welcome dinner at the hotel. **(D) OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>** - After a leisurely breakfast we will drive down to southeast England to attend the FUSE Festival (location for 2021 to be finalized). **(B, L, D) OVERNIGHT: FUSE**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>** - A full day at FUSE. **(B, L, D) OVERNIGHT: FUSE**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>** - This morning we attend the services and then, this afternoon, we set off for Oxford, arriving in time to check in at our hotel and freshen up before we gather for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: OXFORD**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>** - This morning we explore the beautiful city of Oxford, astride the River Thames, its historic buildings clustered within easy walking distance around the medieval core. The real treasure is the architectural beauty of Oxford University and its diverse buildings, many of which date back to the 13th and 14th centuries. We'll stop at Harris Manchester College (originally founded as a college for Unitarian students) and end our tour with a visit to Christchurch, the largest of the Oxford colleges and the home of the city's cathedral. The afternoon is free for individual exploration. For dinner why not sample a local restaurant or pub (David knows a few from his student days here!). **(B) OVERNIGHT: OXFORD**



CHRISTCHURCH

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>** - This morning we visit nearby Blenheim Palace, the ancestral home of the Dukes of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. After time for lunch in the neighboring village of Woodstock, we continue to Shakespeare's town of Stratford-upon-Avon. After an early dinner at the hotel, we will attend a performance in the Royal Shakespeare Theatre (this could possibly be a matinee performance - the schedule has not yet been published for February 2021). **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: STRATFORD-UPON-AVON**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>** - On the trail of the Bard of Avon this morning, we will begin with a visit to the Shakespeare Birthplace Museum. From here we will stroll along the bank of the river Avon to the Trinity Church. It was here that he was baptized, married and buried - although there is some dispute as to whether his remains are still there! The afternoon and evening are free to further explore the town. **(B) OVERNIGHT: STRATFORD-UPON-AVON**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>** - Continuing north today, we head into the Midlands. We'll stop first in Knutsford, a charming town known as the setting for Elizabeth Gaskell's novel *Cranford*. It was in Knutsford that Elizabeth married the Unitarian minister, William Gaskell. After time for lunch in the town, this afternoon we'll visit the Quarry Bank Mill at Styal, a living museum showing every aspect of the life of mill workers during the heyday of the industrial revolution. The Styal Mill and village were originally owned by the Greg family, prominent Unitarians in their day. We continue to our hotel in the Peak District National Park, an area of supreme natural beauty surrounded by the industrial midlands of England. Dinner is included this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: BUXTON**



CHATSWORTH HOUSE

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>** - Our excursion today will first take us to visit the "plague village" of Eyam before we arrive at Chatsworth House, "The Palace of the Peaks." We'll begin with a tour of the house, which contains a boundless collection ranging from Old Master paintings to the geological specimens brought by the last Duke, and then have free time to have lunch and to stroll around the gardens. It is a very short distance through the park to the village of Great Hucklow, where we will visit the Old Unitarian Chapel and stop at the Nightingale Centre, before returning to our hotel. The evening is free in Buxton. **(B) OVERNIGHT: BUXTON**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>** - Morning drive to London. After checking into our hotel and having time for lunch, David will lead a walking tour to visit John Wesley's House and Chapel; the latter was opened in 1778 and the crypt was converted into a museum in 1981. Wesley's house has

been restored to its original Georgian interior design and includes a number of personal effects, including his preaching gown. Bunhill Fields is just across the City Road with the graves of John Bunyan, Defoe and William Blake. The evening is free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we'll attend the service at the Newington Green Unitarian Church in London, where Mary Wollstonecraft was a member. Following the service, there will be time to mingle with the congregation and have lunch in a local cafe. The afternoon is free and this evening we will gather at the hotel for a farewell dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

**MONDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>** - Transfers today to Heathrow Airport for returning flights to the US. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **L** - lunch, **D** - dinner



## REGISTRATION FORM

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person, if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

### DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

**NAME(S).** Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your "Known As" or preferred name.

**PASSPORT DETAILS.** Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

**ADDRESS.** If you have a temporary address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

**DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.** Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.

**HEALTH INFORMATION.** It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

### TRIP DETAILS

Please fill in the name of the trip you wish to register for, the departure date and your departure airport or city.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

### INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour package, Discover Europe will be very happy to book these for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost. It is essential that we receive your complete flight information at least 60 days prior to your trip departure.

### ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms. If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.

*Note: A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.*

### PASSENGER DETAILS FOR UNITARIAN ENGLAND (0217/UOE)

Passport Name:

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 Title First Middle Last

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ work/cell/home  
 circle one

Secondary Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ work/cell/home  
 circle one

Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments or Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

### Trip Details

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Airport or City: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to extend my trip to: \_\_\_\_\_



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1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
3. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
6. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form (if it has not already been paid).
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure. A late fee of \$100 per person may be added to balances still outstanding 60 days prior to departure.

**TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS**

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months

- prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. Discover Europe tours are generally based on a group size of 15 participants. Should we end up with fewer than 15 people, Discover Europe will determine a course of action which may involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour with all the inclusions listed, or making adjustments in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.
4. Late registrations (received within 60 days of departure) may also incur extra fees and charges as discounted rates for hotels and airfares may no longer be available so close to departure. Participants will be made aware of any such charges before their registration is accepted.

**REFUND POLICY**

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty per person.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
  - 90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person
  - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person
  - 30 or fewer days prior to departure: no refund
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Trip cancellation insurance is *not* included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you upon registration.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on this tour is not transferable.

**INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

1. All inclusions are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.



**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**  
*(Please check one)*

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: Yes No  
 Flight details (if self-arranged), to be provided **at least 90 days prior** to departure: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ROOMING REQUIREMENTS**  
*(Please check one)*

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)  
 I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_  
 We would like a double twin-bedded room

**PERMISSIONS**

Discover Europe may use any photographs taken during the tour in promotional materials. Yes No  
 Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. Yes No

**SIGNATURES**

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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