



UNITARIAN ENGLAND

JOIN OTHER NORTHERN CALIFORNIA UUs ON A
FASCINATING TOUR OF UNITARIANISM IN BRITAIN
HOSTED BY REV. DAVID USHER

MAY 1ST - 13TH 2019

British Unitarianism enjoys a rich history of 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 London, one of the world's leading capital cities and a hotbed of nonconformist activity in the 18th century. Sightseeing of the city not only includes well-known sights, but some lesser-known visits as well, including John Wesley's house and chapel in Bunhill Fields. There is also free time in the city to pursue individual interests.

Leaving London we head northwest 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 tour nearby Blenheim palace, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill.

From Oxford we wend our way north to Knutsford, the home of Elizabeth Gaskell, and then through the stunningly beautiful Peak District National Park to the city of York. 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. This spring, join fellow Unitarian Universalists on an English pilgrimage, visiting some of its finest churches, historic religious sites, and most beautiful cities and landscapes.



OXFORD UNIVERSITY RADCLIFFE CAMERA



BLenheim PALACE

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

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): \$4990
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1280

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

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 11 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Full breakfast daily, 6 dinners
- GUIDES:** Reverend David Usher throughout, local guides in London, Tatton Park, Chatsworth, York Minster & Castle Howard
- BAGGAGE:** Porterage of one large suitcase per person
- TICKETS:** Best seats for two London theater performances
- ENTRANCES:** 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, May 1st - Evening departure from Seattle aboard your overnight service to London. **Overnight: Plane**

Thursday, May 2nd - Your arrival at London Heathrow Airport will be met for the transfer to our city-center hotel. 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: London**

Friday, May 3rd - This morning we will visit the Dr. Williams Library and have a presentation on the history of religious dissent in the United Kingdom. After a break for lunch, we'll have a tour of the British Museum. This evening, we'll attend the theatre and you can

choose to have a quick supper beforehand or wait to eat until after the show. **(B) Overnight: London**

Saturday, May 4th - The day begins with a sightseeing tour of London designed to give newcomers an overview of this great city and reacquaint returning travelers with its many charms. We'll start in the City of Westminster where our guide introduces us to 1,000 years of English history in Westminster Abbey. Continuing on, we'll view many of London's major monuments, from the Albert Memorial to St. Paul's Cathedral to Trafalgar Square, touring the city from Chelsea to Bloomsbury. We 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 rest of the afternoon and evening are free to make your own plans--visit the Tower of London and see the Crown Jewels, or take a stroll through the Tate Modern. **(B) Overnight: London**



CHRISTCHURCH

Sunday, May 5th - This morning we 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. Leaving London, we visit Blenheim Palace, the ancestral home of the Dukes of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. We continue to Oxford, arriving in time to take a stroll around the neighborhood of our hotel and to freshen up before dinner. **(B, D) Overnight: Oxford**

Monday, May 6th - 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. Our tour will end with a visit to Christchurch, the largest of the Oxford colleges and the home of the city's cathedral. The afternoon and evening are free. For dinner why not sample a local restaurant or pub (David knows a few from his student days here!). **(B) Overnight: Oxford**

Tuesday, May 7th - Leaving Oxford this morning, we'll continue our journey north, heading into the Midlands. We'll stop first to visit the neoclassical mansion at Tatton Park, with its 50 acres of gardens providing an almost exact picture of what an Edwardian garden would have looked like 100 years ago. From here we drive into the center of 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. Dinner is included at our hotel this evening. **(B, D) Overnight: Knutsford**

Wednesday, May 8th - Turning east today, we head for the Peak District National Park, an area of supreme natural beauty surrounded by the industrial midlands of England. We'll first visit the "plague village" of Eyam before arriving 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 in at the Nightingale Centre before returning to Knutsford for dinner. **(B, D) Overnight: Knutsford**



CASTLE HOWARD

Thursday, May 9th - We begin the day with a drive further north to the City of York, arriving in time to check in to our hotel and enjoy a presentation on British Unitarianism. There will be free time for lunch before we gather again for a walking tour of the old city, including a tour of magnificent York Minster. Dinner is included this evening at the hotel. **(B, D) Overnight: York**

Friday, May 10th - This morning it's a short journey to Castle Howard, immediately recognizable from the BBC television series, *Brideshead Revisited*. This 18th-century Vanbrugh masterpiece, and its fine collection of Old Masters will enthrall. You'll have time to lunch on your own in one of the estate's three restaurants before we return to York for a final free afternoon. Perhaps a visit to the

internationally acclaimed Railway Museum, a stroll through the Museum Gardens, a climb up the old castle keep, known as Clifford's Tower, and an exploration of the wonderful shops on Stonegate. The evening is also free. **(B) Overnight: York**

Saturday, May 11th - We drive south this morning, back to London. After checking in to our hotel, the rest of the afternoon is free for individual exploration. We'll meet up at the hotel again this evening to attend another theatre performance. **(B) Overnight: London**

Sunday, May 12th - This morning our coach will pick us up at the hotel at a reasonable hour to take us to Hampstead, a leafy suburb of London, north of the city center. We'll attend a service at the Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel and then have free time to meet the local congregation and to have lunch. On our return to central London the rest of the day is free until we gather for our farewell dinner. **(B, D) Overnight: London**

Monday, May 13th - Morning transfers to Heathrow Airport for returning flights to the US. **(B)**

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 mail it to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

1. Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Also please include your "Known As" or preferred name.
2. 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.
3. Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
4. Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
5. Health Information. It is essential for us to know if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are paced for comfort, but inevitably there is 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.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

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 to join the tour, it is essential that Discover Europe has your complete flight information. Please make sure you give us 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.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.

1. 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.
2. 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 (0501/UOE)

Passport Name:

1. _____
 Title First Middle Last

2. _____
 Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport 1#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Passport 2#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

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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TERMS & CONDITIONS

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 also 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.

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. Your tour has been based on a minimum 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.

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.
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
 Fewer than 30 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. Travel insurance is *not* included in your tour package. Discover Europe Ltd. strongly advises that you purchase coverage for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be included with your reservation confirmation package mailing.
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: _____

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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