

AN ENGLISH CHORAL PILGRIMAGE

CHRIST CHURCH
CHRISTIANA HUNDRED

JANUARY 27- FEBRUARY 6, 2016

Our mission is to hear some of the finest choirs in England sing Evensong daily and to explore the cathedrals, chapels, and towns in which they perform. It is a rich musical and spiritual journey. The pilgrimage leaders are the Rev. Ruth Lawson Kirk, rector, and Kathryn Hearn, choral scholar.



ITINERARY

(Subject to changes in choir schedules)

Day 1 – Wednesday, January 27, 2016 – Depart USA

We depart in the evening from the Christ Church parking lot for the Philadelphia Airport and fly to London's Heathrow Airport.

Day 2 – Thursday, January 28, 2016 – Arrive in UK - Cambridge

Board Pulham's Coach to transfer from airport to Cambridge, checking in at the Hilton Doubletree. A walking tour of the city includes Kings College grounds and Chapel. Attend Evensong at Trinity College with a group dinner in hotel following. Overnight at the Hilton Doubletree Cambridge, a contemporary hotel overlooking the River Cam.

Day 3 – Friday, January 29, 2016 – Ely and Cambridge

Enjoy a slow start to the day before a short coach ride to Ely for lunch at the Old Fire Engine House and Cathedral tour. Return to Cambridge for Evensong at St. John's College followed by dinner on your own. Overnight at the Hilton Doubletree Cambridge.

Day 4 – Saturday, January 30, 2016 – Peterborough and Cambridge

Travel to Peterborough for Cathedral tour and time in the City Market with lunch on your own. Return for free afternoon in Cambridge and Evensong at Kings College and dinner on your own. Overnight at the Hilton Doubletree Cambridge.

Day 5 – Sunday, January 31, 2016 – Cambridge, St. Alban's, and Winchester

After breakfast we check out of the Hilton before attending Holy Eucharist at Kings. Our coach takes us to St. Alban's for a traditional Sunday roast lunch, a Cathedral tour, and Evensong. Then back on the coach to our lodging in Winchester, with a snack along the way. Overnight in the Mercure Winchester Wessex Hotel, next to the Cathedral in Old City.

Day 6 – Monday, February 1, 2016 – The South Downs and Chichester

Our coach takes us through the scenic South Downs National Park to visit Sir Harold Hillier Gardens or Gilbert White's House with free time in Brighton (lunch on own). Then we visit Chichester for Cathedral tour and Evensong. Our evening ends with a group dinner at the Mercure. Overnight in the Mercure Winchester Wessex Hotel.

Day 7 – Tuesday, February 2, 2016 – Winchester

We offer a morning walking tour of Winchester and a Cathedral tour. Lunch is on your own with a free afternoon, ending with Evensong and dinner on your own. We may arrange an optional afternoon excursion yet to be determined. Overnight in the Mercure Winchester Wessex Hotel.

Day 8 – Wednesday, February 3, 2016 – Salisbury and London

After breakfast we check out of the Mercure and depart by coach to Old Sarum and Salisbury. Lunch is on your own with some free time before Cathedral tour and high tea in the Cathedral Refectory. Attend Evensong at 5:30 PM and continue to London. We check into the Millennium Bailey's, a renovated Victorian townhouse in South Kensington on Gloucester Road, then dinner on your own. Overnight at the Millennium Bailey's.

Day 9 – Thursday, February 4, 2016 – London

A morning excursion to Hampton Court Palace, returning to the hotel for lunch on your own and a free afternoon or a tour of St. Paul's before Evensong there at 5:00 PM. With dinner on your own, this is a good night for the theatre. Overnight at the Millennium Bailey's.

Day 10 – Friday, February 5, 2016 – London

Free day to explore London on your own. Attend Evensong at Westminster Abbey at 5:00 PM followed by Farewell Dinner. Overnight at the Millennium Bailey's.

Day 11 – Saturday, February 14, 2015 – Departure

Check out of Millennium Bailey's for coach transfer to Heathrow Airport and return flight to Philadelphia.

DETAILS

The cost of the 2016 Pilgrimage is \$2,600 (assuming no major change in the exchange rate) and not including airfare, payable as follows:

- \$300 to register for the trip
- \$1,500 due September 1, refundable until October 1, 2015
- \$800 (plus the extra for a single room, which adds another \$800) due October 15, 2015 and refundable until November 1, 2015

We will be departing on US Airways Flight #728 from Philadelphia at 9:15 PM, arriving at Heathrow at 9:35 AM, and returning on US Airways Flight #729 departing Heathrow at 12:05 PM, arriving in Philadelphia at 3:30 PM. **Each traveler is responsible for flight arrangements.** Contact Debbie Hoy at Greenville Travel who is able to assist with this. A bus to and from the Christ Church parking lot will connect with the above flights.

Deposits and payments made by check are payable to Christ Church, noting "England 2016" in the memo line and sent to the address below. You may pay online by selecting the Giving page (under "Serve") and selecting "England 2016." Contact Mike Sayer in the Parish Office for assistance. For more information about the Choral Pilgrimage, contact Kathryn Hearn at (302) 478-1271, kathrynshearn@gmail.com or Ruth Lawson Kirk in the Parish Office at (302) 655-3379, rkirk@christchurchde.org.

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