







Proposed Itinerary Crafted Especially for the

Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians 40th Anniversary Conference England

January 15 – 22, 2024

Music and Spiritual Heritage of England

London  Ely  Cambridge  Winchester  Oxford

Land arrangements facilitated by Peter's Way Tours.

*All participants are responsible for making their own roundtrip airline arrangements to/from London.
Peter's Way Tours is available to assist with independent airline transportation upon request.*

LAND PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- **Accommodations:** Six (6) nights' accommodation in twin rooms with private facilities at St. Giles London Hotel.
- **Meals:** Breakfast daily plus closing banquet.
- **Coach Transportation:** Deluxe motor-coach transportation upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- **Tour Management:** Full-time tour manager / guide throughout the entire tour, including arrival and departure transfers. Peter's Way overseas office staff are available 24 hours daily to provide assistance when needed.
- **Excursions:** All sightseeing conducted by licensed, professional, English-speaking guides.
- Entrance fees to all sights as per itinerary.
- Porter service (one piece of luggage per person) at hotels throughout.
- **Assistance with coordination of all venues** (*venues subject to confirmation*).
- **Tour brochures:** Special promotional brochures printed free for your distribution.
- Peter's Way travel documents, travel wallet, luggage tags, and name badge.
- **Liability Insurance:** Three-million-dollar Peter's Way Tours Inc. Liability Insurance coverage.

EXCLUSIONS:

- Health, trip cancellation/interruption or baggage insurance. All are strongly recommended. Peter's Way Tours offers a comprehensive policy at additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs, if any.
- **U.S. Passports must be valid for at least the duration of your visit.**
- Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.).
- Meals not specified in the program.
- Gratuities to the tour manager, guides, and driver.
- Items not specifically mentioned above.

A special invitation to members of the



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- I T I N E R A R Y -

Day 1, January 15, Monday: Depart USA

Today: Independent departures from home gateways for London.

Day 2, January 16, Tuesday: Arrive in London | Orientation Tour | Westminster Abbey

Morning: Arrive at London Heathrow Airport, proceed through Passport Control, claim your luggage, and continue to the Arrivals Hall, where members of the group will gather. We will leave the airport as a group via private tour bus (*time to be advised*).*

Board our comfortable touring bus and we'll be on our way to enjoy an orientation tour of London. We'll pass the Palace of Westminster, Houses of Parliament, and Big Ben before continuing along Whitehall with its government buildings, memorial statues, and memorials. We'll pass Downing Street, Trafalgar Square, Nelson's Column, Piccadilly Circus, and the London Eye. Continue to The Mall and Buckingham Palace, where the changing of the Guard ceremony takes place daily (*viewing subject to confirmation*). Independent lunch.

**If your independent flights do not coordinate with the group's departure from the airport to begin the orientation tour, you will be responsible for meeting up with the group at the hotel for check-in.*

Afternoon: Check-in at St. Giles Hotel in London.

Round-trip transfers will be provided to Westminster Abbey to attend the 5:00 p.m. Evensong.

Session #1: Welcome gathering and overview of Conference XLI in private room at our hotel.

Evening: Independent dinner.

Overnight at St. Giles London Hotel. (B)



Day 3, January 17, Wednesday: Full Day in London | Church Visits

Morning: Breakfast at our hotel.

Coach and guide available for a half day of activities in London.

Session #2: 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m. Meeting at Westminster Abbey with Andrew Nethsingha (Organist and Master of the Choristers). Theme: "Overview of the Abbey music program"

Session #3: 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Meeting at Westminster Cathedral with Simon Johnson (Organist and Master of Music) Theme: "Overview of the Cathedral music program"

Independent lunch.

Afternoon: Free time to explore London on your own.

Evening: Independent dinner.

Overnight at St. Giles London Hotel. (B)



Day 4, January 18, Thursday: Ely and Cambridge

- Morning:** Breakfast at our hotel. Coach and guide available for the entire day.
 Depart London to visit the magnificent **Ely Cathedral** and medieval town. In 673, St. Etheldreda, Queen of Northumbria, founded a Monastery in the center of the Fens on the Isle of Ely, where she was Abbess until her death in 679. Some 400 years later, in 1081, work on the present building was begun, under the guidance of Abbott Simeon. It was completed in 1189 and the cathedral now stands as a remarkable example of Romanesque architecture.
 Session #4: 10:30 a.m. Tour and meeting with Edmund Aldhouse, Director of Music Ely's Cathedral.
 Independent lunch.
- Afternoon:** After lunch we'll continue to **Cambridge**, a beautiful university city. Enjoy a walking tour of this attractive city. Cambridge has been a seat of learning since the 1200's and many of the elegant buildings that adorn the city center belong to the university. During the tour, pass the oldest college, Peterhouse, founded in 1280. Possible visit to **Trinity College** if time permits.
 Session #5: Continue to visit **King's College**, with its magnificent 15th Century Chapel, home of the world-famous King's College Choir. Possible greeting with Mr. Daniel Hyde (*subject to confirmation*).
 Attend 5:30 p.m. Sung Eucharist.
 Continue to **St. John's College**.
 Session #6: 6:30 pm. Evensong at St. John's College and welcome by Christopher Gray, Music Director of St. John's College.
- Evening:** Independent dinner. Return to our hotel in London.
 Overnight at St. Giles London Hotel. (B)



Day 5, January 19, Friday: Kent and Canterbury Cathedral

- Morning:** Early breakfast at our hotel.
 Coach and guide available for the entire day.
 This morning, we'll leave London and drive into the beautiful countryside of **Kent**. On arrival we'll have a guided tour of **Canterbury Cathedral**, the oldest in the United Kingdom. Canterbury was the original Iron Age capital of the Kingdom of Kent, and has retained its historic importance to this day. It is now the headquarters of the Anglican church and a center for international pilgrimage. In 1170, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Becket, was murdered by King Henry II's soldiers after a bitter feud. Today you can see the site of the shrine to Becket.
 Session #7 with musicians of Canterbury Cathedral.
 Independent lunch. Return to London.
 Session #8: 4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m. **Brompton Oratory**. Meeting with Professor Patrick Russell, Director of Music at the London Oratory.
- Evening:** Independent dinner.
 Overnight at St. Giles London Hotel. (B)



Day 6, January 20, Saturday: Winchester and Salisbury

Morning: Breakfast at our hotel.

Coach and guide available for the entire day.

This morning, we'll depart on a full-day excursion to ancient Winchester, capital city for Alfred the Great and later where Sir Walter Raleigh was sentenced to death. Judge Jeffreys held court here. Visit the cathedral to see the 12th- and 13th-century illuminated Bibles. Winchester Cathedral is a priceless jewel in a scarcely less precious setting. See over 900 years of history, the tombs of James Austin and Izaak Walton, and a unique collection of Chantry Chapels where William Walker, the diver, saved the cathedral in 1906.

Session #9: 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **Winchester Cathedral** tour and talk by Joshua Stephens, Winchester Cathedral Chamber Choir Director.

Independent lunch.

Afternoon: This afternoon we'll visit the magnificent **Salisbury Cathedral**, known for having the highest spire in England. One of the four original copies of the Magna Carta signed in 1215 is here. On the Salisbury Plain, visit the mysterious **Stonehenge**. Go back in time 4,000 years to see the Avebury Stone Circles, a complex and gigantic late Neolithic henge monument, and Stonehenge, Britain's most famous prehistoric monument dating from between 3,100 and 1,100 B.C. Return to London.

Evening: Independent dinner.

Overnight at St. Giles London Hotel. (B)



Day 7, January 21, Sunday: London

Morning: Breakfast at our hotel.

Coach and guide available for the entire day.

Late morning we'll be transferred to **Westminster Cathedral** to attend 12:00 p.m. Mass.

Independent lunch.

Afternoon: We'll continue to **St. Paul's Cathedral** to attend the 3:00 p.m. Evensong. Welcome by Andrew Carwood, Director of Music.

Evening: Closing banquet (*location to be advised*).

Overnight at St. Giles London Hotel. (B,D)



Day 8, January 22, Monday: Return to the USA

Morning: Breakfast at our hotel.

One group transfer (*designated time to be advised*) will be provided to London Heathrow Airport for independent return flights home. (B)

