



Reformation Tours, LLC presents



# Branch Church

# Christian Heritage Tour

September 7-18, 2018



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You are warmly invited to join Pastor Chuck Allers, from Branch Church San Diego, on this 12-day tour of Scotland and England, tracing our rich Christian heritage.

*IF = In flight meals  
B = Breakfast, L = Lunch,  
D = Dinner*

## Day 1: Friday, September 7, 2018: Flight

Our journey begins with overnight flights from San Diego to Edinburgh. Pre-tour accommodation and transfers can be arranged. (IF)

## Day 2: Saturday, September 8, 2018: Edinburgh

We will arrive in Edinburgh and meet our tour director and board our bus. As the group flights arrive in the early evening, we will go straight to our hotel and check-in. We will dine in our hotel this evening. (IF/D)



## Day 3: Sunday, September 9, 2018: Edinburgh

Edinburgh St Giles' Cathedral is often called the Mother Church of World Presbyterianism. We will attend a morning service here, where John Knox first preached in 1559. It was reported that "he was so active and vigorous it looked as if he was about to break". After some free time for lunch, we will visit Edinburgh Castle, Greyfriar's Church, the Grassmarket, and the Royal Mile. We will dine at a traditional Scottish restaurant this evening. (B/D)

## Day 4: Monday, September 10, 2018: Holy Island, Durham

We will start our journey south this morning and drive into England. Lindisfarne, known today as Holy Island, is

a tidal island off the Northumbrian coast. St. Aidan was sent here as a missionary from Iona and established a monastery in around 630 AD. Vikings destroyed the



original monastery and monks fled from the island. The present Lindisfarne Priory is a dramatic ruin, modeled after Durham Cathedral. This is where the famous Lindisfarne Gospels were produced. Even secular historians refer to Lindisfarne as "the most holy place in England." After time for some personal reflection, we will continue our journey to Durham and visit the magnificent cathedral. We will dine at our hotel. (B/D)

## Day 5: Tuesday, September 11, 2018: York, Lincoln

We will continue our journey to York, and our guided tour will include a walk atop the ancient city walls and a tour of York Minster Cathedral, the biggest medieval church in England. We will also see the famous medieval street, known as the Shambles. Christianity has an early heritage in York. By 306, when Constantine the Great was proclaimed Emperor in York, it is believed there was a small Christian community. In 312 he issued a general edict of toleration for the Christian Church and York became a center of Christianity. We will end the day in the Lincoln area, where we will be based for two nights. (B/D)

## Day 6: Wednesday, September 12, 2018: Epworth and Pilgrim Heritage Sites

One of the expert guides from Pilgrims and Prophets will take us on a day trip focusing on Christian heritage



highlights in the region. In the morning will visit Epworth and tour the Old Rectory where John and Charles Wesley grew up with their many siblings. In the afternoon we will visit the great



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monastic church of Worksop to understand the background of Christianity in England. Then we will visit Babworth church where William Brewster and William Bradford came together under Richard Clyfton's leadership. We will finish the day at Gainsborough, from where the Pilgrims set out on their final and successful escape attempt. We will dine in a local pub with historic connections. (B/D)

## **Day 7: Thursday, September 13, 2018: Lincoln, Bedford, Oxford**

After a tour of Lincoln Castle, we will drive down to Bedford where we will learn more about John Bunyan, the author of Pilgrim's Progress, the Christian allegory that is considered to be the most widespread book of all time, second only to the Bible. Originally a poor, barely literate tinker, he became a popular preacher and author. Pilgrim's Progress was written while he was imprisoned for 12 years for preaching without a license from the Church of England. We will dine in our hotel in Oxford. (B/D)



## **Day 8: Friday, September 14, 2018: Oxford**

Oxford is one of England's famous University cities with a rich Reformation history. The early English reformer, John Wycliffe, was a professor at the university. Other well-known students included Bible translator William Tyndale and the great revivalist preacher George Whitefield. We will have a walking orientation tour including Christ Church College Cathedral, and the Martyr Memorial, with an emphasis on C.S. Lewis. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

## **Day 9: Saturday, September 15, 2018: London**

On the way to London we will visit C.S. Lewis' home, the Kiln's (inside visit subject to availability) and Trinity Church in Headington Quarry. Our next stop is Hampton Court Palace. In 1604, James I commissioned the King James Version of the Bible during the Hampton Court Conference and we will discuss this in the room where it happened. In the Chapel Royal, we will hear how Henry

VIII's decision to allow production of the Bible was influenced by his last wife, Catherine Parr. After the tour we will have time to stroll through the beautiful gardens and try and find our way to the center of the maze. Our bus will take us on a panoramic sightseeing tour before we arrive at our centrally-located London hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)



## **Day 10: Sunday, September 16, 2018: London**

We have a free morning to attend the church of our choice. In the afternoon we will visit John Wesley's Chapel, Wesley's home and the Museum of Methodism, followed by a tour of his home. John Wesley (1703-1791) has been called the most influential Protestant leader of the English-speaking world since the Reformation and his brother Charles wrote hundreds of amazing hymns. We will tour the legendary Bunhill Field's Cemetery, where we can see the burial place of nonconformist Protestants. Following the tour, we will attend Evensong in St. Paul's Cathedral, then dine in the historic Mayflower Pub, (B/D)

## **Day 11: Monday, September 17, 2018: London**

We will begin today with a guided tour of Westminster Abbey. Westminster Abbey has played an integral part in the history of London and the UK. Kings and Queens have been crowned here since 1066 (William the Conqueror). Our guide will also tell us about the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. After time to purchase lunch, we will travel up River Thames, giving us excellent views of the Tower and Tower Bridge. The Tower has a fascinating and also rather grisly history and we will hear about the various inhabitants through the centuries. We will also see the glittering Crown Jewels. We will dine at a local restaurant, followed by a ride on the London Eye. (B/D)

## **Day 12: Tuesday, September 18, 2018: Return**

We will transfer to Heathrow Airport for the return trip to the USA (B)

## Tour RWK18 Price: \$4,800\*per person

\*Land price \$3,800 per person

### Your Tour Includes:

- Round-trip air transportation from San Diego
- Transportation: via deluxe air-conditioned coach
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in superior 3-star & 4-star hotels
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Professional Tour Director throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Guides will use Whisper Headsets throughout the tour
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers, as a group
- Baggage handling (1 piece of baggage per guest)
- Basic insurance coverage during the tour
- All taxes and tips, other than mentioned below

### Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Single supplement of \$750
- Meals and beverages not identified in itinerary
- Items of a personal nature, such as passports and visas. Passports must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.
- Insurance upgrade (\$264 for full coverage)
- Gratuities for tour director and driver

### Payment Schedule:

- Deposit of \$350 will secure your place on the tour. Please send all payments to Reformation Tours, LLC. P.O. Box 854, Belleville, IL 62222.
- Final invoices will be sent in May 2018
- Final payment is due by June 24, 2018
- Reservations will be accepted until June 24, 2018, subject to availability

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All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit until 100 days prior to departure (5/30/18), a \$100 per person penalty will be charged for cancellation. From 99-14 days prior to departure (8/24/18), a \$350 per person penalty plus any nonrefundable deposit will be charged for cancellation. Anyone canceling 14 days or less prior to departure will receive no refund. In the unlikely event the tour does not reach minimum enrollment required, all deposit money will be returned.

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