



Reformation Tours, LLC presents the
**C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and
Christian Writers of England Tour**

June 14-24, 2018

Hosted by Dr. Steve and Teri Varvis, Fresno Pacific University



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*What did a manor house look like to Jane Austen? What was the setting for C. S. Lewis' science fiction trilogy? What was London like in G. K. Chesterton's novels and journalism? And on what bridge did T. S. Eliot portray his tired souls walking across in *The Waste Land*? English Christian writers have influenced*



and encouraged millions of readers in the 20th and 21st centuries, non more than C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien.

We will tour Oxford where Lewis, Tolkien and their friends worked, and developed their distinctive literary works, learned and taught. There is a long tradition of English writers who explored their faith through their writings, and passed on their experience to us in later generations. We will move to Salisbury, Bath, and the surrounding area, the home of Jane Austen, George Herbert, and Isaac Walton. And we will visit a few of the literary sites of London where G. K. Chesterton and T. S. Eliot worked in the early 20th century, and where Samuel Johnson, John Donne, Richard Baxter, John Bunyan, and John Wesley, along with others wrote and served in previous centuries.

Join us as we see sites from which they drew inspiration and where they found resources for their imaginations. We will explore, enjoy, and reflect on the gifts they offer. Of course there is much more to see, and we will take in some of the other famous sites in these areas as well, such as Stonehenge. Join us for a journey through these parts of the Christian literary landscape of England.

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

Day 1: Thursday, June 14, 2018: Departure

We will depart the USA for our flights to London. Pre-tour accommodation and touring assistance is available. **(IF)**

Day 2: Friday, June 15, 2018: Windsor

Welcome to England! Transfers will be arranged from Heathrow Airport to nearby Windsor, and the tour director will greet arrivals at the hotel. In the early afternoon



we will tour Windsor Castle, the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world. It has been the family home of British kings and queens for almost 1,000 years. We will dine in the hotel this evening and get to know the rest of the group. **(IF/D)**

Day 3: Saturday, June 16, 2018: Beaconsfield, Oxford

On the way to Oxford, we will stop in Beaconsfield to see G. K. Chesterton's grave and the outside of his house. We will visit the Kiln's today (subject to availability) and see the rooms where C. S. Lewis spent so much time. We will have a pub lunch today, a favorite activity of the Inklings. Our afternoon walking tour will focus on C. S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and the Reformers and include Christ Church, St. Mary's Church, Merton and Magdalen, and the Martyr's monuments. The evening is at leisure. **(B/L)**



Day 4: Sunday, June 17, 2018: Oxford

We will visit one of England's most impressive stately homes today, which was also the birthplace of Winston Churchill. Blenheim Palace houses a large art collection and has magnificent gardens designed by "Capability" Brown, including scenic walking trails. We will have lunch in the Cotswolds, followed by a stop in Blockley to see the church where they filmed the Father Brown series. We will return to Oxford in time for Evensong. **(B/L)**

Day 5: Monday, June 18, 2018: Birmingham, Oxford

This morning we will take a half-day excursion to Birmingham to visit sites associated with J.R.R. Tolkien. The afternoon is at leisure with options to do a walk focusing on Masterpiece Theater filming locations, tour the Bodleian, Radcliffe Camera or do a more detailed C. S. Lewis walk. We will meet up again in the evening for dinner. **(B/D)**



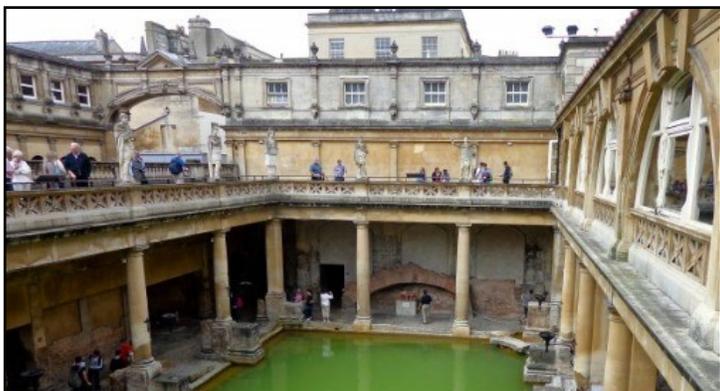
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Day 6: Tuesday, June 19, 2018: Stonehenge, Salisbury

We will visit one of England's most fascinating sites today, Europe's most famous prehistoric monument. The tour includes a visit to the brand-new interpretive center and a trip to the stones. We will continue on to Salisbury and check-in to our hotel. After attending Evensong in Salisbury Cathedral, we will dine in our hotel (B/D)



Day 7: Wednesday, June 20, 2018: Bath, Lacock, Salisbury

Today's day trip to Bath will include a visit to the Roman Baths, the Jane Austen Centre, and an outside visit of the Royal Crescent. Bath was a favorite setting



for many of Jane Austen's novels and is one of the most attractive towns in England. In the afternoon, we will stop in Lacock, a village almost entirely owned by the National Trust. It's been the setting for many movies and PBS productions, such as 'Cranford', 'Pride and Prejudice', and 'Downton Abbey'. We will return to Salisbury and the evening is at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Thursday, June 21, 2018: Winchester, Chawton, London

The morning tour of Winchester will include the Cathedral and Jane Austen's grave. We will be able to view the Winchester Bible, one of England's greatest treasures. In the afternoon we will visit Jane Austen's home in Chawton, and the church where her father was the pastor. We will check-in to our London hotel and the evening is at leisure to explore London. (B)

Day 9: Friday, June 22, 2018: London

This morning we will meet outside St. Paul's after lunch for a walking tour including Temple Church, sites related to T.S. Eliot's poem, *The Waste Land*, Southwark Cathedral, and the Globe Theater. We will dine on the Southbank and see a live production at the Globe. (B/D)



Day 10: Saturday, June 23, 2018: London

Today's tour has a literary focus, as we visit Dr. Williams's Library, the private library with a collection of books by Protestant deserters (not part of the Church of England). We will then travel to the Wesley House and Bunhill Fields Cemetery. We will also visit the British Library, Westminster Abbey, and the Churchill War Rooms. We will end the tour with a ride on the London Eye, followed by our farewell meal. (B/D)

Day 11: Sunday, June 24, 2018: London

We will transfer to Heathrow Airport for our return flights to the States (B)

Tour RSV18 Price: \$3,499**per person* Based on a minimum of 20 tour participants

Terms and Conditions

Your Tour Includes:

- Transportation: via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Oyster card for public transport in London
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in centrally located 3 or 4-star hotels
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Professional Blue Badge tour director
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Entrance fees included as per itinerary
- All transfers, as a group
- Baggage handling (1 piece of baggage per guest)
- All taxes and tips except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Round-trip air transportation (assistance available)
- Meals and beverages not identified in itinerary
- Single supplement (\$800)
- Items of a personal nature, such as passports and visas. Passports must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.
- Optional Insurance (group insurance available)
- Gratuities for tour director, and driver

Payment Schedule:

- Deposit of \$350 will secure your place on the tour. All payments should be sent to Reformation Tours, P.O. Box 854, Belleville, IL 62222.
- Final invoices will be sent in February 2018
- Final payments will be due March 31, 2018 or at sign-up if after this date.
- Reservations will be accepted after March 31, 2018 subject to availability.
- Early registration is encouraged. *Please note: all credit card payments will incur a 3.5% surcharge.*

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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 (3/6/18), a \$100 per person penalty will be charged for cancellation. From 99-14 days prior to departure (3/7/18—5/31/18), 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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