Reformation Tours, LLC presents the

British Christian Heritage Tour

May 9-21, 2019

Hosted by Pastor Jason and Sandra Steele

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Our tour hosts, Rev. Jason and Sandra Steele, have served in ministry for over 19 years. Sandra is an inactive attorney who has homeschooled their two daughters for the past 12 years. Pastor Jason is an Evangelical Presbyterian Church minister with a congregation in Owosso, MI. He often teaches classes to his congregation on church history and is known to preach first person sermons as various church reformers. The Steeles enjoyed hosting our Reformation Jubilee Tour in May 2017, and they are excited to host, learn and laugh together with you on this historical adventure.

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

Day 1: Thursday, May 9, 2019: Departure
We will set off today from the USA on our international flights to London **(IF)**

Day 2: Friday, May 10, 2019: Arrival
On arrival in London, we will meet our tour director who will escort us to our waiting air-conditioned bus. We will begin our tour with a leisurely visit to 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 afternoon is free to explore at our leisure before our welcome dinner at the hotel. **(IF/D)**

Day 3: Saturday, May 11, 2019: London
Our Blue Badge Guide will take us on a guided tour of Westminster Abbey this morning. 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) and it's been the setting for many special occasions such as the wedding of the Queen and Prince Phillip. Our guide will also tell us about the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. 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. The rest of the day is at leisure to attend a show (tickets can be arranged) or relax. **(B)**

Day 4: Sunday, May 12, 2019: 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. **(B)**

Day 5, Monday, May 13, 2019: Oxford
We will depart London this morning and visit C.S. Lewis' home, the Kilns, subject to availability. 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 Reformation-themed walking tour including the Wesley rooms in Lincoln College. We will attend Evensong in Christ Church then check-in to our hotel. Our evening meal is in our hotel. **(B/D)**

Day 6: Tuesday, May 14, 2019: Bristol, Oxford
Today's day trip begins at the World Heritage site of Stonehenge, the pre-historic stone circle. We will continue on to Bristol and visit the New Room, the oldest Methodist Chapel in the World. George Whitefield invited John Wesley to come to Bristol in 1729 and he began his ministry with open-air preaching. He purchased the land to build the New Room in 1742. We will also see the home where John's younger brother lived with his family. Charles Wesley was a prolific hymn writer and also preached. We will return to our hotel in Oxford for our evening meal **(B/D).**

Day 7: Wednesday, May 15, 2019: Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon
We will drive through the Cotswolds this morning, with visits to Burford and Moreton in Marsh. On the way to Stratford-upon-

Avon, we will visit Anne Hathaway's Cottage. In the afternoon, we will tour Shakespeare's Birthplace and Trinity Church. This evening we will have the opportunity to see a performance by the Royal Shakespeare Company. **(B)**

Day 8: Thursday, May 16, 2019: Epworth, York
After a leisurely breakfast, we will drive to Epworth and have lunch in the Red Lion pub, where Wesley often stayed. In the afternoon, we will tour their father's church, St. Andrews, and tour the Old Rectory where John and Charles Wesley grew up with their many siblings. We will see where their mother Susanna Wesley taught her children. We will also see the Market Cross where Wesley preached. We will continue on to York, and our tour director will take us on a walk around the city. We will check-in to our hotel and the evening is free to dine in the restaurant of our choice. **(B/L)**

Day 9: Friday, May 17, 2019: York, Durham
Our guided walking tour of York will include a walk atop the ancient city walls and a tour of York Minster Cathedral, the biggest medieval church in England. 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. In the afternoon, we will travel to Durham, voted "Best city in the UK" by Condé Nast's Traveller magazine readers. Durham Cathedral is a UNESCO World Heritage site and regarded as the finest Norman building in Europe. We will tour the Cathedral in the afternoon, followed by Evensong. Our hotel is just outside Durham, and we will check-in and have an early dinner. This evening we have the option to return to Durham Cathedral for a special performance by the Durham Choral Society (tickets are included). **(B/D)**

Day 10: Saturday, May 18, 2019: Lindisfarne, Edinburgh
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 to view the 16th century castle, we will continue our journey to Edinburgh and dine at our hotel. **(B/D)**

Day 11: Sunday, May 19, 2019: Edinburgh
St Giles' Cathedral is often called the Mother Church of World Presbyterianism. We will attend the 10:00 AM morning service. John Knox first preached here 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 view John Knox House (closed on Sundays), Greyfriar's Church, Magdalene Chapel and the Royal Mile. Our tour of Edinburgh Castle will include tiny St. Margaret's Chapel, which dates back to the 1100s. The rest of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

Day 12: Monday, May 20, 2019: St. Andrews, Stirling
Today's day trip is to St. Andrews, a spiritual center in Scotland for centuries. During the Reformation, St. Andrews University was third in significance after Oxford and Cambridge. In the now ruined castle, we will see the Bottle Dungeon where George Wishart was imprisoned before being burned at the stake, and pause at his martyrdom site, also remembering fellow martyr Patrick Hamilton. St. Andrews Cathedral was once the largest church in Scotland, but fell into ruin after John Knox's sermon, which was inspired by Wishart's martyrdom. We will continue to Stirling and tour Stirling Castle, and the nearby Church of the Holy Rude. We will return to Edinburgh for our Farewell Meal. **(B/D)**

Day 13: Tuesday, May 21, 2019: Return
We will return to the US after a wonderful time learning about the Christian heritage of the United Kingdom. **(B)**

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Based on a minimum of 25 tour participants

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- Professional 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:

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- 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.
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- Final payments will be due February 23, 2019 or at sign-up if after this date.
- Reservations will be accepted after February 23, 2019 subject to availability.
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