



# BEYOND *the* BOOKS TOURS

## CHURCH HISTORY, MUSIC, AND LITERATURE TOUR 2023 ITINERARY

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### DAY 0 SEPT 28 THURS

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Depart home city on flight\* to **London, England**.  
Flights to be purchased and arranged by travelers.  
Travelers may choose to arrive a day or two early to adjust to the new time zone.

### DAY 1 SEPT 29 FRI

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Welcome to **London**! Meet together at the County Hall Marriott lobby at 10:00am.  
Cruise down the River Thames to the Tower of London. Discover the tower's 1,000 years of history and view the Crown Jewels.  
Off to St. Paul's Cathedral for a heavenly *Evensong Choir* performance.  
Old Bank of England for a delicious dinner.  
Rest well at the iconic County Hall Marriott.

### DAY 2 SEPT 30 SAT

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Breakfast in our hotel with a view of Big Ben.  
Tour of Westminster Abbey.  
Watch the Changing of the Guard and view the ornate royal carriages and custom automobiles at the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace.  
Stroll through St. James Park to your choice of:  
    Kensington Palace  
    Churchill's War Rooms  
Dine in London together, restaurant TBA.  
Enjoy a musical theater production in town.  
Sleep well at the Windsor Renaissance Hotel.

### DAY 3 OCT 1 SUN

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Breakfast in our hotel dining room.  
Travel by private coach to Windsor Castle.  
Enjoy our Sunday devotion in St. George's Chapel.  
Off to Oxford! Tour Magdalen College with a private guide.  
Dine and sleep at Voco Oxford Thames Hotel.

### DAY 4 OCT 2 MON

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Breakfast in our hotel.  
Travel to **Stratford-upon-Avon**.  
Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace, Halls Croft & Gardens.  
Explore the charming town- don't miss the tea & scones at Hobson's café!  
Try your hand at punting on the River Avon.  
Dinner cruise through the river locks on the Countess of Eveshim.  
Tuck in at the White Swan Hotel.

### DAY 5 OCT 3 TUES

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Enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet in our hotel.  
Stroll to Holy Trinity Church- view Shakespeare's grave.  
Off to Chatsworth House, also known as Mr Darcy's "Pemberley" in *Pride and Prejudice*.  
Lunch in the Coach House on the estate.  
Journey to **Scrooby**, home of our Pilgrim fathers.  
Travel to **Haworth Village**, home of the Bronte Family.  
Refreshments and music at the beautiful Ashmount Inn.  
Dine\* and explore the village at your leisure.  
Rest well at the Ashmount Inn and Weaver's Cottage.

## DAY 6 OCT 4 WED

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Enjoy a traditional Yorkshire breakfast in our inns.  
Visit St. Michael's Church and join us in a hymn sing-along.  
Tour the Bronte Parsonage.  
Take a ramble on the windswept moors, inspiration for *Wuthering Heights*.  
Lunch\* and explore the quaint village and shops.  
Dine together at the Ashmount Inn.  
Sleep well in Haworth's lovely inns.

## DAY 7 OCT 5 THURS

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Enjoy a delicious breakfast in our inns.  
Travel to Matfen Hall Manor and Country Club in **Newcastle-upon-Tyne**.  
Optional\* spa treatments or a round of golf on these gorgeous grounds.  
Dinner in our hotel dining rooms.  
Rest in the luxurious Matfen Hall Manor.

## DAY 8 OCT 6 FRI

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Off to **Edinburgh, Scotland!**  
Tour Edinburgh Castle, saunter down the Royal Mile, visit St. Giles Cathedral, John Knox's home, and Palace of Holyroodhouse.  
Dine and sleep at the Queensferry Hilton.

## DAY 9 OCT 7 SAT

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Breakfast in our beautiful hotel.  
Travel to **St Andrews**.  
Meet with our private guide, Pastor Hamish for a walking tour of St Andrews Cathedral, Castle, Martyrs Monument, and St. Mary's.  
Explore the town and cafes\* at your leisure.  
Traditional Scottish dinner together and sleep at the lovely Rufflets Hotel.

## DAY 10 OCT 8 SUN

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Breakfast in our hotel and enjoy the lush grounds.  
*Tour ends here.* If you choose to travel home at this time, we are happy to help you arrange transportation to the airport, or feel free to continue the adventure on your own!

**Trip cost is \$3,660 per person/double occupancy. Single supplement cost is \$850.**

Airfare not included. Everything on the itinerary is covered by the cost of tour unless highlighted with an “\*”.  
Items on this itinerary may be subject to change.