

9 Day Pilgrimage to England
visiting **London, Canterbury, Ayesford, Stonehenge,**
Salisbury, Stratford-upon-Avon, Walsingham, Norwich, Windsor



April 19th – 27th, 2012

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round trip air from Newark Airport
- First Class Hotels
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily
- Air-conditioned motor coach
- English speaking guide
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portorage of one piece of luggage at hotels
- All taxes and service charges

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Panorama of London
- Visit Westminster Abbey
- Mass at Westminster Cathedral
- Visit Canterbury Cathedral
- Visit Aylesford Friary
- Visit Salisbury Cathedral
- Tour Stonehenge
- Tour of Stratford-Upon -Avon
- Visit Birthplace of Shakespeare
- Visit Norwich Cathedral
- Mass & Visit Roman Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
- Visit The Slipper Chapel
- Visit The Anglican National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
- Evening Candlelight Procession of Our Lady of Walsingham
- Tour of Windsor Castle

Pilgrimage Price: \$ 3,199.00 per person Double/Triple \$ 600.00 Single Sup

Itinerary:

Thu, April 19th: Newark/London - Depart on your overnight flight to London. Dinner serviced in flight.

Fri, Day 20th: London - Morning arrival at Heathrow airport and transfer to your hotel in **London**. After time to rest, we have a *Panorama of London*. Your city tour takes you past many famous sights of

London, including *Big Ben* and the *Houses of Parliament*, *Whitehall*, *Downing Street*, *Trafalgar Square*, *Nelson's Column* and *Piccadilly Circus*. We drive around *Parliament Square* to view the magnificence of *Westminster Abbey*. We stop to visit Westminster Abbey where British kings, queens, statesmen, poets and writers are buried. Westminster Abbey is steeped in more than a thousand years of history. Benedictine monks first came to this site in the middle of the tenth century, establishing a tradition of daily worship which continues to this day. The Abbey has been the coronation church since 1066 and is the final resting place of seventeen monarchs. The present church, begun by Henry III in 1245, is one of the most important Gothic buildings in the country. It houses the medieval shrine of **Edward the Confessor**. The Chapel contains the saints' body. Next we go to **Westminster Cathedral for Mass**.

Sat, April 21st: London/Canterbury/London - Today we travel south passing through Kent, known as "the garden of England," to **Canterbury**. Upon arrival in Canterbury we visit *Canterbury Cathedral*.

Canterbury Cathedral was built in the 11th century. It is the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion and seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Cathedral is both a holy place and part of a [World Heritage Site](#).

The Cathedral's history goes back to 597AD when St Augustine, sent by Pope Gregory the Great as a missionary, established his seat in Canterbury. In 1170 *Archbishop Thomas Becket* was murdered in the Cathedral and ever since, the Cathedral has attracted thousands of pilgrims. Thomas Becket's shrine was placed in the Trinity Chapel in 1220, until it was destroyed in 1538 during the Reformation by order of Henry VIII. The Corona was built as a separate shrine for a piece of Becket's skull. Beautiful stained glass windows illustrate miracles and stories associated with St Thomas. A modern memorial marks the martyrdom of Thomas Becket. Two ragged steel swords and a broken sword point throw a striking shadow behind a bare stone altar. After our visit, we continue to **Aylesford** for our Sunday Vigil Mass.

Set in the heart of Kent, England, The Friars - Aylesford Priory - is an ancient religious house of the Order of Carmelites dating back to the 13th century. In ancient times pilgrims stopped over on their way to Canterbury, following the ancient Pilgrims' Way to the Cathedral. The Friars was always a traditional stop in medieval times and, in fact, the Pilgrims' Hall, the oldest building at The Friars, is so named because it offered hospitality and accommodation for travelers to Canterbury. During the 16th century a tradition developed that St Simon Stock (died 1265), Prior General of the Order, had a vision of Our Lady promising her protection to those who wore the Carmelite habit, and the wearing of the scapular subsequently became an important Marian devotion. Some believe the vision happened at Aylesford but it is more commonly thought to have occurred in Cambridge. Over 200,000 pilgrims a year make their way to Aylesford. We have a *Sunday Vigil Mass* before our return to London.

Sun, April 22nd: London – Free day to enjoy London on your own.

Mon, April 23rd: London/Salisbury/Stonehenge - Our first stop today is **Salisbury**. We visit the world famous 750-year-old cathedral, boasting the tallest spire in England. Next to **Stonehenge**. The most famous prehistoric monument in the world, and now a [World Heritage Site](#), Stonehenge stands alone in the vast emptiness of Salisbury plain. Who dragged these massive stones to this lonely plain near Salisbury 5,000 years ago? Walk around these magical stones and contemplate the landscape in which they were erected so many centuries ago.

Tue, April 24th: Stratford-Upon-Avon/Norwich – Morning departure to **Norwich**. En route we stop at **Stratford-Upon-Avon**. The birthplace of William Shakespeare, the greatest writer in the English language and home to the theatres of the world-renowned Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford is a charming market town set in the heart of rural England. A delightful river winds its way through the town, past the beautiful *Holy Trinity Church*, where Shakespeare lies buried. There are some wonderful half-wooden buildings that date back to Shakespeare's time, including the famous cottage of Anne Hathaway, who married the great writer in 1582. You can even see the school Shakespeare attended. Our tour includes a visit to *Shakespeare's birthplace*. After our visit, we continue to Norwich.

Wed, April 25th: Norwich/Walsingham - After breakfast, we visit *Norwich Cathedral*. Norwich Cathedral was one of the great buildings of its time. With construction beginning in 1096 and finishing by c.1145, it was amongst the largest major churches in Europe. The Norman building was an example of that uniquely English phenomenon: a cathedral that was also a Benedictine priory – the bishop’s seat, but run by the prior and his monks. The immense architectural importance of the Cathedral today chiefly rests on the scale of the original Romanesque building and the completeness of its survival. The four arms of the cross-shaped church and the central tower are all largely original and the east end of the Cathedral preserves intact its ambulatory and two of its radiating chapels. Losses have been few, and later embellishments include Gothic features such as the high vaults and the spire.

The Benedictine life was brought to Norwich by the first Bishop of Norwich, Herbert de Losinga. A monk from Fécamp Abbey in Normandy he founded his Cathedral as a Priory, to be cared for by a resident community living under the Holy Rule of St Benedict. His advice continues to inspire and shed light on dilemmas facing today’s world and an excerpt from Rule of St. Benedict is read at Evensong in Norwich Cathedral each day.

Our next stop is the village of **Houghton** to visit the *Roman Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham*. The Shrine houses *the Slipper Chapel*. In 1896 Charlotte Pearson Boyd purchased the 14th century Slipper Chapel, the last of the wayside chapels, on the route to Walsingham. The chapel came to be known as the “Slipper Chapel” because pilgrims would stop here to remove their shoes and walk the last mile, barefoot, to Walsingham. After our visit, we continue to **Walsingham**.

Even in the eleventh century, when this story begins, the village of Little Walsingham was a thriving place, located mid-way between Norwich and the wealthy town of King's Lynn. Richeldis de Faverches was a Saxon noblewoman, married to the Lord of the Manor of Walsingham Parva. He died leaving her a young widow with a son, Geoffrey. We know that Richeldis had a deep faith in God and devotion to Mary. We know too of her reputation for good works in care and generosity towards those around her.

At this time there was a great deal of interest in the Holy Land and people undertook long and often dangerous pilgrimages there. Christian armies were soon to be engaged in a number of Crusades to liberate the holy sites from Muslim control and it is believed that Geoffrey eventually joined one of those Crusades as an expression of his Christian faith. For Richeldis, however, the life of prayer and good works was rewarded by a vision in the year 1061. In this vision she was taken by Mary to be shown the house in Nazareth where Gabriel had announced the news of the birth of Jesus. Mary asked Richeldis to build an exact replica of that house in Walsingham. This is how Walsingham became known as *England's Nazareth*. The vision was repeated three times, according to legend, and retold through a fifteenth century ballad. The materials given by Richeldis were finally constructed miraculously one night into the Holy House, while she kept a vigil of prayer.

This evening we join **The Procession of Our Lady**. This is the highlight of a pilgrimage to Walsingham. Every Saturday and Wednesday evening between Easter and the end of October, the Candlelit Procession makes its way around the gardens. The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham is affixed to a howdah and supported on the shoulders of four pilgrims. The image is followed by everyone singing the Walsingham Pilgrim Hymn.

Thu, April 26th: Norwich/Windsor – Morning departure to **Windsor**. Upon arrival we visit *Windsor Castle*. The largest and oldest occupied castle in the world it is one of the official residences of Her Majesty the Queen. The Castle's dramatic site encapsulates 900 years of British history. It covers an area of 26 acres and contains, as well as a royal palace, a magnificent chapel and the homes and workplaces of a large number of people.

Fri, April 27th: Windsor/Heathrow Airport/USA

Late morning departure to Heathrow Airport for our return flight to the USA

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