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Presbyterian Heritage Tour

April 9-18, 2021

Thank you for giving Reformation Tours the opportunity to present a proposal for your planned trip to Europe in Spring 2021. I have put together a 12-day itinerary for you to look over. The overnights are indicated on the map, showing how many nights that you will be at each location.





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Proposed Itinerary

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

Day 1: Friday, April 9, 2021: Flight

Our journey begins with overnight flights from Houston to Edinburgh. Pre-tour nights are available in Edinburgh for those who would like to do additional touring in Scotland. **(IF)**

Day 2: Saturday, April 10, 2021: Edinburgh



On arrival in Edinburgh, we will meet our tour director and board our air-conditioned bus. We will begin with an orientation tour of Edinburgh. At the top of the Royal Mile lies the magnificent Edinburgh Castle. Our tour of this imposing castle will include tiny St. Margaret's Chapel, Edinburgh's oldest building, which dates back to the 1100s. After checking-in to our centrally located hotel, the afternoon is at leisure. We will dine in our hotel this evening. **(IF/D)**

Day 3: Sunday, April 11, 2021: Edinburgh

St Giles' Cathedral is often called the Mother Church of World Presbyterianism. We will attend the 10:00 AM morning service (or we could include a different church). 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 visit Edinburgh Castle, Greyfriar's Church, Magdalene Chapel, the Grassmarket, and the Royal Mile. We will dine at a traditional Scottish restaurant this evening. **(B/D)**



Day 4: Monday, April 12, 2021: St. Andrews, Edinburgh



We will have a full-day tour of St. Andrews, which has been 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. We will pause at his martyrdom site and also remember fellow martyr Patrick Hamilton. St. Andrews Cathedral was once the largest church in Scotland but fell into ruin after John Knox's sermon inspired by Wishart's

martyrdom. We will return to Edinburgh and the evening is at leisure. **(B)**



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Day 5: Tuesday, April 13, 2021: Stirling, York

After breakfast we will visit Stirling. We will tour the Church of the Holy Rude, once a royal cathedral where John Knox preached for James VI baptism in 1566. Nearby is the magnificent Stirling Castle, where James VI was educated by Scottish Reformer George Buchanan. We will then travel across the border into England and continue our journey to York. We will dine in our hotel this evening. **(B/D)**



Day 6: Wednesday, April 14, 2021: York, Cambridge



Our morning 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. After some free time for lunch, we will continue our journey south to Cambridge. We will dine in our hotel this evening **(B/D)**

Day 7: Thursday, April 15, 2021: Cambridge, Oxford

We will begin our tour of Cambridge with a visit to the Round Church, Cambridge. Cambridge is a center of Protestant scholarship for leaders including Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, and Bishops Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer. We will see Latimer's Pulpit in The Church of St Edward, King and Martyr. In Pembroke College we will see Ridley's Walk and hear about martyrs who attended the college. During the Reformation, the White Horse Inn was a favored meeting place and we will see the plaque showing its location. In the afternoon we will drive to Oxford and check-in to our hotel. The evening is at leisure, with the option of a visit to the Eagle and Child Pub. **(B)**





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Day 8: Friday, April 16, 2021: 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 and Tolkien. The rest of the day

is at leisure. **(B)**

Day 9: Saturday, April 17, 2021: 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. We will have an early dinner and attend a West End play. **(B/D)**



Day 10: Sunday, April 18, 2021: London



We have a free morning to attend the church of our choice, including Holy Trinity Brompton, where the Alpha Course originated. In the afternoon we will attend Choral Evensong in St. Paul's Cathedral. The rest of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

Day 11: Monday, April 19, 2021: London

Today is a free day in London and we will have a London Pass, which offers free entry to over 80 attractions including the Tower of London, Hampton Court, Windsor Castle, the Churchill War Rooms, Kew Gardens, etc. It also includes hop-on, hop-off tickets and a Thames Cruise. The tour director will be available to accompany people to attractions.





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We have the option to meet at the top of the Shard for outstanding views of London, before our final dinner together. **(B/D)**

Day 12: Tuesday, April 20, 2021: Return

We have an included group transfer to Heathrow Airport for the return trip to the USA **(B)**



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Tour Inclusions

INCLUDED:

Transportation:

- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach

Accommodations:

- Double occupancy accommodations in centrally-located 4-star hotels with good bus access.
- Portage is included in and out (1 piece per person)

Meals:

- Meals as indicated in the itinerary

Sightseeing:

- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary

Guides:

- Professional Tour Director throughout the tour
- Local guides for city tours
- Guides will use Whisper Headsets throughout the tour

Taxes and Tips:

- All other taxes and tips for provided services other than for tour director and driver

Promotional Materials:

- 100 full-color custom brochures
- Custom webpage on www.ReformationTours.com
- Online itinerary with free Trip Plan app (sent to travelers one month before departure)
- 100-page full-color customized tour book

NOT INCLUDED:

- Air transportation and related taxes and fees (group air available 10 months before departure)
- Meals, other than as indicated above
- Items of a personal nature, such as passport fees
- Tips for tour director and driver
- Upgraded insurance (\$500 coverage included for all travelers)

REMARKS:

- Itinerary may be modified by mutual agreement.
- No reservations have been made, pending acceptance of offer. This offer is also contingent upon availability of air and hotel space.



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Tour Cost

We cover the cost of the land, air, and insurance for any complimentary travelers, known as “frees”. The tour host decides on the advertised tour cost, e.g. \$3,499 based on 25 full-paying travelers and 2 free. If the group exceeds the minimum number, then the tour price can either go down, or the group have additional free places.

	LAND COST		LAND AND AIR COST	
	1 free	2 free	1 free	2 free
40+ full-paying travelers				
35-39 full-paying travelers				
30-34 full-paying travelers				
25-29 full-paying travelers				
20-24 full-paying travelers				

The above rates are based on exchange rates in effect at the time of pricing and are subject to change and confirmation of space. The above rates are valid for 30 days.

DEPOSITS: A group deposit of \$500.00 is due before any brochures are printed. The air deposit (refundable) is \$100 per seat. We recommend holding enough seats for the entire group.

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure. Reformation Tours will send a final invoice prior to this. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability.

GROUP CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be in writing. Date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. The entire group may be cancelled up to 120 days prior to departure with a \$500 penalty. From 119 days prior to departure until final payment is due, the penalty will be \$750 plus any non-refundable land deposits.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be in writing. Date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. From the time of deposit until 100 days prior to departure, the per person cancellation fee is \$100. From 99-14 days, the per person cancellation fee is \$350 plus any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers. An individual canceling less than 14 days before departure will receive NO REFUND.

INSURANCE: We include \$500 insurance for each travel participant. Travelers are strongly recommended to increase the coverage to cover the entire tour cost.