



Grace & Gardens in England's 'Green and Pleasant Land'

Led by The Rev. Zachary Thompson, The Rev. Christopher Cole, The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D., and The Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, Ph.D.

April 5-17, 2027

Monday, April 5



Arrival at The Rubens at the Palace Hotel, overlooking Buckingham Palace and close to Victoria Station. Please remember that the check-in time may not be until early afternoon (2:00pm or 3:00pm). If you want a morning check-in, we can help you arrange it, but this is not included and will require an extra night at the Rubens.

3:00pm

Evensong at nearby Westminster Abbey, with gentle stroll to the Rubens.

4:30 pm

A walking orientation of the area, beginning from the lobby of the hotel, for those who wish to join.

6:30 pm

Welcome Buffet (included) and remarks from Dean Markham, “Introduction to Anglicanism and England,” and Dr. Hawkins, “A Theology of Pilgrimage.” Compline after dinner.

Tuesday, April 6



8:00 am

Breakfast (All breakfasts are included.)

9:30 am

Depart for Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, with tour.

11:00 am

Lunch in the Garry Weston Library and conversation with Deam Mark Oakley.

Afternoon and evening are free for museums, such as a visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum, Buckingham Palace, shows in the West End, and gardens, such as Kensington Gardens or Queen Mary's Rose Gardens, or a 5 pm Evensong at Westminster Abbey.

Wednesday, April 7



6:00 am Breakfast

7:30 am Optional Matins and garden walk at Lambeth Palace

12:30 pm

Visit Westminster Abbey and have lunch in the Jerusalem Chamber (included).

2:00-4:00 pm

Tours of the garden and the archaeology site for the new King Charles III Sacristy building which will be the first major building in the country to be named after the new King.

5:00 pm Optional Evensong at Westminster Abbey.

Evening free.

Thursday, April 8



8:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 am

Take the Underground from the Rubens to St. Paul's Cathedral

10:00 am

Tour of St. Paul's Cathedral

Afternoon FREE in London for lunch, museums, theater, and shopping.

3:00 pm

Optional Gather at the Shoppe and garden of Robert Kime, interior decorator for Clarence House and Highgrove, homes of King Charles. London Showroom, 190-192 Ebury St, London SW1W 8UP, UK

Evening Free.

Friday, April 9

Transfer Day > London to Canterbury

8:00 am Breakfast at The Rubens

9:30 am

Pick up from the Rubens and transfer with luggage to The Abode in Canterbury. Please note because the entrance to The Abode is on a pedestrian street, there will be a two-minute walk from the coach to the hotel. Lunch on your own as you explore Canterbury, a cathedral city in southeast England which was a pilgrimage site in the Middle Ages. We will also marvel at the Cathedral, dating from 597AD when Augustine, sent by Pope Gregory the Great arrived on the coast of Kent as a missionary.

Hotel: The Abode Canterbury

30-33 High St, Canterbury, CT1 2RX

For the Evening: Be aware of the need for care when walking on ancient stones in the dark; we recommend wearing sensible shoes for this evening.



5:15 pm

Meet at Canterbury Cathedral for Evensong, which begins at 5:30 pm.

5:30 pm

Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral

6:30 pm

Reception in the Campanil Gardens

7:00 pm

Dinner (included) at The Refectory Restaurant at the Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, followed by a candlelit walk in the dark Cathedral with vespers at the shrine of the martyred Thomas Becket, who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162 until his murder in 1170.

9:30 pm Walk back to The Abode

Saturday, April 10



8:00 am Breakfast

10:15 am

Travel by coach to nearby Sissinghurst Castle Garden, a famous 20th-century garden with its series of ten smaller “garden rooms,” created by Vita Sackville-West.

11:30 am

Explore the Sissinghurst Castle Garden on your own

12:30 pm

Lunch at the Upper Granary Restaurant (included)

2:00 pm

Depart Sissinghurst for Canterbury for free time to explore Canterbury on your own: St. Augustine’s Abbey, Westgate Towers, The Crooked House

Evening Free.

Sunday, April 11



Transfer Day > Canterbury to Cambridge

Hotel: University Arms

University Arms and Parker's Tavern

Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1AD, Telephone +44 (0)1223 60 60 42

8:00 am Breakfast at The Abode

9:30 am

Transfer from Canterbury to Cambridge and the University Arms Hotel. Enjoy punting on the River Cam or exploring the glories of this university city. Cambridge University (1209) colleges include King's, famed for its choir and towering Gothic chapel, Trinity, founded by Henry VIII, and St. John's with its 16th century Great Gate.

Lunch on Your own

5:30 pm

Walk to Kings College, for an evening talk with Professor Nicholas Marston

7:00 pm

Dinner in the Beves Room, Kings College (included)

After dinner

Walk back to the University Arms Hotel

NEXT DAY REMINDER NOTE: For your visit to Little Gidding in the morning, Please could all participants bring slippers or indoor shoes, outdoor shoes must be removed before entering the main building.

Monday, April 12



8:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 am

Travel by coach for the 30 miles to Little Gidding, near Sawtry, in Huntingdonshire.

Little Gidding was the home of a small Anglican religious community established in 1626 by Nicholas Ferrar. In the 20th century, the poet T. S. Eliot was inspired by the legacy of Little Gidding and incorporated historical elements and symbols into his poem, "Little Gidding," as part of his collection Four Quartets (1945).

10:30 am

Eucharist in the Little Gidding St. John's Church, followed by lunch at the Ferrar House.

12:00 pm

Lunch of soup, rolls, coffee, tea, and pudding at Little Gidding (included)

1:30 pm Return to Cambridge

Afternoon and Evening Free.

Tuesday, April 13

Transfer Day > Cambridge to Broadway

7:00 am Breakfast at University Arms

10:00 am

Transfer from Cambridge to Broadway and the Lygon Arms, a refined 17-century hotel in one of the most beautiful Cotswold villages. Free day to explore on your own, the Lygon Arms and the charming village of Broadway.

Hotel:

The Lygon Arms Hotel

High St, Broadway WR12 7DU, UK

Phone: +44 1386 852255

Afternoon and Evening Free

Wednesday, April 14



8:00 am Breakfast

9:30 am

Travel to Oxford, “City of Dreaming Spires,” with its 38 colleges. Morning free to walk the streets of Oxford.

11:35 am Meet at Magdalen College for afternoon events

12:00 pm

Lunch in the Terry Newport Room at Magdalen College, with a short presentation with The Rev'd Dr. Laura Biron-Scott on C.S. Lewis and a College walking tour.

1:00 pm

A walking tour with Dr. Simon Horobin

4:00 pm

Travel back to Lygon Arms.

Free time until Group Dinner at Lygon Arms (included)

Thursday, April 15



8:00 am

Breakfast

9:45 am

Travel to Highgrove, for a private garden tour.

10:30 – 12:00 pm

Highgrove Champagne Cream Tea

2:00 pm Return to Lygon Arms Hotel, via Tedbury

Evening Free.

Friday, April 16



8:00 am

Breakfast

9:30 am

Travel the 30-minute journey to Stratford-upon-Avon, a medieval market town in England's West Midlands and the 16th-century birthplace of William Shakespeare. After a matinee performance of Pericles, we will return to the rural beauty of the Cotswolds and the Lygon Arms.

1:30 pm

Matinee performance of show at the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-upon-Avon

5:00 pm

Depart Stratford for Lygon Arms

6:30 pm

Farewell Dinner in the Edinburgh Room of the Lygon Arms. (included)

Saturday, April 17

Transfer Day > Broadway to Heathrow Airport

6:00 am

Breakfast

7:00 am

Transfer to Heathrow for flights home with memories for a lifetime!

Thanks Be To God!