

Unitarian ADVENTURES



BLenheim PALACE

SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 6, 2025

British Unitarianism enjoys a rich history of over 350 years, and its churches are amongst the country's finest examples of nonconformist architecture. British Unitarians are known for the warmth of their welcome, especially to their American counterparts.

Our journey begins in London, one of the world's leading capital cities and a hotbed of nonconformist activity in the 18th century. In the city, we'll visit John Wesley's house and chapel in Bunhill Fields and Essex Hall, the headquarters of the UU church in the UK. Leaving London we head northwest to Oxford, the city of dreaming spires and ancient seat of learning. A walking tour of the city center highlights the historic, architecturally stunning colleges. We also have a special visit to Harris Manchester College, one of England's two Unitarian training colleges. From Oxford we wend our way north to Knutsford, the home of Elizabeth Gaskell, and then through the stunningly beautiful Peak District National Park to the city of York.

Our travels will take us to magnificent stately homes, friendly country pubs, fascinating museums and gorgeous countryside—and all with a backdrop of Unitarian history and tradition. Your guide will be the Rev. Dr. David Usher, a graduate of Oxford University with 35 years as a UU minister in both England and the US, as well as previous experience leading several tours. The Reverend David Usher is uniquely qualified to introduce you to British Unitarianism.

This autumn, join fellow Unitarian Universalists on an English pilgrimage, visiting some of its finest churches, historic religious sites, and most beautiful cities and landscapes.

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

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| LAND ONLY (<i>no airfare included</i>) | \$ 4980 |
| SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: | \$ 1680 |

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 10 nights' accommodation in a first-class hotel, including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 7 dinners
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide throughout, local guide in York
- BAGGAGE:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.
Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH - Departure from your chosen gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH - Your arrival at London Heathrow Airport will be met for the transfer to our city-center hotel. After time to unpack and rest up from the overnight flight, there will be an orientation meeting to introduce you to the tour and the neighborhood of your hotel. This evening we'll gather for drinks before a welcome dinner at the hotel. **(D) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH - This morning, we will visit Essex Hall, the headquarters of the UU church in the United Kingdom, and the Dr. Williams Library, UK's foremost repository for non-conformity. Here we will enjoy a presentation on the history of religious dissent in the United Kingdom. After a break for lunch, we visit John Wesley's House and Chapel; the latter was opened in 1778, and the crypt was converted into a museum in 1981. Wesley's house has been restored to its original Georgian interior design and includes a number of personal effects, including his preaching gown. Bunhill Fields is just across the City Road with the graves of John Bunyan, Defoe and William Blake. The rest of the afternoon is free to make your own plans—visit the Tower of London and see the Crown Jewels or take a stroll through the Tate Modern. This evening, we gather for dinner at a local pub. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH - This morning, we attend the service at the Newington Green Unitarian Church in London, where Mary Wollstonecraft was a member. Following the service there will be time to mingle with the congregation and have lunch in a local cafe. Leaving London, we visit Blenheim Palace, the ancestral home of the Dukes of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. We continue to Oxford, arriving in time to take a stroll around the neighborhood of our hotel and to freshen up before dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: OXFORD**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH - This morning, we explore the beautiful city of Oxford, astride the River Thames, its historic buildings clustered within easy walking distance around the medieval core. The real treasure is the architectural beauty of Oxford University and its diverse buildings, many of which date back to the 13th and 14th centuries. Our tour will end with a visit to Christchurch, the largest of the Oxford colleges and the home of the city's cathedral. The afternoon and evening are free. For dinner why not sample a local restaurant or pub (David knows a few from his student days here!). **(B) OVERNIGHT: OXFORD**

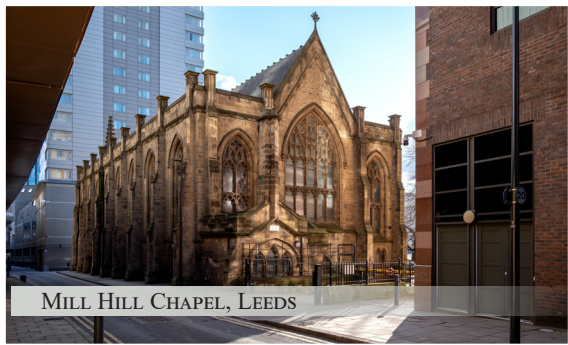


CHRISTCHURCH, OXFORD

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH - Leaving Oxford, we will take a leisurely drive through the Cotswold Hills, stopping at the beautiful village of Bourton-on-the-Water, with time to find lunch, to the town of Knutsford, forever associated with Elizabeth Gaskell (her husband was a Unitarian minister). We'll visit the neo-classical mansion of Tatton Park and then continue to our hotel in nearby Alderley Edge. Dinner is included at our hotel this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: ALDERLEY EDGE**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST - Our first visit this morning is to the Quarry Bank Mill at Styal, a living museum showing every aspect of the life of mill workers during the heyday of the industrial revolution. The Styal Mill and village were originally owned by the Greg family, prominent Unitarians in their day. Turning east this afternoon, we head for the Peak District National Park, an area of supreme natural beauty surrounded by the industrial midlands of England. We'll first visit the "plague village" of Eyam before arriving at the village of Great Hucklow, where we will visit the Old Unitarian Chapel and stop in at the Nightingale Centre before returning to Alderley Edge for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: ALDERLEY EDGE**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND - We begin the day with a drive further north to the City of York. On the way we will make a brief detour to Leeds to visit Mill Hill Chapel, (where Joseph Priestley was minister). On arrival in York, there will be free time for lunch before we gather again for a walking tour of the old city, including a tour of magnificent York Minster. Dinner is included this evening at the hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: YORK**



MILL HILL CHAPEL, LEEDS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD - A free day in York. Perhaps a visit to the internationally acclaimed Railway Museum, a stroll through the Museum Gardens, a climb up the old castle keep, known as Clifford's Tower, or an exploration of the wonderful shops on Stonegate. The evening is also free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: YORK**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH - We drive south this morning, back to London. On the way, we'll stop to visit Great Meeting, Leicester, where the city mayor is a very active Unitarian. Leicester is a city at the forefront of modern race relations in Britain. After checking in to our hotel in London, the rest of the afternoon is free for individual exploration. We'll meet up again this evening to attend a theatre performance. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH - This morning our coach will pick us up at the hotel at a reasonable hour to take us to Hampstead, a leafy suburb of London, north of the city center. We'll attend a service at the Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel and then have free time to meet the local congregation and to have lunch. On our return to central London the rest of the day is free until we gather for our farewell dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH - Morning transfers to Heathrow Airport for returning flights to the US. **(B)**



REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE LTD.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on this form.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person, if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

NAME(S). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Please also include your "Known As" or preferred name, if applicable.

PASSPORT DETAILS. This information is required by airlines and having it helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

ADDRESS. If you have a temporary address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.

HEALTH INFORMATION. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

TRIP DETAILS

Please fill in the name of the trip you wish to register for, the departure and return dates and your departure airport or city.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.



INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour, or if you wish to deviate from the group flights, Discover Europe will be happy to make your flight arrangements for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost. It is essential that we receive your complete flight information at least 90 days prior to your trip departure.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please use this section to let us know your preference. We will always book non-smoking rooms when available.

If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
3. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe Ltd.
4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe Ltd., their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from

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PASSENGER DETAILS - One form per traveler

Name (known as) _____

Name as listed on Passport:

Passport #: _____

Exp. Date: _____ DOB: _____

HEALTH & DIETARY INFORMATION

Special Dietary Requirements or Allergies:

Health Information:

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PASSENGER CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred Telephone: _____ work/cell/home
Choose one

Secondary Telephone: _____ work/cell/home
Choose one

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Name: _____

Email: _____

Primary Telephone: _____

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events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.

- Discover Europe Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
- Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and laws of the countries in your itinerary, including local health and safety regulations, and following the directions of the tour guide. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your health, condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form (if it has not already been paid).
- The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure. A late fee of \$100 per person may be added to balances still outstanding 60 days prior to departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

- Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
- Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.
- Group size. Discover Europe tours are generally based on a group size between 5 and 15 participants, custom-designed or sponsored

tours sizes can vary (see your trip organizer for details). Should we end up with fewer than the minimum number, you will be given the option of cancelling with full refund, paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.

- Late Registrations (received within 60 days of departure) will incur a \$150 fee, in addition to any extra fees and charges, as discounted rates for hotels and airfares may no longer be available so close to departure. Participants will be informed of all applicable charges before their registration is accepted.

REFUND POLICY

- Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty per person.
- Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
 - 90 - 61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person
 - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person
 - 30 or fewer days prior to departure: no refund
- Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the payment schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
- These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
- Trip cancellation insurance is *not* included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you upon registration.
- All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
- There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
- Your place on this tour is not transferable.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

- All inclusions are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
- The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.



FLIGHT INFORMATION *(Please check one)*

Departure Airport or City: _____

Would you like Discover Europe to book your flights? Yes No

If yes, what class of seating would you prefer? *(Pricing to be confirmed upon booking)*

- Standard Economy Premium Economy Business Class

If self-arranged, please provide us with the full details by mail or email at least 90 days prior to departure.

EXTENSION INFORMATION

I/we plan on extending before or after the tour:

- Yes, before tour Yes, after tour No extension

EXTENSION INFORMATION CONT.

If yes, please provide details: _____

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS *(Please check one)*

- I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)
 I would like a shared room

I will be sharing with: _____

We would like One Double Bed Two Twin Beds

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.
 Yes No

SIGNATURE: The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Discover Europe Ltd. and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____