



St. David's Episcopal Church
Choir Residency: Lichfield and Wales
July 22 – August 1, 2023

Draft Itinerary

Saturday 22nd July 2023

Depart Philadelphia airport for London/Heathrow

Sunday 23rd July

Arrive Heathrow Airport

Journey by coach to Lichfield (2hrs, 15 min)

Lunch own arrangements.

Arrive Lichfield hotel (6 min. walk to the cathedral and 7-8 min. walk into town)

Evening 2-course meal arranged at Hotel.

Monday 24th July Tour of Lichfield/Cathedral; Evensong

Breakfast arranged from 7 am

Meet Vergers at approx 9 am; settle into rehearsal room with vestments and music.

Guided tour of Lichfield arranged at 9.30 am; meet at the Cathedral.

Lunch own arrangements

Guided Tour of the Cathedral (90 min); meet at the main entrance at 1.30pm

Return to Practice Room for rehearsal at 3.15pm -3.45pm

PREPARE FOR EVENSONG SERVICE

Rehearsal 4 - 5 pm in the Cathedral choir stalls

EVENSONG AT 5.30pm

Evening meal own arrangements in the town.

Tuesday 25th July Visit Coventry; Evensong

Breakfast from 7.00am

Meet coach outside the Hotel ready to leave for Coventry at 9 am

Morning Excursion to Coventry

Arrive at Coventry at approx 9.45 am

Guided tour of the Cathedral at 10 am

Lunch own arrangements

Board the coach for the return journey to Lichfield ready to leave at 1.30pm.

Arrive back in Lichfield at approx 2.15pm.

Meet Vergers at approx 2.45 pm; settle in to rehearsal room,

Return to Practice Room for rehearsal at 3.00pm -3.45pm

PREPARE FOR EVENSONG SERVICE

Rehearsal 4 - 5 pm in the Cathedral choir stalls

EVENSONG AT 5.30pm

Evening meal own arrangements in the town.

Wednesday 26th July Full Day to STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Full Breakfast arranged from 7 am

Full day Excursion to Anne Hathaway's Cottage and Stratford-upon-Avon

See the childhood home of Shakespeare's wife, Anne Hathaway. Tour the gardens.

Continue by coach to Stratford-Upon-Avon.

Lunch own arrangements in the town.

Free time to visit the Shakespeare Birthplace Museum, walk down to the river, to the Theatre and the church where Shakespeare is buried.

Evening meal own arrangements in the town.

Board the coach for the return journey to Lichfield leaving at 7.30pm

Arrive in back in Lichfield at approx 8.30pm.

Thursday 27th July Visit Kenilworth Castle; Evensong

Full Breakfast arranged from 7 am

Morning Excursion to Kenilworth Castle

Depart from Hotel at 9.00am

Arrive Kenilworth at approx. 10.00am

Visit arranged to this magnificent Castle

Lunch Own Arrangements (café on site)

Board the coach for the return journey to Lichfield ready to leave at 1.30 pm

Arrive in back in Lichfield at approx 2.30 pm

Return to Practice Room for rehearsals at 3.00pm -3.45pm

PREPARE FOR EVENSONG SERVICE,

Rehearsals 4 - 5 pm in the Cathedral choir stalls

EVENSONG AT 5.30pm

Evening meal own arrangements in the town.

Friday 28th July Travel Day to St. David's

Full Breakfast arranged from 7.00 am

Bring luggage down to the coach at 8.15am

Ready to leave Lichfield at approx. 8.45am

Journey to St. David's with a facility stop at Services A40/A449 AT 10.45am

Stop for lunch at Pont Abraham services at approx 1.15pm

Lunch own arrangements

Continue to St. David's at 2.30pm

Arrive in St. David's at approx. 4.15pm

Evening meal arranged in the town at 7.00pm

Saturday 29th July Visit Pembroke Castle, Evensong at St. David's

Breakfast arranged from 8.00am

Morning excursion to Pembroke Castle

<http://pembroke-castle.co.uk/>

Guided Tour of the Castle

Following the guided tour, you have time to wander.

The town is only a couple of minutes' walk away.

Lunch own arrangements

Meet the Coach, ready to depart at 1.45pm

Arrive in St. David's at approx. 2.45pm

Return to the Cathedral at 4 pm prepare for Evensong

Rehearsals in the Choir Stalls at 4.30pm – 5.45pm

EVENSONG 6.00pm

Evening Meal to be arranged from 7.30pm

Sunday 30th July SINGING DAY in ST. DAVID'S CATHEDRAL

Breakfast arranged from 8.00 am

Rehearsal time to be arranged

MORNING SERVICE at 11.15 am

Lunch own arrangements in the town

Afternoon free in the town

Afternoon rehearsals from 4.30 pm

EVENSONG 6.00pm

Evening Meal to be arranged from 7.30 pm.

Monday 31ST July Stop in Bristol *en route* to London

Breakfast from 7.00am

Depart St. David's for Heathrow at 8.30am

Stop for facilities at approx 10.15am

Arrive outside **Bristol Cathedral** at approx 12.45pm

Lunch in Bristol own arrangements.

Ready to leave Bristol at approx 3.30 pm

Arrive Heathrow Hotel at approx 5.15 pm

Evening meal arranged at 6.30pm.

Tuesday 1st August

Breakfast arranged at Hotel

Transfer by Coach to the airport terminal.

Return flight to Philadelphia

Approximate Cost Structure

Accommodation

Lichfield, 5 nights' stay

The Cathedral Lodge Hotel <http://www.cathedrallodgehotel.com/>

3-star hotel conveniently located to Cathedral and the city
 All rooms en suite, t/v with tea/coffee making facilities in each room.
 Restaurant and Bar, Free WiFi
 Full breakfast each morning
One group evening meal booked at the hotel on the first night

St Davids, 3 nights' stay

The St. David's Cross Hotel <http://www.stdavidscrosshotel.co.uk/>

3-star with a real olde worlde charm to it.
 All rooms en suite, t/v with tea/coffee making facilities in each room.
 Situated in center of town and conveniently located to Cathedral.
 Full breakfast each morning.
 St. David's is not blessed with many eating places hence it is better safe than sorry to book all the meals in advance.
Three evening meals arranged at Cross Hotel.

Additional rooms if needed:

B & B Ty-Helyg, 3 Nights stay

Excellent B & B situated just a few minutes walk from the hotel.
 We have 3 double en suite rooms reserved here for up to 6 people.
 Situated in the centre of this small town just minutes from the Cathedral.
Full breakfast each morning.

Renaissance Hotel Heathrow, 1 night's stay

Nice modern hotel, situated close to the airport. with all en suite rooms, TV coffee/tea making facilities.
Full breakfast
Evening meal arranged at the hotel.

Transport Coach Touring Bus and Driver for 10 days.

Full Air conditioning, WC Facilities, Aeroplane type tilt seats,
 Parking, gas, and up to 1,100 miles of travel
 Driver's accommodation, meals etc; Drop offs as required.
 All excursions in the itinerary.

55 Guides and Excursions

Private Guided Tour of Lichfield Cathedral inc. fees
 Private Guided Tour of Lichfield City inc. fees
 Excursion to Coventry
 Entry and guided tour of the Cathedral inc fees
 Excursion to Stratford
 Entry to Anne Hathaway's Cottage including Fees
 Excursion to Kenilworth
 Visit arranged to Kenilworth Castle including Fees
 Excursion to Pembroke.
 Visit to the Castle including Private Guided Tour inc fees
 Excursion to Bristol for Lunch on return to Heathrow

Miscellaneous

Travel Pack complete with Town and Britain maps
 Meeting on arrival
 All administration and design work associated with the preparation and completion of the choral aspects of the tour, excursion programme and tour in general.
 Assistance with Tour during the 10 days.
 Price also includes VAT (national tax) @20% where applicable.

Price

LAND PACKAGE:

Per person, double occupancy \$1,700 in a group of 35 paying people plus 2 free spaces. This is based on a person sharing a twin/double room throughout and using the Cross Hotel in St. David's.

Single supplement: \$340 for the 9 nights when staying at the Hotels. If more people want singles than we have single rooms at the St. David's Cross hotel, we will book another B & B to cater for this. Because of this, the single supplement is in flux until we have firm numbers.

AIRFARE: \$1,300 Round-trip Philadelphia/London-Heathrow

TOTAL: \$3,000 per person, double occupancy

Charter Travel

<http://www.charter-travel.com>

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