

Saints & Strangers

May 6 - 15, 2011

Adventures in England with The Pilgrim John Howland Society

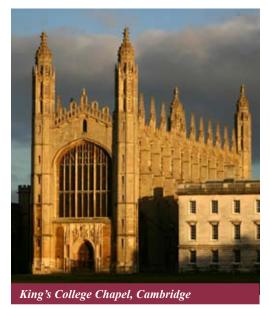
his spring, the Pilgrim John Howland Society will set out on a pilgrimage to the Old World. We will visit sites of historical and religious significance in our ancestor's beloved homeland, its landscape almost unchanged from the time our forefathers bid farewell to it so many hundreds of years ago in their quest for religious tolerance.

We'll begin in London and then head up to Cambridge, the intellectual center of the reform movement. On the way we'll attend church and spend the day in Henlow, where we are in the process of organizing meetings with the locals and other events. A walking tour of Cambridge with a local guide introduces the glorious colleges and architecture of the city, and we'll also have a whole day in the village of Fenstanton to mingle with the local people.

Then to York, medieval jewel of the North, via Scooby and a stop to visit Gainsborough Old Hall – a remarkable building that has not changed since the days of the Pilgrims. We'll have a full day in York and an excursion to Fountain's Abbey and Newby Hall in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales.



This spring, as the returning sun begins to warm the meadows and fields of England, join The Pilgrim John Howland Society and Discover Europe on the pilgrimage of a lifetime.



The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy is:

Boston Departure: \$3880 Land only (no airfare included): \$2890 Single supplement: \$740

Airfares are available from all major U.S. departure cities.

Please enquire for details.

Trip fees include the following:

Hotels: 9 nights accommodation in first-class hotels. All hotel

taxes and service charges included.

Coaching: All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary **Tour Guide:** Fully-qualified Discover Europe tour guide throughout.

Meals: Full breakfast daily, 4 dinners.

Expenses: Porterage of one large suitcase per person.Entrances: Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary.

Tickets: 1st class tickets from York to London.

Insurance: Complete travel insurance incl. cancellation coverage.







Friday, May 6th. Morning departure from Boston, Logan Airport aboard British Airways' daytime service to London. Your evening arrival at Heathrow Airport will be met for the transfer to our central London hotel. After checking in a late supper will be served at the hotel. **(D) Overnight: London**

Please Note: Only Boston, New York and Newark have daytime service to London. Participants from other gateway cities will need to depart on an overnight flight on May 5th, arriving into London on the morning of May 6th.

Saturday, May 7th. The day begins with a sightseeing tour of London designed to give newcomers an overview of this great city and reacquaint returning travelers with its many charms. We'll start in the City of Westminster where our guide introduces us to 1,000 years of English history. Continuing on, we'll view many of London's major monuments, from the Albert Memorial to St. Paul's Cathedral to Trafalgar Square, touring the city from Chelsea to Bloomsbury. The Pilgrim John Howland Society is trying to make arrangements for the group to meet with Mark Byford this afternoon, the owner of a book with Jabez Howland's signature. This evening the group will gather again at the hotel and spend an evening at the theater. **(B) Overnight: London**

Sunday, May 8th. This morning we drive north from London to the village of Henlow in Befordshire. Here we'll attend church and spend most of the day here at events with the local villagers. We'll bid our new friends farewell late this afternoon, and continue the short distance to Cambridge, where dinner will await us at our hotel. **(B, D) Overnight: Cambridge**

Monday, May 9th. This morning we'll explore the historic center and colleges of Cambridge with a local guide, and include a visit to King's College Chapel. The afternoon and evening are free in Cambridge to stroll along the Backs or to explore the quiet streets and alleyways and perhaps enjoy a student pub for dinner. (B) **Overnight: Cambridge**

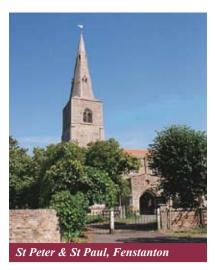
Tuesday, May 10th. A full day excursion today to the village of Fenstanton and a chance to visit the John Howland Bell in the parish church, donated by the Society. We'll enjoy a variety of activities organized by the Pilgrim John Howland Society. We'll return to our hotel in Cambridge late this evening. **(B) Overnight: Cambridge**

Wednesday, May 11th. Morning drive north to Scrooby, with its connections with William Brewster. We visit nearby Gainsborough Old Hall, one of the best preserved Tudor buildings in the country and continue to the ancient city of York, our base for the next 3 nights. We'll arrive in time to freshen up and relax before we gather for dinner at the hotel this evening. (B, D)

Overnight: York



Thursday, May 12th. A morning walking tour introduces this fascinating but compact city. We'll start with a tour of magnificent York Minster, visit the Treasurer's House, with its basement haunted by the Roman 9th Legion, walk down the Shambles, one of England's finest medieval streets, and stroll along the medieval city walls. For lunch, you might want to try the nationally renowned tearoom of Betty's to sample Yorkshire specialties. The afternoon is free for independent explorations: shopping, a boat ride, evensong in the Minster. This evening, you might want to join a Ghost Walk, which takes you through York's narrow alleys and "snickleways." Centuries of history and ghosts come together in a spine-tingling adventure. (B) **Overnight: York**



Friday, May 13th. This morning we have private visit to Newby Hall, one of England's most splendid Queen Anne houses, with a fine collection of Chippendale and 18th-century tapestries. After time for lunch at the Hall's restaurant, we'll have an afternoon visit to Fountains Abbey, Britain's largest and most beautiful monastic ruin, set in the wooded valley of the River Skell. A lovely walk through the valley brings us to adjoining Studley Royal, an 18th century landscaped garden with a series of contrived vistas incorporating a Greek temple, an octagonal tower, and a banqueting house. We return to York for a free evening. **(B)**

Saturday, May 14th. This morning we board the intercity train to London, arriving in just 2 hours. We'll be met at King;s Cross station for the transfer to our central London hotel. The afternoon is free for individual exploration. This evening we gather again for a farewell dinner at the hotel. **(B, D) Overnight: London**

Sunday, May 15th. Morning transport to the airport for returning flights to the U.S. (B)

Overnight: Home