

# British & LDS Church History with The Freedom of Religion or Belief Foundation in the UK

11-day Land Tour

10/17/2025 - 10/27/2025

Nineteenth-century British, religious, and LDS historian, Kristine Frederickson, Director of the Interpreter Foundation and Matthew and Julie Jones, co-Founders of The FoRB Foundation, will lead a two-part tour that gives travelers a bespoke and unique visit to the UK. Even if you are an experienced Anglophile, this visit will give you a unique opportunity to focus on London and the FoRB work occurring in the UK Parliament, along with an overview of the religious, political and social conditions in nineteenth century England that led up to and produced "œseekers" after gospel truth found in the restored gospel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and advocates for religious freedom. In addition, your participation in this tour will directly support the work of The Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) Foundation.

We start outside the capital by visiting important British History sights in Bath, founded by the Romans in the first century A.D. and then developed into one of the most fashionable places to live in the 18th century. Famed authors Jane Austen and Mary Shelly called Bath home. We then travel on to Church history sites, among them Wales, as well as the Gadfield Elm Chapel and the Benbow Farm in Gloucester, all locales where missionaries converted many to the restored gospel. We visit 19th-century villages, in the Cotswolds before stopping in Oxford for tours and lectures. Along the way there will be fascinating insights, sumptuous gardens, historic churches, and picture-perfect villages.

Our five days in London will be an unforgettable insider's experience as you privately tour the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abby and visit the hidden gem museums and performance venues of the Capital. In Parliament, guest lecturers will review the UK's current role as a leading advocate for International Religious Freedom and Human Rights. You will receive a unique understanding of the International Religious Liberty movement from the perspective of staff, volunteer MPs and other officials currently working in Parliament with the UK APPG for International Freedom of Religion or Belief, Home - The APPG for International Freedom of Religion or Belief. The FoRB Foundation and the APPG

IFORB exist to raise awareness, recover rights, and rebuild lives of those impacted by FoRB violations around the world. As The FoRB Foundation funds this important work, a portion of your tour price will be a direct donation to The FoRB Foundation, (a 501c3 nonprofit and a registered UK Charity.) Donor documents will be issued for your tax reporting purposes.

## Headliners:



Kristine Frederickson



Julie & Matthew Jones

## Itinerary:

### Day 1: Depart Home

October 17, 2025 (Friday)

Depart for London Heathrow Airport, Overnight on the trans-Atlantic flight.

### Day 2: Windsor, England

October 18, 2025 (Saturday)

Group arrivals throughout Saturday. Once you have collected your luggage you will transfer to the Delta Hotels Heathrow Windsor, where you have the chance to rest and nap, or choose to visit the Magna Carta Landmark, walk along the Thames, or tour the shops of Windsor. That evening we enjoy a group dinner at our hotel with a detailed overview of our upcoming tour. (D)

## **Day 3: Bath, England**

October 19, 2025 (Sunday)

This morning we board a coach to Bath, England. Bath is an elegant city built for pleasure and relaxation; beautiful Bath has been a well being destination since Roman times. Bath is the only city in the UK designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the great Spa towns of Europe. The Romans founded Bath in the 1st century AD and used the natural hot springs to create a thermal spa. We will tour the city's Roman remains, including the Temple of Sulis Minerva and the Roman Baths complex to view some of the most famous Roman remains north of the Alps. We see the Pulteney Bridge and other heritage sites along the city's streets, with every footstep revealing compelling cultural attractions and astonishing architecture. We are staying at The Roseate Villa Bath where we have dinner followed by a guest lecture from Elder Martin J. Turvey, Bath resident and Area Seventy for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. (B,D)

## **Day 4: South Wales, UK**

October 20, 2025 (Monday)

We leave Bath in the morning to travel by coach to Wales. Matthew and Julie Jones, residents of Merthyr Tydfil and Welch born, will lead us through their region today. Wales was once a massive coal and iron producing area, and the scars of that industry are only gradually starting to fade. We witness how this industrial landscape provided a fertile ground for the Restored Gospel message. We begin our day with a visit to Big Pit National Coal Museum where we sense how men, women, children, and pit ponies dug for black gold. Wales has long been known for its stories and songs, and Welsh Latter-day Saints had a major impact on music in the Church. In 1849, Brigham Young asked John Parry Sr., a convert from Newmarket, to form a choir for the Church's next general conference. Parry gathered 85 Welsh singers for the performance, and it soon became a tradition to have a large choir perform in the tabernacle. We continue with a drive through the Merthyr Tydfil area on route to St Fagans National History Museum where we visit the whole of Welsh history in one spot! Over forty original buildings from throughout the nation have been carefully reconstructed and preserved allowing us to walk through the wide spectrum of Welsh history. Matthew will review the history of the Church in this region. We overnight in Cardiff at the voco St. David's.

(B,D)

## **Day 5: Herfordshire & Gloucesterhisre**

October 21, 2025 (Tuesday)

As we leave Wales this morning we travel through the beautiful Wye Valley before entering Gloucester to discover sites made famous by Wilford Woodruff and the United Brethren. Included is a special visit

to the restored Gadfield Elm chapel â€“ Britainâ€™s first LDS owned meeting place and an iconic symbol of the United Brethrenâ€™s story. We visit Benbowâ€™s farm and Castle Frome and learn of the faith and sacrifice of John and Jane Benbow. This is a tale of miracle after miracle. We visit the medieval market town of Ledbury where we meet William Carter - Utahâ€™s first ploughman, and a welcoming Baptist church. We follow in the footsteps of Wilford Woodruff, Willard Richards and Brigham Young to the top of the Herefordshire Beacon for a very important meeting. We get a sense of the influence of these early converts after they emigrate to join the saints in Nauvoo. We learn about Thomas Kington â€“ the head of the United Brethren, William Pitt, the musical convert, James Palmer, a remarkable missionary, and many others. The stories on this tour will demonstrate the faith of these early converts as they witnessed miracles and as persecutions came. As the day ends, we arrive at the luxury Old Bank Hotel in Oxford. (B,D)

## **Day 6: Oxford, England**

October 22, 2025 (Wednesday)

Following breakfast in our hotel, we wind our way through the streets of Oxford, through stately colleges and grassy meadows, track the history back to the beginnings of Oxford, and then build layer upon layer of famous name after famous names including Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, Lewis Carroll, C.S. Lewis, John Ruskin, J.R.R.

Tolkien, Thomas More, Samuel Johnson and many more. We learn the history behind the iconic images of the Radcliffe Camera, the Divinity School, and Bodleian Library. We tour together the Ashmolean Museum and discover the influential John Wycliffe and his nemesis Richard Fleming, the tragic ending of the Oxford Martyrs, and the founding of Wesleyâ€™s Holy Club. Mix in the Harry Potter filming locations and you have the beginnings of a splendid stroll through Oxford. Later in the day we have the incredible opportunity to attend an Evensong Service in the Pembroke College Chapel, hosted by the Reverend Doctor Andrew Teal. The Pembroke Chapel is the most beautiful building in the College and was built after the Civil War by Christopher Wren. Following our Evensong Services, we travel by coach to London for the first of our five nights in the Capital City, where we say farewell to our coach and driver and have our first of five overnights in our The Bailey's Hotel London Kensington. During the coming days in London our travel will be by tube, bus, and taxi. (B,D)

## **Day 7: London, England - Houses of Parliament and Environs**

October 23, 2025 (Thursday)

On Thursday, we divide the group for various events and tours. During the AM and PM, Julie Jones, Director of the APPG. The APPG for International Freedom of Religion or Belief leads small private

bespoke tours of the Houses of Parliament and we have lectures and guest speakers in Portcullis House.

While in London, we also enjoy a tour of Kensington Palace and visit various sights and museums not typically toured by larger groups. On Thursday and Friday evening, optional musicals and concerts will be selected for smaller groups, including the Royal Albert Hall, Shakespeare's Globe, and West End theatre performances. Overnight in The Bailey's Hotel London Kensington. (B,D)

## **Day 8: London, England - Houses of Parliament and Environs**

October 24, 2025 (Friday)

During the day, we are joined by special guests and speakers who give us talks and lectures focused on Religious Liberty. In the evening, smaller groups attend optional theatre performances, plays, musicals, and concerts in the West End, Shakespeare's Globe, or various historical performance venues. Overnight in The Bailey's Hotel London Kensington. (B,D)

## **Day 9: London, England - Markets & Museums**

October 25, 2025 (Saturday)

On Saturday, London's main Market Day, we visit the Portobello Road Market, walk through Noting Hill and then various small but spectacular museums such as the Leighton House in Holland Park, The Wallace Collection near Portman Square, The Aspley House on Hyde Park, and others. This evening those who wish can opt to attend another concert or a play in the West End. Overnight in The Bailey's Hotel London Kensington. (B,D)

## **Day 10: London, England - Exhibition Road Sites**

October 26, 2025 (Sunday)

In the morning, we walk from our hotel to the Hyde Park Chapel on Exhibition Road to attend a Sacrament meeting with a local ward. In the afternoon, we visit the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Natural History Museum. Later in the day we follow the footsteps of Wilford Woodruff, Heber C. Kimball, and George A. Smith as we see the exterior of St. Paul's Cathedral at night, the Millennium Bridge and tour the nearby Roman Ruins. Overnight in The Bailey's Hotel London Kensington. (B,D)

## **Day 11: Arrive Home**

October 27, 2025 (Monday)

Make your own way to the airport, board your flight in London and arrive at home. (B)

## **Information:**

### INCLUDED

9 nights hotel accommodations  
Meals as specified in the itinerary  
Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach transportation  
Taxes on included services  
Entrance fees for items not listed as optional

### NOT INCLUDED

Airfare  
  
Transportation in London such as taxi, the tube or bus  
Transportation from London hotel to airport at end of the tour  
Meals not specified in the itinerary  
Items of personal nature  
Trip cancellation and baggage insurance  
Bus Driver & Tour Guide gratuities

## **Pricing:**

### Price

\$4,845 per person based on double occupancy if paying with cash, check or ACH payment.

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This per person tour price includes a \$750 per person donation to The FoRB Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit organization. This amount will be fully tax deductible on your 2025 tax filing. Donor letters will be distributed from The FoRB Foundation at the time of the tour. Your generous donation will allow the important work of the Foundation, raising awareness, recovering rights and rebuilding lives, to continue in the years ahead. [[www.theforbfoundation.org](http://www.theforbfoundation.org/)](<http://www.theforbfoundation.org/>)

### Tips

Tips are required for the bus driver and guide and should be paid on the last day of the tour. You should plan to tip at least 25 GBP per person for the driver.

### Payment Schedule

- \$500 per person due at time of booking (deposit is non-refundable â€” it can be transferred to another person on a new booking on the same tour date. We will attempt to find someone to take your spot if you cancel but we cannot guarantee it).
- Final Payment: Final payment is due three months before the tour departure date.

### Cancellation Policy

- If you cancel: Deposit is non-refundable; however, it is transferable to another guest on a new booking, traveling on the same tour date. After final payment, the full amount is non-refundable. If you cancel and you can find someone to take your spot, we will refund the deposit. If we have a waiting list, we will refund your deposit by placing someone in your spot.
- If we cancel the tour: Deposit is non-refundable if we cancel due to a pandemic; however, it can be transferred to any other land tour or kept as a future tour credit to be used at any time on one of our advertised tours (cannot be transferred to a cruise). If we cancel for any other reason, the deposit will be refunded.
- The only way to avoid trip cancellation penalties is to buy trip cancellation insurance. If you are interested in the insurance, we can help you purchase it.

A minimum number of 24 passengers is needed for this tour to depart.

**Check Your Invoice Names:** Please check to see that your names are spelled correctly. Your first and last names must appear as they appear on your passport for International travel and Driverâ€™s License for domestic tours.

**PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED** and should be valid 6 months after the end of the tour.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Due to the nature of this tour, you must be able to climb stairs and walk unassisted at a moderate pace. We will be walking 4-6 miles per day.

Please note that minor changes to the itinerary may occur due to local conditions and to better accommodate our group.