Cathedrals and Communities of Faith

Monday, October 5 – Tuesday, October 13, 2026

A pilgrimage to sacred spaces from London, England to Edinburgh, Scotland

St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, LA

Group Leader: Rev. Dr. Chris Currie

St Paul's Cathedral, London

Some Tour Highlights

Fully guided tours of Westminster Abbey, Canterbury & Durham Cathedrals

Worship in St Paul's Cathedral (Evensong) & St Giles', Edinburgh (Sunday)

Discover the stories of Holy Island (Lindisfarne) & the Scottish Border Abbeys

Prices

Group Size	Regular Rate
24	$4695
34	$4595
44	$4495

Rates are land only, per person, sharing twin/double

Single supplement - $1240

Your Tour Price Includes

Coach & Rail Travel Entrance Fees Tour Manager & Guides Tipping (waitstaff etc)

8 Hotel Nights 8 Breakfasts 6 Dinners VAT (UK sales tax at 20%) & Tourist Tax

Not included: Flights; airport transfers; beverages; personal items; driver/guide tip (discretionary); public transport within London

Arrival in London, tour departure and getting around:
This is a "land only" tour and begins on Monday, October 5, 2026. Travel arrangements prior to that are at your own discretion. Flights into London from the US mostly arrive in the morning. Our Day 1 program begins mid-afternoon with orientation and a welcome dinner. You may, of course, arrive a day or two early or choose to stay on after the tour. While in London tour members will use public transport to make their own way to locations to meet the group and our guides. (London Underground is a fast way to get around)

Registration and Payment Details: To reserve your place –

Deposits (to be paid in two parts)
Part 1 deposit - $595 – paid at time of booking
Part 2 deposit - $900 – paid as part of the first half of balance (by April 12, 2026)

Please note: the total deposit is $1495

Single supplement - $1240 by April 12, 2026

Installments

- One half of balance by April 12, 2026 (which will include $900 Part 2 deposit)
- Remaining balance by July 5, 2026

Registrations made after April 12, 2026 – payment in full required at time of booking - subject to additional charge and availability

To confirm your place

Booking form and check payable to *St Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church* should be sent to the Church Office (attn: Emily Fleshman), 1545 State Street, New Orleans, LA 70118

Reservations made on first come, first served basis.
Prices subject to changes in exchange rates, govt tax rates, fuel/energy surcharges.

Covid-19 and Infectious Diseases: Anyone joining the tour agrees to comply with all government regulations and requirements put in place by Scotus Tours to reduce the risk of infection. These could include being required to isolate or leave the tour.

Cancellation: Refunds made only in line with this policy – no exceptions.

Time prior to departure:	*Cancellation Fees:*
Up to 91 days	deposit
61 – 90 days	50% of tour cost
31 – 60 days	75% of tour cost
30 days or less	100% of tour cost

Up to the date of the second installment (July 5, 2026) like-for-like exchanges may be made. If someone who has registered is unable to go they can find someone else to take their place. Such exchanges must be for the same room type – *e.g.* a couple who had booked a double room could only substitute another 2 people who want a double room. Every such exchange will incur a fee of $295 per person. After July 5, 2026 exchanges will no longer be possible.

How Active is the Tour?

This tour involves being in busy city-center locations. You must be in good enough health to travel. Among other things participants will have to –

- stand or walk with our guides (blocks in London are long)
- use public transport such as London Underground
- climb stairs
- manage their own luggage
- travel by train and coach

The tour is not suitable for anyone who has difficulty walking.

Our Itinerary

Day 1: Monday, October 5 - *Welcome!* Group members will make their own flight arrangements. Arrive London this morning. Spend the day as you wish in the UK's capital city and check in to your hotel. Meet your tour manager this afternoon for orientation followed by an early evening welcome dinner.
Meals included – welcome dinner Overnight: London City Center

Day 2: Tuesday, October 6 – *London: A City and its Churches* Our time together today is bookended by visits to two great houses of worship. In the morning we'll tour Westminster Abbey with the help of our knowledgeable guide: in the late afternoon we will be at St Paul's Cathedral for Evensong. Between those visits we'll take a sightseeing walk through central London, learning a little about the city's history. The evening is free for guests to go out to dinner on their own (and there are so many restaurants to choose from).
Meals included – breakfast Overnight: London City Center

Day 3: Wednesday, October 7 – *Canterbury Tales* We will have a full day out by coach from our hotel to Canterbury. We'll walk through the historic city and have a guided tour in the Cathedral, mother-church of the Anglican communion and seat of the Archbishop. We return to London for the evening.
Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight: London City Center

Day 4: Thursday, October 8 – *Heading North* We catch a morning train from King's Cross Station. By lunchtime we are in Durham where our coach will meet us. We can enjoy a tour of Durham Cathedral: a wonderful example of Romanesque architecture and a place of worship since 1093 with many tales to tell. (PS – for Harry Potter fans the Chapter House was used as Professor Minerva McGonagall's classroom!).
Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight – Durham area

Day 5: Friday, October 9 – *Crossing the Border* Holy Island (Lindisfarne) will be our first call this morning. This small piece of land, reached by a causeway at low tide, was an important center of Celtic Christianity and has a recorded history from the sixth century. In the afternoon we cross into Scotland and visit Dryburgh Abbey. We are now in the beautiful area known as the Scottish Borders (…in Scotland we just call it "The Borders"!)
Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight – Scottish Borders

Day 6: Saturday, October 10 – *In The Borders* We'll do some further touring in this lovely district. The "Border Abbeys", founded in the twelfth century under King David I, have a fascinating history and form part of the identity of the region. We'll visit Melrose Abbey today and give you a little time to stroll round this delightful town. We'll also see the Great Tapestry of Scotland. This remarkable piece of work was stitched by as many as 1000 volunteers and tells the nation's story in 160 beautiful panels. It is housed in a purpose-built center in Galashiels.
Meals included – breakfast, dinner Overnight – Scottish Borders

Day 7: Sunday, October 11 – *Edinburgh: Scotland's capital* We drive to Edinburgh to share in morning worship at St Giles Cathedral. After lunch we'll do some walking in the Old Town and will try to visit some places you may have missed on any previous visit. You'll be free to choose dinner on your own this evening in one of the city's many excellent restaurants.
Meals included – breakfast Overnight – Edinburgh City Center

Day 8: Monday, October 12 – *Edinburgh is yours to explore…* Most of today is free for you to wander or follow up on things you'd like to see. If you want to shop, relax or enjoy coffee as the city goes by, that's fine too. Tonight we will share worship together and close with a celebration dinner.
Meals included – breakfast, celebration dinner Overnight – Edinburgh City Center

Day 9: Tuesday, October 13 – *Departures* Haste ye back! *Meals included – breakfast*

The above is a fair representation of the proposed tour but is subject to change at the discretion of Scotus Tours.

Insurance: We strongly recommend that you obtain adequate insurance coverage

Times of Worship: This is a custom tour for a church group. At your leader's discretion we aim to include time for –

- a service of welcome
- Evensong in St Paul's
- morning prayers on some days
- Sunday service (Church of Scotland)
- closing worship

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Chris Currie

Dear SCAPC community,

I invite you to consider participating in a unique opportunity: a visit to England and Scotland, taking in great houses of worship, sacred communities, and the spiritual beauty of both countries. My hope is that this travel pilgrimage will nourish your faith, spark your love of learning and history, and will strengthen our bonds, both as a group and as members of this faith community. We will be surrounded by the beauty of cathedrals, geography, and sacred communities that have stood the test of time and continue to nurture the faith of Christians. Here is an opportunity to feed your mind and to fill your soul alongside good travel companions.

Fondly, Chris Currie

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Jim Wallace

Dear Fellow Traveler,

I am delighted to be offering this tour for St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church and to be working with Chris Currie once again. We hosted a tour for the church in 2024 when we saw quite a bit of Scotland. This time we have something a little different.

Beginning in London then traveling north, we'll visit some great houses of worship and quieter places also which have stories to tell. These will include the magnificent Westminster Abbey and the Cathedrals of Canterbury and Durham. But we'll also set foot on Holy Island, learning about its Christian beginnings. And we'll discover some of the history of the Border Abbeys in a beautiful part of Scotland. Our journey ends in Edinburgh where we can share in Sunday worship at St Giles'. I hope you can join us.

Jim

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