

The Old Rectory, Epworth



Methodist
Heritage

**METHODIST HERITAGE
COACH TOUR**

**CENTRAL &
NORTHERN
ENGLAND**

2nd – 9th Sept 2012

price £550 per person

Included Features:

- All excursions included
- 7 nights half-board accommodation
- Executive Coach travel throughout
- Methodist Heritage Tour Guide – Brian Thornton

Accommodation:

Willersley Castle Hotel

Willersley Castle is a 200 year old Grade II listed building, commissioned by the great industrialist Sir Richard Arkwright. It occupies a magnificent position on the edge of the Peak District, overlooking the River Derwent.

Designed in the Georgian style, Willersley Castle stands in 60 acres of grounds ranging from meadows to limestone crags, on the outskirts of Cromford, just south of the spa town of Matlock Bath.

Raven Hall Hotel

Dramatically situated 600 feet above sea level, overlooking Robin Hood's Bay in the North York Moors National Park and midway between Whitby and Scarborough, Raven Hall is in an inspirational and historical setting.

Optional Extras:

University Church of St. Mary the Virgin tower entrance - £3

Superior Room Upgrade at Willersley Castle - £40



Willersley Castle Hotel



Raven Hall Hotel

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WHAT WE WILL SEE:

Lincoln College, University of Oxford

University Church of St. Mary the Virgin

Englesea Brook Chapel & Museum

Bethesda Chapel, Hanley

Epworth:

The Old Rectory

St. Andrews Church & Tomb of Samuel Wesley

The Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

Newbiggin Methodist Chapel

Weardale Museum & High House Chapel

And much more!



Lincoln College, Oxford

Day 1: Sunday 2nd September

We meet at Willersley Castle Hotel for the first part of our eight-day tour. We will spend 4 nights here on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. Following evening meal we will have an introduction and presentation.

Day 2: Monday 3rd September

We have an early start, travelling south to Oxford where Charles and John Wesley and a small group of fellow students met for Bible study and prayer, attended church, and visited the prisons and workhouse. It was here that their methodical approach to Christianity got nick-named the 'Holy Club' and 'Methodists'. We will visit Oxford's largest college, Christ Church College, and the Cathedral. The University of Oxford is where John and Charles were undergraduates and John was ordained as Deacon in Christ Church Cathedral in 1725.

After lunch we will visit the university church of St. Mary the Virgin where John Wesley preached 'Salvation by Faith' in 1738 and Charles Wesley preached 'Awake'. There is also the optional extra to go up the tower and have views over Oxford, before we walk to Lincoln College. *(Appointment only in writing, £1 per person, groups of 20 only)*

Options dependant on time:

En-route to Oxford we may visit Unlocked - Oxford Castle where John and Charles Wesley and members of the Holy Club visited convicts within the prison - now redeveloped into an historic display.

We may then visit the medieval church of St. James the Great in South Leigh, where John Wesley preached in 1771. Before returning to Willersley Castle we will stop at St. Michael's Church, where John Wesley preached several times.

Day 3: Tuesday 4th September

Today we have a half-day Derbyshire tour exploring part of the Wesley Trail. Our tour will include a visit to the New Mills Heritage Centre to see a pulpit used by John Wesley. The pulpit was, for a time, sited at Abbot Hall and has now been returned to and restored by the team at the New Mills Heritage Centre. We will then stop in Buxton or Bakewell for lunch and some free time to explore. On our return to Willersley Castle the rest of the afternoon is free.

Day 4: Wednesday 5th September

Today we will visit Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum to explore the story of working-class religion in the nineteenth

century, particularly as it was experienced by a group called the Primitive Methodists. You can discover the origins of Primitive Methodism in a traditional magic lantern show; explore the values of Victorian people through a collection of religious banners, musical instruments and other artefacts; meet some nineteenth century women who defied the boundaries of gender and took to the pulpit; and much more besides.

We then move on to Stoke where we will visit the Bethesda Chapel which was one of the projects in the original Restoration TV show in 2003.

Weather and time permitting we will also visit Mow Cop, which is very much associated with the Primitive Methodist movement.

Day 5: Thursday 6th September

Leaving Willersley Castle, we head to Raven Hall Hotel, North Yorkshire, where we will spend 3 nights on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

En-route to Raven Hall we will visit Epworth where Reverend Samuel Wesley became the Anglican rector in 1695, and where his wife, Susanna bore him 19 children including three sons; Samuel Jr, John and Charles. Here Susanna educated all of her children diligently and instilled in them the methodical approach that would later characterise her sons' approach to religion. We will visit their childhood home, The Old Rectory, including John Wesley's walled Physic Garden, featuring many plants from his book 'Primitive Physic: an Easy and Natural Method of Curing Most Diseases'.

We will also stop off at St. Andrew's Church and the tomb of Samuel Wesley, and the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, built in 1889 as a memorial to John and Charles Wesley. This church contains the 18th century communion table used by Samuel and John Wesley in the Parish Church.

Day 6: Friday 7th September

Today we travel north to the world's two oldest Methodist Chapels in continuous Methodist use. First we visit Newbiggin Methodist Chapel, built by local lead miners in 1759 and now a listed building. We will then visit the Weardale Museum and High House Chapel which celebrated its 250th Anniversary in 2010.

Day 7: Saturday 8th September

Today we visit Whitby with free time to explore the many places of interest in the town. The Abbey, harbour and town will give an opportunity to relax at the end of your holiday.

Day 8: Sunday 9th September

Today we will return to Willersley Castle and then say our farewells.

Booking Form

TOUR NAME:

Central & Northern England Methodist Heritage Coach Tour 2012

DEPARTURE DATE:

2nd September 2012

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TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME
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ADDRESS OF FIRST NAMED PERSON

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 Postcode
 Telephone
 Email
 Mobile Telephone

PAYMENT DETAILS

I enclose my deposit of **£100** per person (*payable on booking*)

Total: £ _____

All cheques made payable to Christian Guild and returned with completed booking form to Sarah Askew at Christian Guild.
You can now pay by credit card at Derwent House – Please telephone Sarah Askew on 01629 580550.

Final payment is due by **1st August 2012**. You will receive a booking confirmation / invoice showing the amount due.

CLIENT DECLARATION

I warrant that I am authorised to make this booking and that I have read, understand and accept for myself and all others named above, the Booking Conditions, and other information set out in any brochure / leaflet relevant to my holiday. I am 18 years old or over.
(If under 18 years of age, this Booking Form may be signed by your Parent / Guardian.)

Signed Date

When completed, return this form with your payment to:

Sarah Askew, Christian Guild, Derwent House, Cromford, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5JG

1. BOOKING CONDITIONS

- a) Terms are per person, inclusive of VAT
- b) The price includes evening meal, bed and breakfast from dinner on day of arrival, to breakfast on day of departure. No allowance can be made for meals not taken.
- c) Special diets or other requirement will, whenever possible be catered for if we are informed when booking
- d) Guests unable to vacate the premises by themselves, in case of emergency, must be accompanied by friends or relatives.
- e) Bookings generally can only be accepted for type of room. Specific room requests cannot be considered. Any special requirements in this respect need to be advised when booking.

2. INSURANCE

When booking a holiday you are entering into a legally binding contract, which if cancelled or curtailed, will incur a cancellation charge.

As a Christian organisation we feel it is important and would strongly recommend that all guests comprehensively insure their holiday against all eventualities with an insurer of their choice.

Should you, or any member of your party, be forced to cancel your booking for any reason you should notify Christian Guild at Derwent House, Cromford, Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5JG in writing at the earliest possible opportunity, enclosing any relevant and supporting documentation. A cancellation will take effect from the date written notice is received by the company.

Cancellations will incur payment.

Cancellation will incur the following charges shown as a percentage of the holiday cost:

Prior to 60 days before departure	Loss of deposit
0 – 60 days	100%

If the reason for cancellation is covered under the terms of your holiday insurance policy you may be able to reclaim these charges.

3. PRICE

Final balance due by the 1st August 2012

The price of your holiday may be subject to surcharge due to increase in the cost of the following items: fuel, government taxes/levies/tolls, VAT etc.

4. EXCURSIONS

We reserve the right to amend any itinerary.

Planned Excursions, walks and any coach travel are included in the price of all holidays and refunds cannot be made for passengers not wishing to go on these. Fares on local transport and admission to attractions, building, grounds etc is not included

5. SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted either in the hotels or on the coaches.

6. BOARDING

Unless special arrangements have been agreed at the time of the booking, it will be assumed that passengers will alight at the same point as that at which they boarded. You are responsible for ensuring you are there at the correct time and we cannot be liable for any loss or expense suffered by passengers because of their late arrival at any departure.

7. LUGGAGE

In the interest of Health and Safety passengers are requested to limit their luggage to one medium sized suitcase, weighing not more than 20kilos per person. In addition, each passenger is allowed one piece of hand luggage of such size that can be stowed on the luggage rack or under a seat.

Christian Guild cannot be held responsible for luggage or personal belongings. It is the customer's responsibility to see that their luggage is loaded on and off vehicles.

8. IF WE CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

It is necessary for there to be a minimum number of passengers in order to operate this holiday. Therefore, in certain circumstances we may have to cancel the holiday. If this should occur all monies will be refunded in full.

9. DIETARY NEEDS

You must inform us at the time of the booking with a copy of the diet. This will be notified to the hotels on your holiday. However, not all the hotels may have the function to deal with special diets. Any extra cost must be paid to the hotel by you before departure from the hotel.

10. FOR YOUR HEALTH & COMFORT

To minimise the risk of developing swollen legs, ankles and feet and of suffering from deep vein thrombosis, please make sure that at all comfort stops you take the opportunity to take some exercise.

11. FIRE AND SAFETY AT HOTELS

Please note that it is your responsibility to familiarise yourself with details of the instructions concerning fire and emergency procedures at all hotels. These are usually displayed in close proximity to the bedroom door.