

JUL 19-AUG 01, 2025

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Zion Lutheran Church Choir UK Residency 2025

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INCLUDED FEATURES

- Round-Trip Airfare Booked on a Commercial Airline
- Daily Breakfast and Dinner (unless otherwise noted)
- Afternoon Tea
- Anne Hathaway's Cottage
- Arrangement of three recital concert performances.
- Centrally Located Hotels
- Concert Arrangements Including Venue Rental, Concert Permits, Advertisement and On-site Assistance
- Globe Theatre Performance
- Shakespeare's Birthplace
- St. Paul's Cathedral

TRIP ITINERARY

Depart From: Dallas/Ft. Worth

14 Days | Overnights: Overnight Flight (1), Portsmouth (8), London (3), Salisbury (1)

DAY 1, JUL 19, 2025: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Departure from the DFW airport on your direct nonstop American Airlines flights to London. AA 0020 departs DFW July 19 17:40 arrives 9:00am July 20.

DAY 2, JUL 20, 2025: PORTSMOUTH

After a warm welcome by your Tour Manager at Heathrow Airport, board your private luxury motorcoach and travel on to Portsmouth, the great waterfront city of the South of England. Follows check-in at the Portsmouth Marriott Hotel and afternoon at leisure. In the evening enjoy a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. (D) Hotel: Portsmouth Marriott (8 nights).

DAY 3, JUL 21, 2025: PORTSMOUTH

After a hearty English breakfast, enjoy a tour to Brighton, a typical, but quirky and cool, British seaside resort. Enjoy a walking tour with your tour manager and explore its majestic Regency squares and crescents, iconic Royal Pavilion and famous piers. You will also have plenty of time on your own to explore the Victorian history and modern-day delights of Brighton Palace Pier, search the boho boutiques of its quaint shopping street, The Lanes, and dig into freshly cooked fish and chips on the sea front. Your coach will drop you at Portsmouth Cathedral at approximately 5:15 p.m. for the Choral Evensong. After that, you can either return to the hotel by coach or stay in the city centre and return to the hotel under your own arrangements. Evening at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 4, JUL 22, 2025: PORTSMOUTH

Today you will visit Arundel, a historic market town, home to the impressive Arundel Castle. A pleasant walk along its quaint streets will take you to Arundel Cathedral, with its striking French Gothic architecture and to Arundel Castle, built by Roger de Montgomery in 1067, now the seat of the Duke of Norfolk. Visit the Norfolk's family home and marvel at its magnificently preserved interior, fascinating furniture, tapestries and rare collection of paintings by renowned artists including Van Dyck, Gainsborough and Canaletto, and take a stroll through the tranquil grounds where you will discover inspiring gardens. Your coach will drop you at Portsmouth Cathedral at approximately 5:15 p.m. for the Choral Evensong. After that, you can either return to the hotel by coach or stay in the city centre and return to the hotel under your own arrangements. Evening at leisure. (B)



Day 5, Jul 23, 2025: Portsmouth

Today you will take the ferry to the glorious, postcard perfect, Isle of Wight, chosen by Queen Victoria as a holiday retreat, with its chalky white towering stacks stretching out into the English Channel, secluded sandy beaches lapped with clear water, and timeless villages of quaint beauty. Enjoy a panoramic tour around the Island and visit Osborne House for an intimate glimpse into royal life as you explore private apartments and grand reception rooms, lined with furnishings and artworks from the Royal Collection. Outside, wander among flower-filled gardens, discover the quirky museum in the Swiss Cottage and relax on the beach where the royal children learnt to swim. Your coach will drop you at either Portsmouth's city centre or at the hotel. If you choose to be dropped at the city centre, you will have to return to the hotel under your own arrangements. Evening at leisure. **NO EVENSONG ON WEDNESDAY (OR THURSDAY - TBA AT A LATER STAGE) (B)**

Day 6, Jul 24, 2025: Portsmouth

Today you will dive into Jane Austen's world. After being dropped by our coach at the small town of Alton, you will take a pleasant walk through the town, that will take you to spots such as the Crown Hotel, that dates back to the early 1500, and was owned by Jane's brother, Edward; the High Street, full of attractive Georgian buildings that Jane would have known; 10 High Street, which was the premises of Henry Austen's bank between 1806-1811; The Swan Inn, dating back to 1499, which was the venue for the annual meetings of the Alton Book Society, of which Jane was a member; the ancient White Horse and The George Inns; the French Horn Pub, dating to the eighteenth century, that Jane would have known. Walk along Winchester Road, a quiet lane with houses on one side which, in Jane's time, was the main road between London and Portsmouth and would have been busy with coaches and carriages, and along leafy Winchester Road, all the way to Chawton, where you will walk along the main village street, past some beautiful old houses where Jane would have paid calls, and visit Jane Austen's House, the inspiring Hampshire cottage which was Jane Austen's home and the birthplace of her six beloved novels. Your coach will drop you at Portsmouth Cathedral at approximately 5:15 p.m. for the Choral Evensong. After that, you can either return to the hotel by coach or stay in the city centre and return to the hotel under your own arrangements. Evening at leisure. (B)

Day 7, Jul 25, 2025: Portsmouth

Today you will dive into pre-historic history and visit the World Heritage sites of Avebury and Stonehenge, a set of Neolithic and Bronze Age ceremonial sites that seemingly formed a vast sacred landscape. This was a significant place for prehistoric people, who gathered here to build monuments made of earth, timber and stone for over 2,000 years. Explore Avebury henge and stone circles with your tour manager, visit the Alexander Keiller Museum, which displays many notable finds from the Avebury monuments, and visit Stonehenge, the most famous and sophisticated prehistoric stone circle in the world. Your coach will drop you at Portsmouth Cathedral at approximately 5:15 p.m. for the Choral Evensong. After that, you can either return to the hotel by coach or stay in the city centre and return to the hotel under your own arrangements. Evening at leisure. (B)

Day 8, Jul 26, 2025: Portsmouth

The lovely Cotswolds await you today, an area of beautiful countryside, dotted with quintessentially English villages, vibrant market towns and some of the country's greatest palaces, castles and country houses. Enjoy a guided tour of the beautiful Chavenage House, a beautiful Elizabethan Manor dating back to 1420, which has been home for only two families since the reign of Elizabeth I. Explore the many

interesting rooms and marvel at the unique 17th-century tapestries. Afterwards enjoy a traditional Afternoon Tea at the Manor House near Castle Combe and take a walk with your tour manager along the beautiful streets of this very quintessential English village, sided by beautiful cottages of honey-coloured stone. Your coach will drop you at Portsmouth Cathedral at approximately 5:15 p.m. for the Choral Evensong. After that, you can either return to the hotel by coach or stay in the city centre and return to the hotel under your own arrangements. Evening at leisure. (B)

Day 9, Jul 27, 2025: Portsmouth

Transfer to Portsmouth Cathedral after a leisurely breakfast, for the Sung Eucharist. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Portsmouth. You can use this opportunity to explore the historic Dockyard and visit the Mary Rose, or visit the Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum. St 5:45 pm converge at the Portsmouth Cathedral for the Choral Evensong. Choral Evensong. After that, you can either return to the hotel by coach or stay in the city centre and return to the hotel under your own arrangements. Evening at leisure. (B)

Day 10, Jul 28, 2025: London

Today you will have to check-out after breakfast, as you will depart to London today. Nothing really prepares you for your first taste of London. This great world city is far more than just the capital of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. London is bustling, vibrant, multicultural and cosmopolitan, both old and new, a place where traditional pubs rub shoulders with the newest cocktail bars and ancient castles are right next door to the newest skyscrapers. London's energy, as 8.6 million people go about their everyday lives, is tangible in every journey on the Underground and every walk along the banks of the River Thames. After a panoramic tour, enjoy a walking tour of the elegant and exclusive Pal Mall and visit the iconic Buckingham Palace. Enjoy an evening at leisure in the capital!Hotel: Riu Plaza London Victoria Hotel. (B)

Day 11, Jul 29, 2025: London

In the morning visit Westminster Abbey, the coronation site of kings and Queens, from William the Conqueror in 1066 to Charles III in 2023, and where the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II took place in September 2022. Explore the final resting place of kings and queens, scientists, poets, politicians and adventurers. After the visit, enjoy a walking tour along some of London's most iconic sites, such as the Big Ben, N. 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, the Household Cavalry, Trafalgar Square and Covent Garden. Afternoon at leisure to explore London on your own. In the evening enjoy a pre-theatre dinner in a local restaurant and watch a show in London's West End (Tickets Included). (B,D)

Day 12, Jul 30, 2025: London

In the morning enjoy a guided tour of the Shakespeare's Globe, a reconstruction of the Globe Theatre, an Elizabethan playhouse first built in 1599 for which William Shakespeare wrote his plays. Like the original, it is located on the south bank of the River Thames. In the afternoon visit St Paul's Cathedral, the site of many historic state occasions, including Sir Winston Churchill's state funeral and the Royal Wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer. Visit the Whispering Gallery with its unique acoustics and the Stone and Golden Galleries atop the Dome, with their breathtaking panoramic views over London, and watch evensong at the end of your visit. Evening at Leisure. (B)

Day 13, Jul 31, 2025: Salisbury

Morning at leisure in London. Approximately at 1:00 p.m. departure to Salisbury, a Cathedral city of ageless beauty and captivating history. After checking in at the Holiday Inn Salisbury-Stonehenge & the Stones Hotel, your coach will take you to the centre of Salisbury, a modern medieval city, full of buildings crafted with the care of another age, with the cathedral at its very centre. Enjoy the serenity and splendour of this most ancient building during your guided tour, and gaze up at Britain's tallest spire, explore the Cathedral Close and Cloisters, see the world's oldest mechanical clock and the best-preserved original 1215 Magna Carta. After the visit enjoy the unique opportunity of singing the Choral Evensong in the stunning Salisbury Cathedral. In the evening enjoy a farewell dinner in a local restaurant in Salisbury. (B,D)



Day 14, Aug 01, 2025: Departure

After breakfast at your hotel, transfer to the airport for return flight to the United States. (B) AA 0079 Departs London Heathrow 12:00 arrives DFW 16:05.



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