

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

LONDON The Catholic Martyrs

Nonstop Flight—One Hotel—One World Class City

MAY 17-27, 2023

\$5,349/person From San Francisco

(Air/land tour price is \$4,699 plus \$650 government taxes/airline surcharges)





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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

SAN FRANCISCO/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

Depart today from San Francisco on board your overnight transatlantic jet flight to London, arriving the following day.

ARRIVE LONDON

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Welcome to London, the buzzing capital of England and epicenter of the British Commonwealth. Your exciting adventure begins as you board your waiting motorcoach upon arrival and travel to your hotel. Celebrate Mass at the hotel followed by a Jesuit sponsored social. **(D)**

LONDON

FRIDAY, MAY 19

Begin your day with Mass at the Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception located on Farm Street. Afterwards, embark on a motorcoach orientation tour of London's most famed sites. From the bus, view Trafalgar Square with the famed Admiral Nelson's Column. Continue along the Mall to see Buckingham Palace. Along the Thames Embankment, view iconic Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. Conclude your tour with a visit of Westminster Abbey, burial place of many of England's most famous citizens. Until the middle of the 16th Century, Westminster Abbey's history was entirely Catholic. After your tour of the Abbey, enjoy independent time for lunch before continuing to Westminster Pier, where you will board a river cruise and travel down



the Thames to the Royal Borough of Greenwich. Aboard the cruise, you will view important London icons, such as the London Eye, Cleopatra's Needle, London Millennium Bridge, and you will pass through the Thames Barrier, London's world-renowned flood defense. Conclude your cruise in Greenwich, where you will disembark from the cruise. A brief walk from the pier, you will be able to view the Cutty Sark—the historic clipper ship recognized as the fastest of its time. Board your bus and continue to the nearby Greenwich Royal Observatory, where you will be able to

see the stainless-steel stripe in the courtyard symbolizing the Greenwich Prime Meridian. Afterwards, return to London and enjoy dinner at a charming, typical English pub on the River Thames for the chance to experience real English fare. (B,D)

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- ♦ Roundtrip airfare from San Francisco
- ◆Transfers to and from airports by private motorcoach including meeting / assistance and porterage
- ♦ Accommodations at the Holiday Inn Kensington or similar quality hotel based on 2 persons sharing in double rooms with private bath
- ♦ Breakfast daily plus five dinners
- ♦ Services of a professional English-speaking tour director
- ♦ Comprehensive sightseeing throughout by private motorcoach
- ◆All admission fees, porterage and service charges

LONDON

SATURDAY, MAY 20

This morning set out for Catholic Westminster Cathedral, the mother

church of the Roman Catholic church in England, and celebrate Mass. Afterwards, tour the Tower of London, one of the world's most famous and spectacular fortresses. Built at the behest of William the Conqueror in 1078, for most of its history the White Tower was a place of royal imprisonment and execution. It was here that prominent Catholics, such as St. Thomas More, were held prior to their execution. Today, the tower is best known as the repository of the Royal Crown Jewels. Next, travel to Sir Christopher Wren's master-



piece, St. Paul Cathedral. A church dedicated to Saint Paul has stood here at the highest point in the city since 604 AD. After a tour of the cathedral, you will cross the River Thames for Bankside, once home to many of London's literary luminaries. Visit the world-famous Globe Theatre, where many of William Shakespeare's plays were first performed. Following a tour of this beautiful reconstruction, enjoy free time in the artistic borough of Bankside. (B)

LONDON/SCOTNEY CASTLE/CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL/LONDON SUNDAY, MAY 21

This morning board your motorcoach and travel south to Scotney Castle. For more than three centuries before the Hussey family acquired Scotney castle, it was under the possession of the Darrell family, who were fervent Catholics. During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, Thomas Darrell and his wife contrived to keep in secret under their roof Jesuit Priest Richard Blount for seven years. The story tells that when the conspiracy was discovered, the missionary concealed himself in the castle's "priest-hole" for ten days without being found, and when his hiding spot was nearly pinpointed, he managed to miraculously escape from his persecutors. Afterwards, continue by bus to visit Canterbury Cathedral. Though the Cathedral is currently under the domain of the Church of England, its origins since its consecration in 1070 A.D. was under Roman Catholicism. Take in the magnificent

Romanesque and Gothic architecture that took nearly eight hundred years of construction and renovation to reach its current form. Canterbury Cathedral is most well-known for Saint Thomas Becket, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162 until his murder in 1170. Becket engaged in a conflict with King Henry II over the rights and privileges of the Catholic Church in England and was murdered by Henry II's knights. The murder of Saint Thomas Becket stunned the whole of Christendom and across Europe he was immediately acclaimed as a martyr. Only two years after his death, in 1173, Becket was canonized as a saint by Pope Alexander II and the Shrine of Saint Thomas Becket was constructed within Canterbury Cathedral, completed in 1184. Within ten years of his death, over seven hundred healing miracles had been recorded at his tomb and it rapidly became one of the most important European pilgrimage centers. However, after Pope Clement VII's refusal to grant King Henry VIII an annulment of his marriage, Henry VIII abolished papal authority in England. What resulted was a devastating persecution of Catholics in England and Henry VIII had the Shrine of Saint Thomas Becket destroyed in 1538. Today, Saint Thomas Becket is widely considered the most significant Catholic Martyr in England's history and Canterbury Cathedral remains a prominent place of pilgrimage for those devoted to Saint Thomas Becket. Following your visit of Canterbury Cathedral, return to London. (B,D)

LONDON/BATH/STONEHENGE/LONDON

MONDAY, MAY 22

Before breakfast, celebrate Mass in the hotel. Following breakfast, travel west through the rolling British countryside to Bath, a city founded by the Romans. It has been famous for its spa and natural hot springs for nearly 2,000 years. See the Roman baths and the Abbey. View the outstanding Georgian architecture and explore the triangular grid upon which the city was built. Next travel back towards London, past quaint English villages. Stop for a breathtaking visit of Stonehenge, the most famous prehistoric monument in Europe and a sacred site for more than a thousand years. Return to London and your hotel for the night. (B,D)



LONDON

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Consider starting your day celebrating Mass at Westminster Catholic Cathedral (8:00 am, 10:00 Sung Mass, 12:00 Sung Solemn Mass). Then, enjoy a full day at leisure to experience London on your own. You may wish to explore the treasure-packed British Museum, the avant-garde Tate Modern, the priceless Victoria & Albert Museum or visit important historical monuments such as the British Library. You can hop on a Double-decker bus, travel the Tube, walk along Baker Street or ride the London Eye. Today is yours to experience London to the fullest. **(B)**

LONDON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

This morning, travel to Farm Street for Mass at the Jesuit Parish and then continue past Hyde Park to the posh district of Kensington. Enjoy a tour of Kensington Palace, the official residence of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. Next, experience British High Tea surrounded by the beautiful formal gardens of Kensington Palace's Sunken Garden. Afterwards, travel back through the Royal Parks to the City of London. Continue to Tyburn Convent and Church, located on Hyde Park Place near the Marble Arch. This church and convent house an extraordinarily moving collection of relics of Catholics martyred during the reformation. Take part in daily prayers. (B)



LONDON

THURSDAY, MAY 25

We celebrate Mass at the hotel. Enjoy another day at leisure in London, to further explore the history and culture of the city and the country beyond. You could travel down to the picturesque region of Cornwall and visit the city of Plymouth to view where our forebears set out for "the New World." You could perhaps venture beyond the bounds of London to the centuries old centers of learning that are Oxford and Cambridge or enjoy the storybook scenery of the English Cotswolds. Or you may wish to wander around London or take in a show at one of London's world-renowned theaters in the West End. (B)

LONDON

FRIDAY, MAY 26

This morning we celebrate Mass at the hotel. Your last day in the vibrant and engaging city of London is again free for further exploration and enjoyment on your own. Visit any of London's glorious royal palaces and parks. Enjoy last-minute souvenir shopping at the world-famous Harrods or Harvey Nichols. Spend the day in Spiritual reflection and the Catholic churches such as Corpus Christi on Maiden Lane, the London Oratory founded by Saint John Henry Newman in 1849 and St. Patrick's Church in Soho Square. The day and city are yours. In the evening, rejoin as a group for a special farewell dinner for delicious and cosmopolitan fare and an upscale London restaurant. (B,D)

LONDON/SAN FRANCISCO

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Your spiritual journey is over as you depart from London and fly back to San Francisco, arriving the same day. (B)

(B) - Breakfast (D) - Dinner

Please note that the nonstop flight is subject to availability and confirmation. Flight schedules may be changed by the airline at any time without notice and this is beyond the control of Nawas.

*Please note that Masses are subject to confirmation and availability.

Nawas will make every effort to confirm Masses as stated in the itinerary, but specific Mass locations and dates cannot be guaranteed and is beyond the control of Nawas.*

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit.

- A \$500 deposit is due with your reservation
- Final payment is due at NAWAS 100 days prior to departure date

TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

For terms and conditions please visit: www.nawas.com/terms-and-conditions

Taxes/Airline Surcharges: In effect on July 15, 2022.

Hotel Service Charges/Taxes: In effect on July 15, 2022 (excluding hotel tourist taxes).

Airfare: In effect on July 15, 2022.

Land Costs: Based on estimated 2023 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on July 15, 2022 and a minimum of 21 or more participants per coach.

Nawas Customer Reviews:

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"As always, the arrangements for our pilgrimage by Nawas were excellent. To a person, those on the tour were filled with praise for the trip. Everything was A+." --Monsignor R.S., Utah

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11 DAYS LONDON & THE CATHOLIC MARTYRS * RESERVATION FORM *

5/17/2023

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED:

□ double room sharing with _

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