

Trinity Cathedral Choir 2023 UK Trip

Who All are welcome! The trip is open to both non-choir members and non-Trinity members. Qualified guest singers are welcome, as are people who would like to attend but not sing. For non-singers, choir rehearsals will be free time, and attending liturgies is optional, but encouraged!

Dates **July 15-24, 2023** (July 15 departure, July 16 arrival, July 24 departure)

Accommodation

Lichfield: The Cathedral Lodge Hotel (5 nights: July 16-21)

3-star hotel about a 5-minute walk from the Cathedral and 9 minutes from the city
En suite bathrooms, TVs and tea/coffee machines in each room
Complimentary Wi-Fi
Restaurant and bar
Full breakfast included each morning
One evening meal at the hotel on first Sunday evening

Ibis Blackfriars Hotel, Southwark London (3 nights: July 21-24)

Situated in Southwark on the Southbank just 400 yards from the River and famous River walk, North to Westminster, South to Southwark
Approximately 12 minutes to Southwark Cathedral, 8 minutes to the Globe Theatre, 8 minutes to Tate Modern, and 12 minutes to the restaurant area
New 3-star accommodation, en suite bathrooms, TVs and tea/coffee machines in each room, complimentary Wi-Fi and air conditioning, nice café for breakfast
Full breakfast included each morning (buffet)

Transport One 49-seat touring bus and driver for 7 days
Full air conditioning, WC facilities, airplane-type tilt seats
Parking, gas, and up to 900 miles of travel
Driver's accommodation, meals, etc. as required
Airport transfer from Heathrow to Lichfield
Transfer between Lichfield Hotel and London Hotel
Airport transfer London to Heathrow
All excursions in the itinerary

Guides and Excursions

Private guided tour of Lichfield Cathedral
Private guided tour of Lichfield City
Excursion to Coventry
Visit Coventry Cathedral with guided tour
Excursion to Stratford-upon-Avon
Visit to Ann Hathaway's cottage
Excursion to Kenilworth
Visit to Kenilworth Castle

Choir Five-day residency at Lichfield Cathedral
Donation to Lichfield Cathedral
Three-day residency at Southwark Cathedral
Donation to Southwark Cathedral

Miscellaneous

Travel pack complete with town maps for each person or couple (PDFs also available)
Meeting and greeting on arrival
All administration and design work associated with the preparation and completion of the choral aspects of the tour, excursion programme, and tour in general
Assistance with tour during, as required

Price

Total cost per person is approximately £1,275 (with a small margin for change). This is based on people sharing a twin/double room throughout. For a single room, there is a supplement of £341.
Airfare not included.
Price also includes VAT (national tax) of 20% where applicable.
Instalments: non-refundable 10% by 11/1/22, 40% by 3/1/23, 50% by 5/1/23
Please make checks payable to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

Currency Conversion

The dollar and pound have been unusually close to parity lately. In 2022, the average value of the pound has been \$1.27. To be safe, Colin recommends preparing for a conversion of \$1.40 per pound. This way, you will hopefully budget more than you will need.

Installments November 1: 10% non-refundable deposit (\$175 for double room, \$225 for single)
March 1: 40% (\$715 for double room, \$905 for single)
May 1: 50% (\$892 for double room, \$1,133 for single)

Flights

Unfortunately, group flight bookings are much more expensive than individual tickets, so we'll make our own arrangements. It is crucial that everyone be ready to board the bus from Heathrow by 1 pm on July 16th. For those departing from Little Rock, there is a Delta flight to Atlanta that takes off at 4:05 p.m. on July 15th. Then there are flights from Atlanta to Heathrow that take off at 7:40 p.m. and 9:35 p.m. Either of these would be fine, but the layover for a 7:40 departure will only be an hour.

Skeleton Itinerary

Subject to change

Sunday 16th July 2023

Arrive Heathrow Airport (time TBD)
Depart Heathrow by bus (time TBD)
Journey to Lichfield (approximately two hours and 15 minutes)
Lunch TBD
Arrive Lichfield hotel (time TBD)
Dinner: two-course meal at hotel

Monday 17th July

Breakfast arranged from 7:00 am
Meet vergers at approximately 9 am, settle into rehearsal room with vestments and music
Guided tour of Lichfield arranged at 9:30 am, meet at the Cathedral
Lunch: own arrangements
Guided tour of the cathedral, meet at the main entrance at 1:30 pm
Rehearse in practice room from 3:15-3:45 pm
Rehearse in cathedral choir stalls from 4-5 pm
Evensong at 5:30pm
Dinner: own arrangements in the town

Tuesday 18th July

Breakfast from 7 am
Meet coach outside the hotel ready to leave for Coventry at 9 am
Morning excursion to Coventry
Arrive in Coventry at approximately 9:45 am
Guided tour of the cathedral at 10 am
Lunch: own arrangements
Board the coach for the return journey to Lichfield ready to leave at 1:30 pm
Arrive in back in Lichfield at approximately 2:15 pm
Meet vergers at approximately 2:45 pm, settle into rehearsal room
Rehearse in practice room from 3-3:45 pm
Rehearse in cathedral choir stalls from 4-5 pm
Evensong at 5:30 pm
Dinner: own arrangements in the town

Wednesday 19th July

Full breakfast arranged from 7 am
Morning excursion to Stratford-upon-Avon and Anne Hathaway's Cottage
Depart from hotel at 8:45 am
Arrive at Anne Hathaway's Cottage at approx. 9:50 am
Visit to the cottage arranged at 10 am
Board the coach ready to leave at 11:25 am
Arrive in Stratford-upon-Avon at 11:40 am, drop-off in centre near Shakespeare Birthplace
Museum
Lunch: own arrangements in the town
Board the coach for the return journey to Lichfield ready to leave at 1:30 pm
Arrive in back in Lichfield at approximately 2:30 pm
Rehearse in practice room from 3-3:45 pm
Rehearse in cathedral choir stalls from 4-5 pm
Evensong at 5:30 pm
Dinner: own arrangements in the town

Thursday 20th July

Full breakfast arranged from 7 am
Morning excursion to Kenilworth Castle
Depart from hotel at 9 am
Arrive in Kenilworth at approximately 10 am
Visit Kenilworth Castle (time TBD)
Lunch: own arrangements (café on site)
Board the coach for the return journey to Lichfield ready to leave at 1:30 pm
Arrive in back in Lichfield at approximately 2:30 pm
Rehearse in practice room from 3-3:45 pm
Rehearse in cathedral choir stalls from 4-5 pm
Evensong at 5:30 pm
Evening meal own arrangements in the town

Friday 21st July

Full breakfast arranged from 7 am
Bring luggage down to the coach at 8:15 am
Ready to leave Lichfield at approximately 8:30 am
Journey down to London to arrive at approximately 11:15 am
Drop luggage at the Ibis Blackfriars Hotel
Walk/ride to Southwark Cathedral to get familiarized with the area
Drop off vestments and music at this time
Lunch: own arrangements
Return to cathedral (time TBD)
Meet vergers and arrange storage of vestments and music (time TBD)
Rehearsal in song school (time TBD)
Rehearse in choir stalls (time TBD)
Evensong at 5:30 pm
Walk back to the hotel
Claim luggage and check in
Dinner: own arrangements

Saturday 22nd July

Breakfast from 7 am
Free time in London
Lunch: own arrangements
Rehearsal in song school (time TBD)
Rehearsal in choir stalls (time TBD)
Evensong at 4 pm
Walk back to the hotel
Dinner: own arrangements

Sunday 23rd July

Breakfast from 7 am
Ready to leave the hotel for a short walk at 8:45 am
Meet in the song school at 9 am
Rehearsal in song school from 9:15-10 am
Rehearsal in choir stalls from 10-10:45 am
Eucharist at 11 am to approximately 12:15 pm
Break (lunch TBD)
Meet back in the song school at 1:25 pm
Rehearsal in song school from 1:30-2 pm
Rehearsal in the choir stalls from 2-2.45 pm
Evensong at 3 pm
Walk back to the hotel as required
Dinner: TBD

Monday 24th July

Breakfast TBD
Journey south to Heathrow
Fly home