

AN ENGLAND WONDER VOYAGE

Team: St. Martin's
Dates: July 19 - 25

Location: England
Director: Brent Richardson

Day 1 – The Pilgrim’s Road (Saturday, July 19)

Your England pilgrimage journey really began months ago; but here you are on the next leg of the voyage as two churches coming together as one. We will head straight from the airport toward historic Canterbury, with stops along the way for some food and adventure. Our first stop will be St. Martin's. This is the oldest continually-used church in England and the place where St. Augustine began his mission to the Angles. After arriving and settling in at the YHA Canterbury Hostel, we will enjoy Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral. This will be one of the best weeks of your life.

Day 2 – Canterbury Tales (Sunday, July 20)

Canterbury has been a major pilgrimage site for over 1000 years. We begin by partaking Eucharist in the mother church for the Anglican Communion, Canterbury Cathedral. We will hear stories and learn about this work of wonder and learn how the past connects us with the present. You will have free time to explore the quaint town of Canterbury. Then the team from St Martin's will create tonight's Stone Soup.

Day 3 – White Cliffs (Monday, July 21)

The White Cliffs of Dover are one of Britain's most instantly recognized natural landmarks. Rising out of the English Channel to over 300ft high in places, they are a dramatic and inspiring sight from the sea and provide superb views out across the Channel towards France. Today we will ascend the heights of the Cliffs, and enjoy a visit to Dover Castle. This stronghold contains some of the finest medieval ruins in the UK and a fantastic journey into World War II in the hidden tunnels under the castle. We will return to Canterbury for our second Stone Soup meal prepared by our St Paul.

Day 4 – St. Martin’s (Tuesday, July 22)

We begin the morning with a special worship service in the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral. You will have a couple of hours of free exploration in Canterbury before we head north to London. Once we settle in our London digs we'll go on the hunt for the mysterious Platform 9 3/4 in the Kings Cross Station. We will then walk to the gates of Buckingham Palace, along the Royal Mile to Trafalgar Square where St Martins will meet St Martins. We'll have a lot to talk about this evening

Day 5 – The Two Towers (Wednesday, July 23)

Today we head into London to see two very different 'towers.' The Tower of London has been a fortress, palace, and prison; and is now the home of the Crown Jewels. After a riverboat ride along the Thames we will come under the shadow of Big Ben and the towers of Westminster Abbey is an amazing place that has been a house of worship for over a thousand years; it is the seat of coronation for the British throne, and the resting place of 17 monarchs. The towers we build in our own lives often reflect the focus of our hearts. What towers have you built?



Day 6 – A Celebration (Thursday, July 24)

Our morning begins at the world renowned St Paul's Cathedral, a monument built to the glory of God and a symbol of the hope and strength of the people of London. Not only will you enjoy the church but you will be able to get a bird's eye view of London if you are willing to climb the 528 steps to the top. Our afternoon gives you a few free hours to explore the ever-interesting Covent Gardens, gathering place of artists, shops and wacky wonderful weirdness. After a Celebration Meal we will take time to Pass the Candle and learn how Christ has touched our lives this week

Day 7 – Goodbyes (Friday, July 25)

You have had a week of adventures as you have traveled back in time to connect with your Anglican roots. There has been cliff climbing, castle raiding, Cathedral singing, pilgrim walking and heart exploring. Our prayer is that this is just the beginning of a new pilgrimage in your life. Oh, and by the way, you still have one more outrageous day of exploration on the way home.

A little about those leading your trip:

Brent Richardson-

Brent started his journey with Wonder Voyage while serving as a youth minister. He now leads summer trips while working full time in the corporate world. He and his wife, Jamie, have been married 10+ years, and they have three young children. Brent and his family have a passion for ministering to their neighbors through a family church in their home.



Where you'll be staying:

YHA Canterbury- London

You'll find the Roman-walled city of Canterbury crammed with history and culture. The accommodation at YHA Canterbury is close to the city centre, and it is within easy reach of the North Downs Way and Pilgrims Way.



YHA Thameside - London

With easy access to the City Centre, the Tower of London, Tower Bridge and the London Dungeon this modern London Youth Hostel is perfect for our journey. Situated on the edge of the Docklands YHA London Thameside will be our home away from home in London.



Contact for families:

Please contact St. Martin's if you need to get a hold of your family member. They can contact the Wonder Voyage office in case of an emergency. Please speak to Earle King if you have any other questions about contacting your family member during the trip.



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