

# Join Father Steven Walker on a pilgrimage this February

in the footsteps of Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman, C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien to the great and holy places of England

*February 18 - 27, 2019*



- Daily Mass in the Beautiful Churches & Shrines of England
- Multiple reflections on the lives and works of Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman, C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.
- Visit the tombs of St. Thomas More, St. Thomas Becket, St. John Fisher & St. Edmund Campion

*Featuring*

London • White Cliffs of Dover • Canterbury • Oxford • Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare) • Stonehenge • Salisbury • Birmingham • Harvington Hall

*with an optional pilgrimage postlude to Walsingham & Cambridge*

# About ProRome

*At ProRome we're dedicated to one thing: education through travel. Real education is a "leading outside of" – from the Latin -"e-ducare." We lead our clients out of their normal lives and into the old-world of Europe, in all of its history, culture and beauty.*

*Our goal is to enrich those who travel with us. Our tours are unique: four and five star hotels, private tours and motor-coaches, history lectures, and great food, wine and company. We also organize daily private Masses in the most beautiful churches of Europe for our groups. Simply put, our trips are unparalleled in personality and filled with charm all the way through.*

## ITINERARY

### Monday, February 18

Today our flight British Airways 0126 departs from Washington Dulles at 6:25 PM.

### Tuesday, February 19

Our plane touches down in London at 6:30 AM. Welcome to England! After collecting our bags we'll be greeted by our tour director Brian McDermott. We will then board our private motor-coach for London. Our first stop is the London Oratory where Father will celebrate Mass for our group. The London Oratory was founded by Father Faber under the instruction of John Henry Newman.

After Mass and time for prayer and reflection we will depart for the *Grange Wellington*, a lovely four-star hotel located in the heart of London, only two minutes from the Westminster Roman Catholic Cathedral! Here we will have time to freshen up and enjoy lunch before heading out on our "Welcome to London" tour, a boat cruise on the river Thames! On this extraordinary trip we will enjoy of some of London's most important sites, such as the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, St Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and the Tower Bridge.

Following the tour we will head back to the *Grange Wellington* for dinner and a night's rest.



### Wednesday, February 20

Today will begin with Mass at Westminster Cathedral. We will then have free time for lunch before embarking on a walking tour of London. On this tour we will visit St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London and St. Peter ad Vincula, where where St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher are buried. We will then return to the hotel for dinner.



### Thursday, February 21

Today will begin with Mass at Tyburn Convent, the burial place of St. Edmund Campion. We will then embark on a coach tour of London, which will include the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Downing Street, Trafalgar Square, Nelson's Column, Piccadilly Circus and Buckingham Palace. Following the tour everyone will enjoy a free day to themselves in London.

### Friday, February 22

Today we will enjoy a day-trip to Canterbury. Our visit will begin with Mass in the Catholic Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, followed by a visit to the great Cathedral of Canterbury where we will venerate the relics of St. Thomas Becket.

Following the tour there will be time for lunch and shopping before departing for the very edge of Great Britain, the White Cliffs of Dover. This 8-mile stretch of white cliffs rises dramatically 350 feet out of the English Channel. It was from these cliffs that the British watched the Royal Air Force defend their island against the German Luftwaffe during the the Battle of Britain.

After enjoying the cliffs we will return to our hotel in London for dinner.





*To go on pilgrimage is not simply to visit a place to admire its treasures of nature, art or history.*

*To go on pilgrimage really means to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God where he has revealed himself, where his grace has shone with particular splendour and produced rich fruits of conversion and holiness among those who believe.*

- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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## Saturday, February 23

Today Father will celebrate Mass for the group in Westminster Roman Catholic Cathedral. We will then depart for Stonehenge, the world-famous prehistoric landmark and icon of British civilization.

After touring Stonehenge we will continue to Salisbury for lunch. We will then tour the incredible Gothic Cathedral which contains the best-preserved copy of the *Magna Carta*, one of the most important legal documents ever drafted and a landmark in the development of constitutional democracy.

In the late afternoon we depart for Oxford. Our hotel of choice is the *Oxford Spires*, a quaint hotel surrounded by beautiful parkland alongside the river Thames. The *Oxford Spires* will provide the perfect retreat for us for our excursions into Oxford and beyond. Upon arrival we will check-in and then enjoy a lovely three-course dinner together.



## Sunday, February 24

Today begins with Sunday Mass in the Oxford Oratory, St. Aloysius Catholic Church. We will then have time for lunch in the Eagle and Child Pub, the famous meeting place of GK Chesterton and CS Lewis.

After lunch we will enjoy a guided tour of Oxford. On this tour we will learn all about the University, from its founding in the 12<sup>th</sup> century to the present day. We will visit the University Church, the Clarendon and Bodleian Quadrangles, Radcliffe Square, the Sheldonian Theatre and last but not least, the Theatre's Cupola, which offers one of the best indoor panoramic views of Oxford's famous skyline.

After the tour we will return to the hotel for dinner.

## Monday, February 25

Today we will visit Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Our day will begin with Mass in the church of St. Gregory the Great followed by lunch in the heart of town. We will then enjoy an hour-long canal cruise on a beautiful wide-beam canal barge, the Jennifer May.

After the cruise there we will return to Oxford for a free evening.

## Tuesday, February 26

After breakfast we will depart for the beautiful manor house of Harvington Hall which contains the largest surviving series of priest holes in the country. This place served as a refuge for priests during time of persecution under the English reforms. Priests hid themselves here so that they could continue to bring the sacraments to the Faithful. After the tour and lunch we will depart for Birmingham where we will visit the Birmingham Oratory, founded by John Henry Newman, and have Mass together. We will then return to Oxford together for our final dinner together.

## Wednesday, February 27

After lunch we will depart for London Heathrow airport. Our flight BA 293 departs London (LHR) at 5:05 PM and arrives home at IAD at 8:40 PM.



# PILGRIMAGE THROUGH ENGLAND

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## COST

\$3200.00/ person

Single Room?

\$650.00 Surcharge

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## PRICE INCLUDES

- Round-trip (direct flights both ways) airfare economy class from Washington Dulles to Dublin on British Airways.
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges.
- Four nights accommodation (Double Standard Room) at the Grange Wellington Hotel London.
- Four nights accommodation (Double Standard Room) at the Oxford Spires Hotel in Oxford.
- Private motor-coach transportation daily.
- Daily Mass and spiritual direction.
- ProRome tour director services throughout the trip.
- Private tour guides throughout the trip.
- Tours and all entry-ticket prices.
- Daily breakfast.
- 6 Dinners (excluding beverages).
- Portage at hotels.

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Trip Insurance (Available for purchase through ProRome).
- Gratuity for driver (2-5 pounds sterling per person, per day).
- Gratuity for tour director (2-5 pounds sterling per person, per day).
- Daily lunch and two dinners.
- Beverages at dinner.
- Hotel Extras: Room Service, Mini Fridge Items, Laundry, Telephone, all other extras

## HOW TO SIGN UP

Request a registration form from the parish office OR directly from ProRome and send it to ProRome (checks can be made out to "ProRome) along with a \$200.00 deposit.

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Have additional questions? Contact the tour director Joe Long:

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# Consider joining the four-day pilgrimage postlude to Walsingham & Cambridge in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary & the Martyrs of England

## The Story of Walsingham, the most important Marian shrine in England

In 1061 a pious widow named Richildis had a vision of the Virgin Mary. In this vision the Virgin Mary took Richildis back in time to the scene of the Annunciation. She instructed Richildis to take note of the holy house in the vision and to build an exact replica in Walsingham.

Following the vision Richildis instructed a number of craftsmen to begin work on the house. The holy project was quickly abandoned, however, leaving Richildis anxious yet nonetheless confident in the power of prayer. Richildis spent the evening in prayer, begging the Virgin Mary to help, and in the morning the house was found, completed.

Ever since this event Walsingham has been venerated as one of the holiest places in England and countless pilgrims have visited the village to ask Mary to pray to Jesus on their behalf. By the late Middle Ages it was held to be the duty of every Englishman to visit Our Lady at Walsingham at least once in his lifetime.

On February 27th we are going to follow in the footsteps of nearly a thousand years of pilgrims as we journey to Walsingham. English saints and kings, scholars and poets, peasants and farmers have one and all made this trip before us, bringing their many needs to the loving arms of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## ITINERARY

### Wednesday, February 27

Today we depart for Walsingham. On the way we will stop for lunch in the beautiful seaport town of King's Lynn. We will then continue on to Walsingham where we will check in at either the Black Lion or the Bull Inn. After freshening up we have Mass and dinner together.

### Thursday, February 28

Today Father Walker will lead us as we walk in the footsteps of millions of pilgrims on the mile-long "Pilgrims Way," from Slipper Chapel (so-named because pilgrims would slip off their shoes in order to walk barefoot) to Walsingham. We will then have Mass followed by a day of prayer and reflection. There will be a group dinner in the evening.

### Friday, March 1

Today we depart for Cambridge. Upon arrival we will check in at the lovely four-star boutique luxury *Gonville Hotel*, located in the heart of Cambridge and just next to the Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs. Following lunch we'll have Mass followed by a walking tour of Cambridge. We'll then have dinner together back at the hotel.

### Saturday, March 2

Following breakfast we will have morning Mass in the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs. We will then depart for London Heathrow airport. Our flight BA 293 departs London (LHR) at 5:05 PM and arrives home at IAD at 8:40 PM.

## COST

\$550.00 double-occupancy room - price includes daily breakfast and dinner, private motor coach transportation and a private tour of Cambridge.

\$750.00 single-occupancy room - price includes daily breakfast and dinner, private motor coach transportation and a private tour of Cambridge.

*Please note that the postlude requires at least 9 participants to operate.*