



Images of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien

**Explore Their Legacy &
Discover the Magical Beauty of Britain**

Travel to the land of Lewis and Tolkien ...

**See the countryside where they walked
and traveled...**

**Enjoy walking through the gardens and parks
where they loved to visit ...**

**Roam through the college grounds where they
taught and the churches where they worshipped...**

**And become immersed in the lives of
these extraordinary Christians and writers.**



DAY 1 **USA/LONDON**
We board our flight and are on our way to London.
(meals aloft)

DAY 2 **LONDON/SALISBURY/
STONEHENGE/BATH/BRISTOL**
After arrival in London we travel on to Salisbury and head west to the market town of Salisbury to visit its Cathedral, which has the tallest spire in England. We continue to mysterious Stonehenge to see a fascinating collection of ancient monoliths placed there nearly 2,000 years before the birth of Christ. They were once used to calculate the eclipses and equinoxes. Then across the Salisbury Plains to Bath, the best preserved Georgian city in Britain. We visit the old Roman baths, which from early times onwards have attracted people from all over the country to come and “take the waters”, notably the 18th century English lords and nobles who made this city a byword for elegance and fashion. Dinner is included at our hotel tonight. (B,D)

DAY 3 **BRISTOL/MALVERN HILLS/
CHERBOURG SCHOOL/MALVERN COLLEGE/
MALVERN/OXFORD**
We tour Malvern Hills and visit Cherbourg School and Malvern College. The Lewis brothers loved to visit in this area which overlooks the Severn Valley. They both attended Malvern College. On to the many wonders of Oxford. We visit the Oxford Botanic Garden where C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien often walked and met friends. Directly across the street, we have an opportunity to see a magnificent view of Magdalen Tower, where part of Shadowlands was filmed. Dinner is included tonight at our hotel. (B,D)

DAYS 4&5 **OXFORD**
We start our day visiting Christ Church College (“the House”), certainly one of the most beautiful and visited colleges in all England. This is the college

of Lewis Carroll, and it boasts some of the grandest and most stunning architecture in Oxford. We also visit Christ Church Cathedral, the smallest of England's ancient cathedrals. The world-famous university city of Oxford, whose two major streets, "the High" and the Broad", are among the most attractive in England. Between them stands a magnificent group of buildings, creating a skyline of domes and spires. All of the colleges have exquisite gardens, lovely and interesting chapels, stunning architecture, quiet walks and gardens, great traditions and history, and famous graduates. Oxford itself, "the city of dreaming spires", is full of old and new shops, wonderful restaurants and pubs (the "Eagle and Child" was a favorite of both Lewis and Tolkien), museums, libraries (you must see the famed Bodleian Library and Radcliffe Camera to believe them), art galleries, churches, and bookstores. C.S. Lewis once said the "Oxford is a dangerous place for a book lover." You'll especially want to visit Blackwell's, Thornton's, and Waterfield's, bookshops that both Lewis and Tolkien frequented often. We will also visit "The Kilns" in Headington, C.S. Lewis' former home. If time permits, please visit the breath-taking medieval University Church of St. Mary's on High Street. Lewis preached there, and so did Charles Wesley. Back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 6 COTSWOLDS

This beautiful region was a great favorite of Lewis and Tolkien, who visited it as often as they could on their holidays. We travel to Stratford, where we see William Shakespeare's birthplace, the 16th century Harvard House, the Guildhall and Anne Hathaway's lovely thatched cottage, preserved just as it was in Elizabethan times. A scenic drive takes us through the rolling hills and mellow-colored stone villages of the Cotswolds. Wolds, refers to the tranquilizing rolling terrain and cot (cottage) applies to the dwellings that dot the undulating countryside, laced by streams and shaded by lovely trees in tidy gardens. A relaxing, wonderful drive. Back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 7 OXFORD/WOBURN/ WHIPSNAD/CAMBRIDGE

Woburn Abbey and Park is not an abbey, but a grand stately home. It was the seat of dukes of Bedford for the last 350 years. The mansion also houses a magnificent state chamber that served as Queen Victoria's bedroom, which has to be seen to be believed. Lewis was a great lover of nature and immensely enjoyed his visits where he saw many acres of rhododendrons and rare trees that decorate the park. Whipsnade (known

as Whipsnade Zoo in C.S. Lewis' time) is a site he visited often. A branch of the London Zoo, it was originally established to breed endangered species in captivity. We drive on to the peaceful university city of Cambridge. Scarcely anywhere else in England is so much historical, architectural and artistic interest found concentrated in such a small area. We visit tiny and charming Magdalene (pronounced 'maudlin') College, where Lewis lectured and wrote two of his famous books on medieval history. The University has 22 colleges, almost every one of which has some distinctive quality of its own. (B,D)

DAY 8 CAMBRIDGE

We visit King's College, founded in 1441 by Henry VI. King's College Chapel, built of white limestone, is Cambridge's finest building, a masterpiece of late Gothic architecture. We also visit the Round Church, a church where Lewis reportedly worshiped during the late 1950s. Back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 9 CAMBRIDGE/LONDON

Upon arrival in London, you will have a half day at leisure - you may want to visit the department stores of Harrods or Selfridges to shop, stroll along Oxford Street and Bond Street, or visit other places you have always wanted to see. (B,D)

DAY 10 LONDON

We have a morning tour of many famous places on our panoramic tour -- Marble Arch, Mayfair, Piccadilly, the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the Changing of the Guard ceremony (if held) and Hyde Park. We visit famed Westminster Abbey, home to many coronations and royal weddings. This afternoon is yours to explore the wonder of the great city for yourself. Visit the magnificent stores in the West End, pay a visit to the National Portrait Gallery, stroll the length of Piccadilly and pause for coffee in the splendid Cafe Royale. For a very different angle, walk down the King's Road and listen to the street vendors' marvelous selling pitches. Back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 11 LONDON/USA

This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the US at the end of our wonderful C.S. Lewis experience in England. (B, meals aloft)

All sites listed will be covered but the sequence and days may be altered to adjust to special closings, schedule changes, etc.