

A Centennial Celebration and Tour of the life and work of Florence Nightingale, "The Lady with the Lamp"

May 8 - 14, 2010

SIUe Alumni Association - Nursing Alumni



Detailed Itinerary

Saturday, May 8th

UNITED STATES TO LONDON

Begin your journey to England in honor of Florence Nightingale. The year 2010 is the centenary of her death on August 13, 1910, at a remarkable 90 years of age. Depart Chicago and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meals as you travel to London.

Depart Chicago O'Hare on British Airways Flight #294 7:50PM - Non Stop

Sunday, May 9th

LONDON ARRIVAL & CITY TOUR

Arrive London Heathrow at 9:35AM

After landing at London Airport and completing customs and immigration formalities, your CIE Tours guide will welcome you to England and escort you to the motorcoach. Take an introductory sightseeing tour of London's most famous

landmarks. Drive through the busy 'West End' to view the theater district, Piccadilly Circus, Royal Parks, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall with its stately Government buildings, Westminster Abbey and Parliament Square with the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. Then check into your hotel where the balance of the day is at leisure. In the evening join your fellow travelers for a welcome drink followed by dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: VANDERBILT HOTEL, LONDON
Breakfast and Dinner included

Monday, May 10th

LONDON SIGHTSEEING TOUR

Today take a guided tour of London's best-known landmarks to include the West End, Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square. Stop to visit Westminster Abbey with its glorious medieval architecture and impressive tombs and monuments to some of Britain's greatest public figures. Next visit St. Paul's Cathedral, designed by Sir Christopher Wren and built between 1675-1710 to replace the original cathedral, which was destroyed in the Great Fire of London in 1666. See the memorial to Florence Nightingale before heading to Waterloo Place to see the statue of Florence, which memorializes her contributions during the Crimean War. View plaques marking locations where she lived prior to and after the War. The latter site marks the location where she lived from 1865 until her death (the building was torn down in 1926). The afternoon and evening are free for independent activities, sightseeing, shopping, dining, pubs and much more.

OVERNIGHT: VANDERBILT HOTEL, LONDON
Breakfast included

Tuesday, May 11th

OXFORD WALKING TOUR & CLAYDON HOUSE

This morning travel to the beautiful university town of Oxford. Embark on a guided walking tour to see some of the famous colleges such as Christchurch, whose chapel is the Cathedral of Oxford; Merton, one of the oldest; Magdalene, probably the most beautiful; New College, over 500 years old with its lovely gardens. Then you will have some free time to browse and enjoy lunch independently. In the afternoon visit Claydon House which was home to Florence's sister. Florence was a regular visitor here and many of her personal belongings are on display. The extraordinary interiors of Claydon House, built 1759-69, represent a veritable three-dimensional pattern book of the 18th century decorative styles. Outstanding features include the astonishingly lavish wood carving in the Chinese Room and the fine parquet grand staircase. After your visit, return to London where you will have the balance of the day and evening free for individual pursuits.

OVERNIGHT: VANDERBILT HOTEL, LONDON
Breakfast included

Wednesday, May 12th

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SIGHTS & COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Today enjoy touring with a full-day metro pass for the Underground. Travel to St. Thomas Hospital and visit the Florence Nightingale Museum. She is commemorated in this award-winning museum for her work in the Crimea and her creation of the first modern nurses' training school. Evocative displays include a recreated ward scene and a twenty-minute audio-visual presentation. Then visit the Old Operating Theatre and Museum which is built in the herb garret of the former St. Thomas' Hospital. It's a shocking reminder of the harsh reality of medical treatment in Florence's time. The museum displays the history of herbal medicine, surgery, nursing at Old St. Thomas' Hospital (the original home of Florence Nightingale's Nursing School) and Guy's Hospital and the Evelina Children's Hospital. It provides a dramatic insight into life before the modern era. In the late afternoon transfer to Westminster Abbey to attend the 6:15 p.m. Florence Nightingale Commemorative Service. She was born on this day, May 12, in 1820. In the evening take advantage of London's worldwide reputation for its entertainment ranging from the theater, musicals, opera and ballet to rock concerts and nightclubs. Or choose from the many restaurants of all types scattered throughout the city.

OVERNIGHT: VANDERBILT HOTEL, LONDON
Breakfast included

Thursday, May 13th

EXCURSION TO HAMPSHIRE, SALISBURY CATHEDRAL & STONEHENGE

Today travel southwest of London for a full day excursion to Hampshire. Drive by Florence's elegant childhood home of Embley Park, which is now a school. Nearby, visit her gravesite at St. Margaret's Church in East Wellow. Acclaimed during her lifetime, Miss Nightingale wanted very little in the way of tributes - her grave is marked simply "F.N." After your visits, continue your drive to Salisbury for a visit to the famed Salisbury Cathedral, one of the finest medieval churches in England. Built in the 13th century, this huge cathedral is reputed to have "as many windows as days in the year" and its elegant spire has appeared in many paintings. After your visit, enjoy some free time to have lunch on your own before continuing your drive to visit Stonehenge, one of Britain's most important prehistoric monuments. This huge megalithic structure, probably of religious significance, was erected about 5,000 years ago. Return to London and enjoy some time to relax and freshen up. In the evening join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: VANDERBILT HOTEL, LONDON
Breakfast and Dinner included

Friday, May 14th

RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Today your vacation has come to its final day. Enjoy a morning of leisure before you transfer to Heathrow Airport in plenty of time to check in for your transatlantic flight. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft. Enjoy your flight across the Atlantic Ocean back to your hometown in the United States.

**Depart London Heathrow on British Airways Flight #299 at 5:15PM - Non Stop
Arrive Chicago O'Hare at 8:10PM**

Cost \$2,779pp

Based on double occupancy and a minimum of 16 traveling

What's included?

- RT Air from Chicago
- Transport by luxury motorcoach with a driver/guide (one man) for 4 days.
- Evening transfer for Commemorative Service.
- Meet and greet service upon arrival and departure at Heathrow Airport.
- Services of a London guide for 4 days.
- Hotel accommodation based on twin bedded rooms with private bath as listed opposite for 5 nights.
- Full breakfasts (5).
- Table d'hôte dinner (1).
- Welcome drink in the Vanderbilt Hotel
- Farewell dinner at a local London restaurant.
- Guided walking tour of Oxford
- Visit to Westminster Abbey for evening Florence Nightingale Commemorative Service
- Full day excursion to Hampshire
- Underground Pass
- Visits and admission fees to:
Westminster Abbey
St. Paul's Cathedral

Florence Nightingale Memorial
 Claydon House
 Florence Nightingale Museum
 Old Operating Theatre & Museum
 Embley Park & St. Margaret's Church
 Salisbury Cathedral
 Stonehenge

- Hotel portorage, service charges and government taxes.
- Driver/Guide gratuities
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap.

Payment and Cancellation

- A \$600pp deposit is required and is fully refundable before January 25, 2010. After this date air and land penalties will apply. Final payment is due on or before 25 February 2010.
- Payments are to made by check payable to "Cruise and Travel Partners, LLC".

Travel Insurance- Included

Coverage Benefit Amount

Trip Cancellation (Maximum Limit \$25,000 per person)	Trip Cost
Trip Interruption	150% of Trip Cost
Trip Interruption - Return Air Only	\$750 or 150% of Trip Cost (whichever is greater)
Missed Connection	\$250
Trip Delay (\$150 max/day)	\$750
Medical Expense	\$25,000
Emergency Medical Transportation	\$250,000
Baggage & Personal Effects.	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	\$250
Accidental Death and Dismemberment..	\$25,000
Travel Guard Assist	Included
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