



Canterbury Cathedral and Kent Castles Tour

Thursday 25 to Sunday 28th April 2024 – 3 Nights/4 Days

I feel we have tried more than once to go to Canterbury, so it's time we made it happen! We are delighted to be singing in Canterbury Cathedral. We are also singing in St Martin's Church, the oldest church in the English-speaking world and St Augustine's Abbey. These three historic sites form Canterbury's UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We have a 3 night/4 day tour, staying in the heart of Canterbury and while we are in the area we will visit and sing at a few of the castles! Leeds Castle, Dover Castle and Whitstable Castle. Plus of course some input from a local Blue Badge Tour Guide to help us get to know the area.



Accommodation and Food

We are staying at the Hampton by Hilton in Canterbury - 7 St Margaret's St, Canterbury CT1 2TP.

We are on a bed and breakfast basis with dinner there on the last evening and dinner included at local restaurants on the first and second evening.

Travel

You will make your own way to and from the hotel in Canterbury on the first and last day. We will have a coach for travelling on the afternoon of day 2 and on day 3 and 4.

Music

The programme will be a mixture of music drawn from our existing library together with some new songs.

The rehearsals will take place on the following days;-

Saturday 24 February 2024 12.30 to 5.30 pm – Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church, Ramilies Ave, Cheadle, SK8 7AL

Saturday 16 March 2024 12.30 to 5.30 pm – Salendine Nook Baptist Church, Moor Hill Road, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD3 3SF

Saturday 13 April 2024 12.30 to 5.30 pm – Garden Studio, Midlands Art Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham, B12 9QH

You will receive your music and CD electronically. If you wish to have a copy of the music printed and the CD sent please confirm this by email when you receive your electronic copy to the person who has sent it. There will be a £5 fee for this which you can add to your singing fee.

Our rehearsals will be recorded and if there is a suitable signal at the venue they will be live screened and if not they will be recorded and put up on line afterwards.

Please make sure you attend as many rehearsals as possible either in person or on zoom or using the link afterwards.

Our musical director for the tour will be Joe Diggle and we will sing from books on the tour.

Itinerary

Day 1 – Thursday 25th April – Arrive in Canterbury and Visiting and Singing at St Martin’s Church

Make your own way to Canterbury and to the hotel

- 13.00 Two hour rehearsal in Canterbury - venue tbc
- 15.15 Depart rehearsal venue to visit and sing at St Martin’s Church
- 15.30 Guided tour and singing at St Martin’s Church
- 19.00 Dinner in local restaurant – you will make your own way to the restaurant

Day 2 – Friday 26th April – Guided Walking Tour of Canterbury, Singing in Canterbury Cathedral and St Augustine’s Abbey, Visiting and singing at Dover Castle

- 09.00 Depart hotel with our Blue Badge Tour Guide for visit and singing at St Augustine’s Abbey and guided Walking tour of Canterbury
- 11.30 Meet in the Cathedral for a 12 noon recital in Canterbury Cathedral
- 13.00 Free time in Canterbury for Lunch
- 14.00 Depart Canterbury for Dover Castle, scenic touring through Kent AONB
- 14.30 Arrive Dover Castle for our visit and singing
- 17.00 Depart Dover Castle, scenic touring through Kent AONB
- 17.30 Arrive back at the Hotel
- 19.30 Dinner in local restaurant – you will make your own way to the restaurant

Day 3 – Saturday 27th April – Day out with blue badge Tour Guide to Whitstable, singing at Whitstable Castle, followed by coastal touring and singing along the way

- 09.30 Depart Hotel with our guide and head to Whitstable, singing at Whitstable Castle, then taking a coastal route on to Herne Bay and round the coast via Broadstairs and Sandwich and back through picturesque inland villages, singing at various points along the route!
- 17.30 Arrive back at the Hotel
- 7.30 pm Dinner at the Hotel

Day 4 – Sunday 28th April – Visiting and Singing at Leeds Castle

- 08.45 Depart Hotel for Leeds Castle
- 09.45 Arrive Leeds Castle for guided tour and singing
- 13.30 Depart Leeds Castle
- 14.30 Arrive back in Canterbury dropping off at the Railway Station and then at the Hotel - fond farewells!

Timings

The above itinerary timings may be adjusted nearer the time, but the arrival and departure times will remain the same.

Prices and Booking

The singing fee is £105 payable either with your application or by Monday 22nd January 2024. Please make a note of this day in your diary as a payment reminder!

For the package prices please see the booking form below.

Please complete the booking form below and return it to us **ASAP** before our accommodation allocation runs out. This tour is going ahead and our initial deadline has passed but we are keeping the bookings open for as long as we can, but prices and places cannot be guaranteed.

Please refer to our terms and conditions on our website or request a copy directly from us.

Please ensure you supply us with an up to date e-mail address for yourself so that we can correspond with you through email. Please advise us if you are unable to receive emails and we will post things out to you.

Please tick this box to give your consent to us using your data to keep you informed of news, events, rehearsal details and schedules for UVT. Please see privacy statement on our website.

Please note once we have sufficient numbers we will confirm your application to you.

Please make sure we have confirmed your place before you book your transport.

Please return your application forms as soon as possible to:- Canterbury 2024, Unlimited Voices Travel, 92 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 1PL.

Canterbury 2024 – Booking Form - Thursday 25 to Sunday 28th April 2024

Lead Name

Address

Post Code

Home Phone No.

Mobile No

Email address

Please note that all correspondence relating to the payment for this trip will be forwarded to the lead name only as our system does not enable us to duplicate it. PLEASE THEREFORE MAKE SURE YOU PASS IT ON TO EVERYONE ON YOUR FORM. With regard to other information relating to the trip if you wish us to send it to everyone on your form please include their email address below.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU FILL IN YOUR VOICE TYPE, AGE, AND NATIONAL TRUST YES/NO

Individual names of all participants including lead name	If singing please indicate voice type including 1 or 2	Age/DOB	National Trust Member Yes/No	**E-mail address

Room Requirements - Please circle - **Single** **Double** **Twin**

The Full Package – 3 Nights/4 days – as per the above itinerary	Price Per Person
Single – Price per person	£845
Double – Price Per Person	£700
Twin – Price per person	£700

Special Requirements (i.e. Mobility) and dietary requirements

Please note an administration fee of **£50** will be applied to all changes after the initial booking and to any late payments or late applications.

Deposit & Balance Due

Deposit on Application - £125 per person, Balance due Monday 19th February 2024

Please pay by bacs (details below) or alternatively send a cheque payable to **Unlimited Voices Travel**, noting on the back of the cheque what the payment is for. Please note that all monies are strictly non-refundable once the trip has been confirmed.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM AS WELL AS PAYING YOUR DEPOSIT

By applying and paying a deposit you agree to our terms and conditions which are available on our website. If you are unable to obtain access to these please request a copy directly from us.

Please make sure you have valid and adequate travel insurance to cover this trip. Once the trip is confirmed all monies are strictly non-refundable and the full balance is due whether you or your party travels or not. Unlimited Voices Travel can take no responsibility for changes in the economic climate that might affect the services of the suppliers.

Please return as soon as possible to Canterbury 2024, Unlimited Voices Travel, 92 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 1PL.

Please note that our system only allows us to generate receipts to the lead person. Please therefore help us by sending in just one payment each time an instalment is due, eg if you are sharing a twin room please just send in one deposit payment to cover both people, and the same for the interim payment and final balance. However, with regard to the singing fee we can accept payments individually.

Please make sure that you make a note of when the singing fee and the balance for the tour is due to help us with our administration and ensure prompt payment as sadly we don't have the resources to chase up individual cases.

Please note once we have sufficient numbers we will confirm your application to you. Wherever possible we will send all correspondence by e-mail. If however you prefer to receive things by post, please send us 2 self addressed, C5 stamped envelopes.

Canterbury 2024 – Bacs Payments

BANK TRANSFER DETAILS – please quote Canterbury 2024 and send an email to confirm transfer to teresa@unlimitedvoices.uk **Remember to tell us if any of your personal details have changed**

Account Name: Unlimited Voices Travel Ltd **Sorting Code:** 20 61 46 **Account No:** 23999343

REF: Canterbury 2024