

Heritage Tours

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Pilgrims in England

Tour Leader: Robert Charles Anderson

October 18-24, 2022

Join Robert Charles Anderson, author and esteemed scholar of the Great Migration and Heritage Tours for the third tour commemorating the 400th anniversary of the landing of the *Mayflower*. Our journey in the footsteps of *Mayflower* passengers continues in Canterbury and Winchester, where we will explore the towns and cities that nurtured some of our nation's most notable Pilgrims. We begin in the historic cathedral city of Canterbury and UNESCO World Heritage Site where we discover insights into the life of James Chilton, resident of Canterbury prior to his move to Sandwich and ultimately Leiden. Walk in the footsteps of Chilton and his contemporaries, like Moses Fletcher on guided tours in Sandwich.

We then depart on the second leg of our journey for Winchester, known for the medieval Winchester Cathedral. Along the way, visit Dorking, the home of William Mullins and Peter Brown. Explore the historic market town and delight in its quirky boutiques, vibrant art scene, and proximity to nature. Examine the life of Stephen Hopkins in Winchester and Upper Clatford (his birthplace) and Hursley (where he lived as a young adult). Our program concludes with a visit to Southampton, where we reimagine the arrival of the Speedwell from Delfshaven and the *Mayflower* from London before the transatlantic journey that would change the world.

Private experiences, in-depth discussions with historians, and delicious, traditional meals await us. We hope you will join us next year in Canterbury and Winchester.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Canterbury Cathedral Lodge

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, situated in the inspirational grounds of Canterbury Cathedral, is renowned for its unbeatable location and stunning views of the Cathedral. The rooms are stylish and well-appointed with complimentary Wi-Fi. The lodge's lovely Library is filled with books on Canterbury and the local area, where guests can unwind and enjoy a glass of wine. As an added bonus, once the gates to the walled precinct close at night, guests of the Lodge have exclusive access to the Cathedral grounds.



Winchester Hotel and Spa

The Winchester Hotel and Spa offers a comfortable and stylish retreat within a short stroll of the beautiful and historic center of Winchester. Enjoy an upgraded Club bedroom with complimentary Wi-Fi, a spacious desk area, and super-king bed. The hotel enjoys an excellent reputation for the quality of its food and locally-sourced ingredients and the Terrace provides a relaxing outdoor space in which to enjoy 'al-fresco' drinks and dining. The Spa offers a wide range of holistic and beauty therapies by professional and friendly staff members in luxury treatment rooms.

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Tuesday, October 18

London & Arrival in Canterbury

Arrive at London Heathrow Airport on independent flights and join a group coach transfer to central London. Enjoy a special welcome lunch with Robert Anderson and fellow travelers at a contemporary London restaurant. Continue to the **Stationers' Company of London** to learn about Pilgrim Diplomat Edward Winslow's apprenticeship here as a teenager and take a private guided tour of the historic Stationers' Hall, the church of St. Martin-within-Ludgate, and the archives. Depart London and drive to Canterbury, one of the most important pilgrimage sites of Medieval England. Check into the **Canterbury Cathedral Lodge**, uniquely located within the grounds of Canterbury Cathedral. Take time to settle in before gathering for a welcome reception and dinner in the hotel's elegant on-site restaurant.

Wednesday, October 19

Sandwich

Depart by coach on a day-trip to Sandwich, home to several notable *Mayflower* passengers. Begin with an exploration of ancient Sandwich and see the medieval walls which once encircled the town. Visit the three original Sandwich parishes dating to the 12th- to 14th-centuries: **St. Clement's**, **St. Peter's**, and **St. Mary's**. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to the **Sandwich Guildhall Museum and Archives** which chronicles the history of the town. Take a guided tour of the historic Guildhall building and courtroom, as well as other rooms that are normally closed to the public, and hear the migration stories of Sandwich residents James Chilton, Richard Masterson, and Moses Fletcher. Explore additional sites in town where *Mayflower* passengers once stood before returning to Canterbury in the late afternoon. After time to relax, reconvene with the group in the evening for dinner at a top Canterbury restaurant.

Thursday, October 20

Canterbury

Delve into the rich history of Canterbury, beginning with a special tour of **Canterbury Cathedral** led by one of the staff stonemasons. Canterbury Cathedral has been a place of worship for more than 1,400 years and has played an intimate role in many of England's most important historical chapters. A beautiful example of Medieval architecture, the cathedral is also a treasure trove of paintings, sculptures, stained glass, and brilliant stonework, all of which require meticulous conservation efforts, which the stonemason will highlight. Enjoy lunch at a local pub and then embark on a walking tour along the cobblestone streets of historic Canterbury with stops throughout town including the **ruins of St. Augustine's Abbey** and the spot where the *Mayflower* was commissioned. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are free for independent exploration and relaxation.



London Skyline



St. Clement's Church



Interior of Canterbury Cathedral



St. Martin's Church Dorking

Friday, October 21

Dorking to Winchester

Check out of the Canterbury Cathedral Lodge and drive through the idyllic British countryside to Winchester. Stop en route in Dorking, a picturesque English town, which was home to six *Mayflower* passengers including William Mullins and Peter Brown. Enjoy a guided walking tour to see the **William Mullins House**, believed to be the only surviving home of a Pilgrim Father; the **Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre**; and **St. Martin's Church**. Stop for lunch at a classic hotel in a former 18th-century coaching inn. Continue to Winchester and check into the **Winchester Hotel and Spa** in the late afternoon. After time to refresh, gather in the lobby and walk to a nearby restaurant for dinner.



Winchester Cathedral

Saturday, October 22

Hampshire County

Spend the day exploring Hampshire County in the footsteps of Stephen Hopkins, a *Mayflower* passenger and one of the 41 signatories of the Mayflower Compact. Begin in the village of Upper Clatford, where Hopkins was born in 1581, and visit **All Saints' Church** where he was baptized. Continue to **Hursley**, where Hopkins married and had three children, and learn of the escapades that earned him the distinction of being the only *Mayflower* passenger with previous experience in the New World. Following lunch, return to Winchester and take a private tour of the massive **Winchester Cathedral**, one of the largest and finest medieval cathedrals in all of Europe. The evening and dinner are at leisure.



Mayflower Memorial

Sunday, October 23

Southampton

The tour culminates with a day trip to the thriving seaport of Southampton, where the *Speedwell* and the *Mayflower* rendezvoused in the summer of 1620 for their initial, but ultimately short-lived, attempt to cross the Atlantic. Take a guided walk through the **Old Town** and learn about Southampton's pivotal role in the Pilgrims' preparations for the voyage, as they stockpiled supplies for their journey as well as for life in the New World. Tour the **SeaCity Museum** which chronicles the maritime history of this great port city, featuring stories of the legendary ships that have sailed out of Southampton including the *Mayflower*, the *Titanic*, and the *Queen Mary*. Following lunch at a local restaurant, return to Winchester for a free afternoon. Gather in the evening for a celebratory farewell reception and dinner.

Monday, October 24

Return to the United States

Board the group transfer to London Heathrow Airport for independent afternoon flights back to the United States.

ABOUT OUR TOUR LEADER



**Robert Charles Anderson, FASG;
Director of the Great Migration Study Project**

The Great Migration Study Project, launched in 1988, is the most authoritative and comprehensive scholarship ever published on early immigrants to New England. Covering accounts of all immigrants to New England from 1620 to 1640, from the arrival of the *Mayflower* to the decline of immigration resulting from the beginning of the Civil War in England, the Great Migration Study Project is the essential resource for any genealogist, historian, or descendant with early New England interests and connections. Robert Charles Anderson, FASG has been the director of the Great Migration Study Project since its inception. He was born at Bellows Falls, Vermont, and holds degrees from Harvard, Caltech, and UMass Amherst. He was educated as a biochemist and served in the United States Army in electronics intelligence. Anderson is a Fellow and former President of the American Society of Genealogists, past coeditor of *The American Genealogist*, and editorial consultant to the *Register: The Journal of American Genealogy*.

**PILGRIMS IN ENGLAND:
THE SOUTHEAST CONTINGENT
October 18–24, 2022**

Tour Cost:

Land Package: \$6,995

Single Supplement: \$750

Tour price is per person, based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 12 paying participants.

Deposit & Final Payment: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve a spot on the tour. Deposits are payable by check or credit card (MasterCard, Visa, or American Express). Final balance will be invoiced and is due on July 11, 2022. Final balance payments are payable by check only to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations will be accepted beyond this date on a space-available basis.

Activity Level: Moderate; good walking ability is advised.

Flights: Airfare is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for all aspects of their round-trip air arrangements. Please do not purchase airline tickets until the operation of the tour is confirmed.

Terms & Conditions: International Seminar Design, Inc. (“ISDI”) requires that all tour participants be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to participate on the tour. Upon receipt of registration, ISDI will send registrant a Participant Tour Agreement detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ISDI before participant’s registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed.

Cancellations & Refunds: Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to NEHGS and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by NEHGS. There is a non-refundable registration and planning fee of \$500 per person regardless of cancellation date. Written cancellation received by NEHGS on or before July 11, 2022: full refund minus \$500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by NEHGS between July 12 and September 2, 2022: full refund minus \$3,500 per person cancellation fee (includes registration and planning fee). Written cancellations received by NEHGS on or after September 3, 2022: no refund. Tour registration is non-transferable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not allowed. After the tour has commenced, no refunds will be issued for any reason including, but not limited to, unused portions of tour. If the tour is cancelled by NEHGS or ISDI due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

Travel Insurance: Travel Insurance is not included in the tour cost, but participants are strongly encouraged to purchase a travel protection plan in conjunction with this tour, including coverage of trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation/repatriation, medical expenses, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations. Should a participant cancel at any time after registering for the tour, NEHGS and ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be sent upon tour registration.

Tour Price Inclusions: 3 nights’ accommodation at the Canterbury Cathedral Lodge and 3 nights’ accommodation at the Winchester Hotel and Spa; breakfast daily, 6 lunches, 2 pre-dinner cocktail receptions, and 4 dinners; 1 cocktail at included pre-dinner receptions and 2 glasses of wine or beer at included dinners; land transportation by private motor coach; 1 group transfer upon arrival from London Heathrow Airport (LHR) to Canterbury, and 1 group transfer upon departure from Winchester to LHR; entrance fees to sites and visits listed in the itinerary; leadership of Robert Charles Anderson for duration of the tour; services of Cy Britt, Director of Heritage Travel, as tour manager; expert local guides for walking tours; gratuities for guides and drivers and at included meals; handling of 2 pieces of luggage per person upon arrival and departure from the hotels; bottled water on coach; service charges and taxes.

Tour Price Exclusions: Airline tickets, airline taxes and surcharges, and baggage fees; airport portorage; passport or visa fees; individual transfers to and from the airport for individuals not using the scheduled group transfers; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; personal items such as telephone calls, room service, valet service, à-la-carte orders, specialty wines and liquors, laundry charges, travel extensions, or tour deviations; entry or departure fees levied by local governments; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

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