

# Davis Madrigal Singers

## American Celebration of Music in Great Britain

June 13 – 23, 2022 (9 nights/11 days)

---

### Day 1 Monday, June 13, 2022

---

Depart via scheduled air service to London, England (17pax)

---

### Day 2 Tuesday, June 14 London (D)

---

7:00am Arrive in London

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach

9-9:30am Meet the rest of the group at the hotel

10:00am Morning tour of London includes the residential and shopping districts of Kensington and Knightsbridge. Pass Westminster Abbey, where most English Kings and Queens have been crowned since 1066, and where many are buried. See Whitehall and Trafalgar Square with Nelson's Column, pass Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament to Buckingham Palace

12:30pm Lunch, on own in Covent Garden area

4:00pm Check-in to the *Hotel Novotel London Excel*

6:00pm Welcome Dinner included, and overnight

*Established 1,250 years ago, London became an important Roman city. It was resettled by the Saxons in the fifth century, after the end of the Roman occupation. London has been scourged by the plague (1665) and was almost entirely destroyed by the Great Fire (1666). World War II's "Blitzkrieg" tore up the city considerably. She stands today as a monument to perseverance, culture, excitement, history, and greatness*

---

### Day 3 Wednesday, June 15 London (B,D)

---

7:45am Breakfast at the hotel

8:30am Load motorcoach and depart hotel

10:00am Enjoy a visit and tour of Westminster Abbey, the Royal Coronation Church of England and one of the most famous religious buildings in the world. It has served an important role in British political, social and cultural affairs for more than 1,000 years

11:40am Take a guided cruise on the River Thames. View all the most famous sights of London while learning rich historical facts about the city and the River  
Lunch, on own in the Tower of London area

**2:00pm *Afternoon Workshop/Clinic with Paul Phoenix at the Voces8 Centre in London (3 hours)***

5:45pm Dinner at Pretheatre

7:00pm Arrive at Sondheim Theatre

7:30pm Attend the musical *Les Miserables*

Return to the hotel, on own, for overnight

---

### Day 4 Thursday, June 16 Canterbury / London (B,D)

---

7:45am Breakfast at the hotel

8:30am Load motorcoach and depart hotel

---



**Music Celebrations International**  
*Concert Tours With Integrity*

10:30am Enjoy a tour of Canterbury including a tour of the Cathedral. Canterbury Cathedral is visible from miles around, and is the most important center of pilgrimage in Northern Europe. The first Cathedral to occupy the site was begun in AD 597 by St. Augustine. After several fires, the Cathedral today consists of 11th, 12th, 14th and 15th century architecture

**12:00pm** *Recital in Canterbury Cathedral in London as part of the American Celebration of Music in Great Britain (30 minutes)*

12:30pm Lunch, on own

4:00pm Return to London

**5:00pm** *Evensong attendance at Westminster- pending*

6:15pm Return to the hotel, coach service ends

7:00pm Dinner included for overnight

---

**Day 5** **Friday, June 17** **London** **(B,D)**

---

8:00am Breakfast at the hotel

9:00am Load motorcoach and depart hotel

**10:00am** *Workshop/Clinic with Peter Phillips at St. Margaret Pattens Church in London (3 hours)*

1:15pm Lunch, on own in the Tower of London area

2:30pm Continue along Fleet Street to St. Paul's Cathedral, and visit the 900-year-old Tower of London, whose construction was initiated by William the Conqueror

Afternoon at leisure

Return to the hotel

6:00pm Dinner at the hotel and overnight

*Canterbury tops the charts for English cathedral cities and is one of southern England's top attractions. Many consider the World Heritage-listed cathedral that dominates its centre to be one of Europe's finest, and the town's narrow medieval alleyways, riverside gardens and ancient city walls are a joy to explore. But Canterbury isn't just a showpiece for the past – it's a bustling, busy place with an energetic student population and a wide choice of pubs, restaurants and independent shops. Book ahead for the best hotels and eateries: pilgrims may no longer flock here in their thousands, but tourists certainly do.*

---

**Day 6** **Saturday, June 18** **Edinburgh** **(B,D)**

---

7:00am Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

8:00am Transfer to the train station

9:30am Board train for Edinburgh

Lunch, on own (purchase at the station before you board)

Afternoon orientation tour of Edinburgh upon arrival

5:30pm Check-in to the *MacDonald Holyrood Hotel*

7:30pm Dinner included, and overnight

*Edinburgh, with its striking medieval and Georgian districts, overlooked by the volcanic sill of Arthur's Seat to the south and the Calton Hill to the north, is widely regarded as one of Europe's loveliest capitals. The city is famous for the arts (it was once known as the "Athens of the North"), a preeminence reflected in its hosting every year of Britain's largest arts extravaganza, the Edinburgh Festival. Its museums and galleries display the riches of many cultures*



---

**Day 7      Sunday, June 19                      Stirling Castle / Edinburgh                      (B,D)**

---

7:00am      Breakfast at the hotel  
8:00am      Load motorcoach and depart hotel  
10:00am      Excursion to the Scottish Highlands, including a visit to Stirling with entrance to the Castle. Over the centuries Stirling has been a much-disputed stronghold, occupying a strategically important position in the Forth valley. The earliest inhabitants were probably of Welsh descent, and it is thought that the name Stirling is a corruption of the term "Place of Striving". No fewer than 15 battlefields lie within close proximity of the castle. Also visit the Battle of Bannockburn Visitor Centre  
11:20am      Arrive at the Chapel Royal, Stirling Castle for warm-up (40 minutes)  
**12:00pm      *Recital at the Chapel Royal, Stirling Castle (30 minutes)***  
Lunch, on own  
2:30pm      Visit the National Wallace Monument, dedicated to William Wallace  
5:30pm      Return to Edinburgh  
7:00pm      Dinner included, and overnight

---

**Day 8      Monday, June 20                      Edinburgh                      (B,D)**

---

8:00am      Breakfast at the hotel, followed by hotel check-out  
9:00am      Load motorcoach and depart hotel  
9:30am      Morning visit to Holyrood Abbey. Holyrood Palace is the primary royal residence in Scotland. The palace was built next to the Augustinian Holyrood Abbey, from which it gets its name. Ruins of the abbey can be seen on the palace property, and the palace itself has several interesting historical sites. Holyrood Abbey was founded in 1128 by King David I for the Canons Regular of St. Augustine. The foundation is said to have been an act of thanksgiving for the king's miraculous escape from the horns of a hart while hunting near Edinburgh on Holy Cross Day ("rood" means "cross"). The abbey church was given a fragment of the True Cross by David's mother. The relic was known thereafter as the Black Rood of Scotland  
Lunch, on own, followed by some free time  
1:45pm      Arrive at Canongate Kirk for workshop  
**2:00pm      *Workshop in Edinburgh with Mat Wright, MBE (3 hours)***  
5:15pm      **Dinner at a local restaurant**  
7:30pm      Check-in to the Melville Castle Hotel for overnight

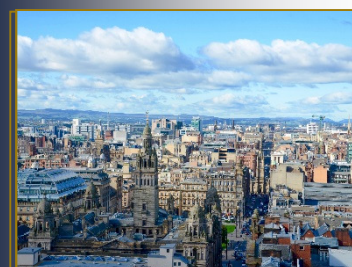
---

**Day 9      Tuesday, June 21                      Edinburgh                      (B,D)**

---

7:30am      Breakfast at the hotel  
8:30am      Load motorcoach and depart hotel  
9:00am      Visit to Rosslyn Chapel. Rosslyn Chapel's mysteries played a significant role in Dan Brown's 2003 novel The Da Vinci Code. Part of the filming of the Da Vinci Code movie based on the book took place at Rosslyn Chapel in August 2005. Rosslyn Chapel was intended to be one of more than 37 collegiate churches that were built in Scotland between the reigns of King James I and James IV (1406-1513). The chapel is actually the choir of what was intended to be a much larger cross-shaped church  
10:15am      Depart for Edinburgh  
11:00am      Arrive in Edinburgh and enjoy free time on the Royal Mile  
12:00pm      Lunch, on own  
1:30pm      Half-day guided sightseeing tour of Edinburgh includes a tour of Edinburgh Castle, which along with its rock, is probably the best known view in Edinburgh. It has been a royal residence since the 11th century, although the

---



majority of buildings you will see are those resulting from its use as a military garrison. See the Honours of Scotland (including the Scottish Crown Jewels) and the Royal Scots Regimental Museum. Also see Arthur's Seat, Charlotte Square, St. Giles, the Royal Mile, Sir Walter Scott Monument, St. Andrew Square, St. Giles Cathedral (Thistle Chapel), and other landmarks

- 4:00pm Dinner at a local restaurant
- 6:00pm Arrive at St. Giles Cathedral for set up (1 hour 15 minutes)
- 7:15pm Break to allow audience to enter
- 7:30pm** *Performance at St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh as part of the American Celebration of Music in Great Britain (1 hour)*
- 8:30pm Return to the Melville Castle Hotel for overnight

---

**Day 10      Wednesday, June 22      Glasgow      (B,D)**

- 7:45am Breakfast at the hotel, followed by hotel check-out
  - 8:45am Load motorcoach and depart hotel
  - 9:00am Transfer to Glasgow for a panoramic tour of the city.
  - 11:30am Enjoy a bagpiping experience at the National Piping Centre
  - 12:15pm Lunch, on own
  - Afternoon time at leisure for shopping and sightseeing
  - TBD** *Tentative visit with Sir James MacMillan (additional cost)*
  - 3:00pm Check-in to the Moxy Merchant City Hotel
  - 3:45pm Load motorcoach and depart hotel
  - 4:00pm Dinner at Mharsanta
  - 6:00pm Arrive at St. Bride's Episcopal Church for set up and rehearsal (1 hour)
  - 7:00pm Break to allow audience to enter
  - 7:30pm** *Performance at St. Bride's Episcopal Church in Glasgow as part of the American Celebration of Music in Great Britain (1 hour)*
  - 8:30pm Return to the hotel for overnight
- Glasgow is Scotland's largest and most highly populated city. In the 1980's and 1990's, Glasgow transformed itself into a vibrant post-industrial city. The city centre, with its ornate Victorian buildings is the stage for the new Glasgow, sparkling with nightlife, shopping, pubs and restaurants that are just about unmatched anywhere else in Scotland*

---

**Day 11      Thursday, June 23      Depart for home      (B)**

- 7:45am Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
- 8:45am Transfer to the Edinburgh Airport for return flight home

*\*Subject to confirmation*

