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Featuring
JOHN FLEMING *63
Louis W. Fairchild ’24 Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Emeritus
Dear Princetonian,

THE POWER OF THE WRITTEN WORD, immortalized in manuscripts and cherished in libraries, provides a window into the beliefs, hopes, and fears of times past and the opportunity to reflect on times present. Books enrich our lives and change the way we view the world. Great books are valued, celebrated, and collected, and some have changed the course of history.

For those who love books and language, Great Libraries & Literature is a journey through the evolution of written English—from the earliest Angle-Saxon histories to Chaucer’s morality tales to the scientific legacies of Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin. Along the way, marvel at the treasures of the written word, immerse ourselves in England’s most outstanding libraries, and discover the literary landscapes of London, Canterbury, Cambridge, and Oxford.

Accompanied by Princeton’s beloved literature professor, JOHN V. FLEMING ’63, an expert on Chaucer and medieval European culture, enjoy privileged access not only to some of the world’s greatest libraries, but also to rarely seen private collections. See the conservation of books in action, visit acclaimed places to buy and sell books, and learn how modern technology is helping to digitize and preserve some of writing’s most important artifacts, including the 25-year Darwin Correspondence project.

This is an exclusive educational travel program for Princeton Journeys and space is limited to the first twenty-five registrants. To reserve your space contact the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu.

With kind regards,

Margaret M. Miller ’80
Deputy Vice President for Alumni Affairs

Bridget St. Clair
Assistant Director for Princeton Journeys
Visit a variety of impressive and historic sites connected to England’s role in the evolution of the written word, including the Parker Library, the rare books and manuscripts library at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (COVER); Westminster Abbey (THIS PAGE), where a great number of renowned poets, playwrights, and writers are buried and/or commemorated in Poets’ Corner; and Radcliffe Camera (BACK COVER), which houses the Radcliffe Science Library at Oxford University.

Study Leader

JOHN FLEMING *63, Louis W. Fairchild ’24
Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Emeritus, Princeton University, will serve as Princeton study leader for this journey. Before his retirement in 2006, Professor Fleming taught English and Comparative Literature at Princeton for forty years. His many Princeton roles over the years included those of departmental chairman, college master, chief marshal, and Director of Freshman Seminars. A past president of the Medieval Academy of America, he is a widely published expert in the history of medieval thought and spirituality.

Professor Fleming is a recipient of the Behrman Award for Distinguished Achievement in the Humanities, the President’s Medal for Distinguished Teaching, the Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Award, and the Service to Princeton Award from the Alumni Council. Among his most popular undergraduate courses were those devoted to Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales, the literary tradition of the Bible, and medieval European culture. He and his wife, Joan, have led two earlier Princeton Journeys: a “pilgrimage” to Canterbury in 2007, and another along the Camino de Santiago in 2015.
Friday–Saturday, June 15 & 16

HOME / LONDON, ENGLAND

Depart home on an overnight flight to London. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for a welcome reception, dinner, and overnight stay.

PULLMAN LONDON ST. PANCRAS (R,D)

Sunday, June 17

LONDON

Enjoy a visit to Westminster Hall and Westminster Abbey, the oldest existing part of the Palace of Westminster, to see the tombs of medieval kings, Poets’ Corner, and the grave of Geoffrey Chaucer. The abbey’s archive of manuscripts includes the Liber Regalis (Book of Kings), a medieval manuscripts compiled in 1382 that provides the order of service for a royal coronation. Afterward, visit one of the best antiquarian bookshops in London, Peter Harrington’s on Dover Street, where you can view numerous rare, collectible, and first edition books (and perhaps purchase one!). Dinner this evening is at leisure.

PULLMAN LONDON ST. PANCRAS (B,L)

Monday, June 18

LONDON

The British Library is the national library of the United Kingdom and the second-largest library in the world, by number of items catalogued. Escorted by a senior librarian, view some of the library’s treasures, including the only surviving medieval manuscript of the epic Anglo-Saxon poem Beowulf, and the Lindisfarne Gospels, an 8th-century manuscript elaborately illuminated by the monks of Lindisfarne. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure for independent exploration, then regroup for a visit to the Dickens Museum, a Georgian house where Dickens lived for two years, during which he completed The Pickwick Papers, wrote Oliver Twist and Nicholas Nickleby, and worked on Barnaby Rudge. Dinner this evening is at the museum.

PULLMAN LONDON ST. PANCRAS (B,L,D)

Tuesday, June 19

KENT

Visit Fleet Street’s St. Bride Foundation, the traditional heart of British newspaper production and now acknowledged as a world-class resource, with extensive collections relating to printing, typography, and graphic design. Then journey to Canterbury, the cradle of Christianity in England, for a walking tour of this...
UNESCO World Heritage site. At Canterbury Cathedral, admire the spectacular fan vaulting in the Bell Harry Tower. Visit stained-glass and stone conservation studios and the site of Thomas Becket’s murder in 1170. Continue to the historic Eastbridge Hospital, a venue that has hosted pilgrims at Canterbury for more than 900 years. This evening enjoy dinner at leisure.

ADOBE HOTEL (B,L)

Wednesday, June 20
ROCHESTER / CAMBRIDGE

Arrive in historic Rochester, with its ancient cathedral, imposing Norman castle, and Victorian cobbled streets. It was here that Charles Dickens lived from 1856 until his death in 1870. During a private tour of Gads Hill House, stand at the desk where he wrote his most famous novels. Later continue to Cambridge, home of world-renowned Cambridge University, and enjoy an informal literary evening in one of the city’s many traditional pubs.
CAMBRIDGE TAMBURLAINE HOTEL (B,L,D)

Thursday, June 21
CAMBRIDGE

Today visit three gems among Cambridge’s 100-plus libraries. Open to us by special arrangement, the Parker Library of Corpus Christi College houses some of the oldest books in England, including the 6th-century St. Augustine Gospels, brought to England by St. Augustine in AD 597 on his mission to convert the British to Christianity. Still used at the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the gospels were recently venerated by the Pope. The Old Library at Trinity Hall is the oldest library in Cambridge still in its original setting—and one of only a handful of chained libraries remaining in the country. Each lectern has the original locking mechanism intact, and the library still contains examples of chained books. Finally, visit the Wren Library, named after its architect, Sir Christopher Wren, and completed in 1690. Its holdings include Newton’s *Principia Mathematica*, along with a lock of his hair, and a more modern treasure, the manuscript of *Winnie the Pooh*, by A.A. Milne. The Wren Library also contains Cambridge University’s digital archives.

This afternoon meet with staff of the Darwin Correspondence Project, which houses the largest collection of Darwin’s manuscripts, together with his own library of books and journals. In small groups, enjoy special access to some of the key archives covered by this project.
CAMBRIDGE TAMBURLAINE HOTEL (B,L,D)

Friday, June 22
OXFORD

Today visit Oxford, known as “The City of Dreaming Spires” after a poem by Thomas Arnold, and home to the University of Oxford, the oldest university in the English-speaking world. At the Bodleian Library, the university’s main research library, handle an array of old and precious documents in the company of the head of manuscripts, learning about the care that goes into preserving these documents for future generations. Walk through the book stacks that run beneath the whole of the city and enter Duke Humphrey’s Library, the oldest reading room in the Bodleian. Then continue to the beautiful Merton College Library, with its original medieval hall and amazing collection of antique book chests and scientific devices. Dinner tonight is on your own.
MACDONALD RANDOLPH HOTEL (B,L)

Saturday, June 23
OXFORD

A short distance from Oxford is Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and one of the Treasure Houses of England. In the company of the archivist, explore Blenheim’s staggering library, then enjoy free time to stroll through the exquisite house, gardens, and landscape, the latter created by renowned landscape architect Lancelot “Capability” Brown. This evening celebrate your literary adventure in England at a festive farewell dinner.
MACDONALD RANDOLPH HOTEL (B,L,D)

Sunday, June 24
LONDON / HOME

After breakfast, transfer from Oxford to London’s Heathrow Airport for flights home. (B)
AIR ARRANGEMENTS
Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. PLEASE NOTE: U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Round-trip economy-class airfare between New York and London is approximately $875 per person as of August 2017 and is subject to change without notice.

WHAT TO EXPECT
This program involves a considerable amount of walking at some sites, sometimes over uneven surfaces, and climbing stairs that may not have handrails. Average daily temperatures in June range between the mid and high 60s F, and rain showers are always a possibility. All participants should be reasonably fit and in good health. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the participant certifies that s/he does not have any physical or other limitation that would create a hazard for her/himself or other travelers.

GROUP SIZE
This exclusive Princeton Journeys program is limited to 25 participants.

Terms & Conditions
Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed “Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Binding Arbitration Clause” is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS
To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your $1,000 per person deposit to: Princeton Journeys, John Maclean House, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, NJ 08542-0291 or fax to (609) 258-5561. Balance of payment is due February 15, 2018. We accept personal checks, payable to Criterion Travel, as well as VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS
Upon payment of a deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by Princeton Journeys. Deposits are refundable (less a $250 per

Program Rates
Double occupancy: $7,290 per person
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PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE:
- All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary
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The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Princeton Journeys and Criterion Travel, the tour operator. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Princeton Journeys and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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