Hosted by Dr. Jonathan Stalling, OU Professor of English
An Exclusive Small Group Tour Sponsored by the OU Alumni Association Sightseeing Sooners Program
Dear Sightseeing Sooners,

Join fellow alumni and friends from July 2-15, 2018, on a special 14-day small group journey through captivating Great Britain. From Edinburgh and Snowdonia to Bath and London, our small group will enjoy the many charms of timeless England, Scotland, and Wales. We are pleased to have Dr. Jonathan Stalling, OU Professor of English, accompany you as host.

We begin in the Scottish capital of Edinburgh, touring the 18th-century “New Town” and medieval “Old Town,” and the Royal Mile. Next we travel to the beautiful Lake District, stopping to visit Dove Cottage and Hill Top and to enjoy a boat ride on Lake Windermere. From here, we travel to Wales’ unspoiled Snowdonia National Park and England’s Stratford-upon-Avon, where we visit Shakespeare’s Birthplace and Anne Hathaway’s Cottage & Gardens. In Bath, we tour the historic Roman Baths then proceed to enigmatic Stonehenge and Windsor Castle. We end our tour in wondrous London, where we see celebrated landmarks such as the Tower of London, Big Ben, and Buckingham Palace.

This exclusive OU tour is limited to 24 guests total, so please call today to register!

Sincerely,

Lea Ann Quirk
Director of Alumni Programs
OU Alumni Association

---

THE OU RESERVATION FORM: JOURNEY THROUGH BRITAIN

Enclosed is my/our deposit of $______ ($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Journey through Britain departing July 2, 2018. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or you may call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.

Full Passport Name ___________________________________________ Date of Birth ___________ Gender _______

Full Passport Name ___________________________________________ Date of Birth ___________ Gender _______

Address ___________________________________________________________________________________________

City _____________________________________________ State __________________ ZIP ______________________

Home Phone (______)______________________________ Cell Phone (______)________________________________

E-mail(s)  _________________________________________ Badge Name(s) __________________________________

Please book my/our air from ____________________________________ I/We request a Business Class upgrade q

I will share a room with _____________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) q

Post-Tour “London – On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up q

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Journey through Britain, July 2-15, 2018, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) ________________________________________________________________ Date________________

Method of Payment

q Check
q American Express
q Discover
q MasterCard
q VISA

Account # ______________________________________ Security Code _________ Exp. Date _______________

Name of Cardholder ____________________________________________________________________________

Signature ______________________________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
JOURNEY THROUGH BRITAIN
England, Scotland & Wales

14 days for $5,896 total price from Oklahoma City
($5,395 air & land inclusive plus $501 airline taxes and fees)

On this wide-ranging tour we travel from city to country and back again: from gracious Edinburgh to England’s legendary Lake District, from spectacular Snowdonia to the rural Cotswolds and Roman Bath, ending in cosmopolitan London. As we see history and legend come to life on our journey, we also enjoy the region’s timeless hospitality.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Edinburgh, Scotland

Day 2: Arrive Edinburgh We arrive in the Scottish capital and transfer to our hotel. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities planned during the day; though our tour director will lead an orientation walking tour of the neighborhood surrounding our hotel late this morning. Later we meet for a briefing about the journey ahead; tonight we gather for a welcome dinner. D

Day 3: Edinburgh Our morning tour of this stately city built on seven hills includes the 18th-century “New Town” and the medieval “Old Town,” where we visit Edinburgh Castle, symbolic heart of Scotland. This afternoon is at leisure to discover Edinburgh as we wish; museums, galleries, and shops abound. Dinner tonight is on our own, and Edinburgh boasts a robust culinary scene. B

Day 4: Edinburgh This morning we encounter the Royal Mile, the historic boulevard connecting Edinburgh Castle with the Palace of Holyrood House. We tour Holyrood, as it is called, and see where British royalty schemed and slept as we tour the State Apartments. After lunch at a local restaurant, the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration and dinner on our own. B,L

Day 5: Edinburgh/Lake District Departing Edinburgh this morning, we’re bound for the beautiful— and beloved – Lake District of northwest England, a national park and diverse landscape of lakes, rivers, ancient woodlands, and small towns and villages. On arrival we stop at Dove Cottage, where English Romantic poet William Wordsworth penned some of his most memorable lines. Late afternoon we reach our hotel on the shores of Lake Windermere; we dine tonight on our own, and Edinburgh boasts a robust culinary scene. B,D

Day 6: Lake District Today’s excursion begins with a boat ride on Windermere, England’s largest lake. After time for lunch on our own in charming Ambleside, we visit Hill Top, the 17th-century farmhouse and garden that author Beatrix Potter purchased with the proceeds from her The Tale of Peter Rabbit. B,D

Small Group Tour Highlights

Edinburgh touring, including Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood House, and Royal Mile  •  England’s pastoral Lake District  •  Boat ride on Lake Windermere  •  Wales’ Bodnant Garden and unspoiled Snowdonia National Park  •  Shakespeare’s birthplace at Stratford-upon-Avon  •  Bath touring: Roman Baths, Assembly Room, Circus, Bath Abbey  •  Stonehenge visit  •  Free time in Windsor  •  Cosmopolitan London
Day 7: Lake District/North Wales  Traveling through splendid Lake District scenery today, we reach Wales and stop at lovely Bodnant Garden, the historic 80-acre National Trust property. We continue on to the seaside town of Llandudno, dubbed “Queen of the Welsh Resorts,” and our hotel, where we dine tonight. B,D

Day 8: North Wales/Snowdonia National Park Wales is a land of fierce natural beauty, as we see for ourselves on this morning’s visit to Snowdonia National Park. Named for Snowdon, at 3,560 feet the tallest mountain in England and Wales, the park comprises some 840 square miles of unspoiled wooded valleys, mountains, moorlands, lakes, and rivers, which we see during a scenic train ride through the park. Then we head to 13th-century Caernarfon Castle, a medieval fortress whose brute appearance symbolized English domination over the Welsh. Mid-afternoon we return to our coastal retreat, where we dine tonight. B,L,D

Day 9: North Wales/Stratford-upon-Avon/Bath Returning to England today, we visit Stratford-upon-Avon, where our touring includes a visit to Shakespeare’s Birthplace, a restored 16th-century half-timbered house where the Bard is believed to have been born in 1564. We also tour Anne Hathaway’s Cottage & Gardens, the thatched farmhouse of Shakespeare’s bride that still contains some original furnishings. Then we have time in this 800-year-old market town for lunch on our own and to explore independently before we continue on to Bath. We reach our hotel late this afternoon and dine there tonight. B,D

Day 10: Bath  We set out on a morning tour of this storied and graceful city where the ancient Romans first “took the waters” at England’s only hot springs. Today the historic Roman Baths count among the city’s most popular sites, along with Bath Abbey, the 18th-century Assembly Room, The Circus, and Royal Crescent, all of which we see on our tour. The afternoon is free to explore as we wish. From the Jane Austen Centre to the Fashion Museum, and from charming tearooms to stately Georgian architecture, Bath offers a bounty of worthy sites and attractions. B

Day 11: Bath/The Cotswolds Today we encounter the postcard-perfect Cotswolds, England’s south central region of gently rolling hills dotted with villages of honey-colored limestone, market towns, and unspoiled countryside, looking much as it did 300 years ago. We stop for lunch in one of the region’s charming villages before returning to Bath and our

Post-Tour Extension

July 15-17, 2018
LONDON – ON YOUR OWN
3 days/2 nights for $465 total price
Single Supplement: $295

Theater, art, shopping, restaurants – London has it all, in abundance. Enjoy this world capital in your own style, at your own pace.

Your Tour Price Includes
• 2 nights’ accommodations at Amba Hotel Charing Cross (Superior First Class)
• 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
• Transfer to the airport
hotel mid-afternoon, with the remainder of the day and this evening at leisure. \textit{B,L}

\textbf{Day 12: Bath/London} We leave our pastoral days behind as we travel today to London, stopping en route to see Stonehenge, the 4,500-year-old Neolithic monument that remains something of a mystery today. That the prehistoric circle of stones is a masterpiece of engineering and building is undisputed; exactly why it was created is less certain. Next we visit Windsor, site of British royalty’s Windsor Castle, where we have free time to explore on our own before we continue on to London, arriving late this afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own in this cosmopolitan capital city. \textit{B}

\textbf{Day 13: London} A panoramic city tour this morning passes such celebrated London landmarks as the infamous Tower of London, grand Parliament and Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, and Hyde Park. Our afternoon is at leisure to explore this wondrous city as we wish; theater, museums, parks, a boat ride on the Thames – London offers an embarrassment of riches from which to choose. Tonight we celebrate our journey through Britain at a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. \textit{B,D}

\textbf{Day 14: Depart for U.S.} We transfer this morning to Heathrow Airport for our flights home. \textit{B}

\section*{Your Tour Price Includes}
\begin{itemize}
  \item Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
  \item 12 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
  \item 23 meals: 12 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 7 dinners
  \item Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
  \item Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
  \item Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
  \item Luggage handling for one bag per person
  \item Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
\end{itemize}

\section*{Tour Departs: July 2, 2018}
\begin{tabular}{ll}
Newark & \$5,496 \\
Boston, Philadelphia & \$5,696 \\
Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Washington, DC & \$5,796 \\
Charlotte, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis, Oklahoma City, Orlando, Tampa & \$5,896 \\
Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle & \$5,996 \\
\end{tabular}

Land Only (transfers not included) \$4,795

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $501, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,195.

All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$3,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

For information about logistics or registration, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

\section*{OU Faculty Host}
Jonathan Stalling is a Professor of English at OU specializing in Modern to Contemporary American Poetry, Comparative Poetics, and Translation Studies. He is a contributing editor to \textit{World Literature Today}, and is the co-founder and an editor of the \textit{Chinese Literature Today} magazine and book series. Dr. Stalling is also the founder and director of the University of Oklahoma’s Mark Allen Everett Poetry Reading Series, and is the author of four books: \textit{Poetics of Emptiness, Grotto Heaven, Yingelishi}, and the forthcoming \textit{Lost Wax}. Stalling is also the translator of \textit{Winter Sun: The Poetry of Shi Zhi 1966–2007}. Dr. Stalling served as a Sightseeing Sooner host in 2015 on the Enchanting Ireland tour, and on the Classic China and Yangtze River tour in 2017. He and his wife, Amy, have been married for 18 years and enjoy spending time with their three children, Isaac, Eliana, and Rowen.
JOIN OU ON AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR TO ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND WALES!

Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests

The University of Oklahoma Alumni Association
900 Asp Ave., Suite 427
Norman, OK 73019

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.’s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

- cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge
- cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price
- cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price
- cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price
- cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.

If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Responsibility

The liability of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The University of Oklahoma Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.