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## *The World of C.S. Lewis*

NORTHERN IRELAND, THE BORDERS OF WALES AND ENGLAND



JULY 19, 2013 THROUGH AUGUST 1, 2013

*with*

DR. LESLIE FAIRFIELD

AND SPECIAL GUIDE MRS. HARRIET GRAHAM

**Fri, July 19 UNITED STATES TO BELFAST**

We will depart our hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

**Sat, July 20 BELFAST ARRIVAL & PORTRUSH**

Lush, green, secret places with the sound of water alternately softly swirling, then falling



in dramatic torrents, the nine Glens delight the senses. Entwined with their rich beauties are equally diverse and magical stories, combining the colorful history, myth and the traditions of the communities within the glens.

This morning after arriving in Belfast we will meet our driver/guide in the arrivals hall and proceed by coach from Belfast Airport north through Ballymena, the Antrim Mountains and the Glens of Antrim, experiencing one of Ireland's most scenic



coastal roads. I'll be talking about the early shaping of Lewis's imagination – and in



particular his affinity for "northernness" – in his childhood holidays here on the Antrim coast. We will visit Dunluce

Castle (maybe an early model for Cair Paravel in the Narnia tales) and one of the strands at Portrush where Lewis spent summers as a child. Dinner and overnight: BUSHTOWN HOTEL, COLERAINE. (D)

**Sun, July 21 GIANT'S CAUSEWAY & DERRY**

Before we leave Lewis's childhood scenery in



Antrim, we will stop to visit the Giant's Causeway. This impressive area of hexagonal columns was formed over 60 million years

ago by cooling lava and has given rise to many legends. We continue along the coast to Derry and enjoy a walking tour of the principal sights. See the 17th century city walls, which are some of the best-preserved in Europe, and the Diamond-



the main central square. Also pass the 17th century St. Columba's Cathedral, the Tower Museum with local history displays and the

Guildhall, where the history of Derry is depicted in stained-glass windows. Then we drive westward into the County Donegal, where Lewis spent many holidays as an adult. The theme is still "northernness" and the wild scenery of the County Donegal illustrates this theme. Drive to Donegal and check into your hotel. Dinner and overnight: STATION HOUSE HOTEL, LETTERKENNY (B,D)

**Mon, July 22 GLENCOLUMCILLE & SLIEVE LEAGUE CLIFFS**

Today we travel by coach westward from Donegal town through the villages of Inver and Killybegs, where Lewis spent holidays as



through the scenic countryside of Donegal with its windswept hills where only sheep can thrive. Donegal is renowned for woolen production and tweeds. Continue through craggy scenery to



visit Glencolumcille Folk Village. Visit traditional cottages showing period furnishings and farming equipment to get a flavor of country life in past centuries. Then drive on to Teelin to view Slieve League sea cliffs, where the highest point reaches 1,972 feet, making them the highest in Europe. The cliffs drop straight down to the wild Atlantic waves below and you will see marvelous



vistas. Journey south to Ballybofey and through the scenery of the Blue Stack Mountains to Ardra. Stop at Triona Design to see how locally-produced wool is spun and woven. Enjoy tea and scones before driving to Donegal town. Dinner and overnight: STATION HOUSE HOTEL, LETTERKENNY (B,D)

**Tuesday, July 23**

**DRUMCLIFFE, NAVAN FORT AND NEWCASTLE**

We will depart Donegal this morning and drive along the scenic shores of Donegal Bay. We continue on into Sligo and at Drumcliffe Visitor Centre to see the grave of one of Ireland's most

an adult, around to Glencolumcille and the sights of early Celtic Christianity and Celtic themes which informed Lewis's thought. We will journey

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influential poets, W.B. Yeats, and a display about his life and work. I'll be talking about Yeats



and his influence on Lewis. Afterwards, we will drive east to visit Navan Fort - the Prehistoric capital of Ulster. One

of Ireland's most important archaeological sites, the legendary Emain Macha [Navan Fort] site is steeped in legend and folklore as the ancient seat of the Kings and Queens of Ulster and provides many interesting discoveries for the modern archaeologist. We will continue on to Newcastle and check into your hotel. The hotel is a short distance from the winding beach in the heart of the seaside town Newcastle, which is framed by the Mourne Mountains sweeping down to the sea. We will have a coach drive across country to Carlingford Lough and the Mountains of Mourne. This landscape deeply influenced Lewis's imagination for the more pastoral parts of Narnia, as contrasted with the wildness of Donegal. Dinner and overnight: CULLODEN HOTEL, BELFAST.

**Wednesday, July 24**

**BELFAST, BIRMINGHAM AND MALVERN**

This morning we depart by coach to Belfast Airport and our flight to Birmingham. We will arrive early afternoon in Birmingham and continue to Malvern College with a stop at Tewkesbury Abbey. Although the Abbey was founded in 1087 by nobleman Robert FitzHamon, building of the present Abbey did not start until 1102. Built to house Benedictine monks, the Norman Abbey was near completion

when consecrated in 1121. Although a victim of the Reformation, the people of the town



bought the abbey from Henry VIII to save it from further damage. There are elaborate chapels, medieval tombs and relics, and fine stained glass and roof bosses. Tewkesbury Abbey symbolizes the richness of medieval English Christianity that shaped Lewis's imagination. From

Tewkesbury, we will travel to Malvern, our home for the next two nights. Dinner and overnight is at The Abbey Hotel. (B, D) **THE ABBEY HOTEL - MALVERN**

**Thursday July 25 - GREAT MALVERN, BRITISH CAMP AND THE GOLDEN VALLEY**

Today, we will travel southwest from Great Malvern. We will have an opportunity to walk up to British Camp where Lewis and his friend George Sayer, frequently walked, and where Sayer and J.R. Tolkien also strolled. The British Camp is an Iron Age hill fort located at the top of Herefordshire Beacon in the Malvern Hills.



The fort is thought to have been first constructed in the 2nd century BC. The following

is an extract from the cover notes (written by George Sayer) of a recording by Tolkien. "He and I tramped the Malvern Hills which he had often seen during his boyhood in Birmingham or from his brother's house on the other side of the Severn River Valley. He lived the book as we walked, for instance, sometimes

comparing parts of the hills with the White Mountains of Gondor."

We continue through Ledbury and the scenic



Wye Valley to Kilpeck parish church and Abbey Dore and the Golden Valley. (where the movie "Shadowlands" imaginatively



located a holiday that Lewis and his wife Joy spent shortly before her death). This evening, we will have a free evening to dine in one of Malvern's

wonderful restaurants and enjoy "Off London" theater productions. (B) **THE ABBEY HOTEL MALVERN**

**Friday, July 26 OXFORD AND THE COTWOLDS**

This morning we will travel by coach through the picturesque Cotswolds to Oxford. Oxford has long represented the English academic establishment and its intellectual elite- a haven of tradition and scholarly endeavor. Oxford's



famous "Dreaming Spires" refer to the medieval churches and colleges that dominate the bustling modern town in all its Gothic splendor. Picturesque architecture and a vibrant modern life (driven by students, light industry, and technology) set in the rolling countryside of

Oxfordshire make this a great destination.



We will enjoy a lunch at the Eagle and Child pub where Lewis and the Inklings used to meet, then tour Magdalen College and visit the church of St. Mary the Virgin where Lewis preached. **THE RANDOLPH HOTEL AT OXFORD (B,L, D)**

**Sunday, July 28**

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL AND THE KILNS**

Options for Sunday worship in the morning are Christ Church Cathedral, or St. Aldate's Parish Church. In the afternoon, we will visit



the Divinity Schools where Lewis lectured, and The Kilns where Lewis lived, as well as Headington parish church

where Lewis and Joy are buried. Overnight in Oxford. **(B) THE RANDOLPH HOTEL**

**Saturday July 27, THE THAMES, LECHLADE, FAIRFORD AND CIRENCESTER ABBEY**

This morning we will enjoy a private boat tour on the Thames River from Oxford to the Rose Revived Pub near Lechlade, where we will enjoy lunch. Then we continue to Fairford parish church, which Lewis considered a jewel



of medieval English parish architecture. Fairford Church boasts the most complete set of medieval glass remaining in Britain, along with a fine set of misericords. Time



permitting, we will visit Cirencester Abbey. We return to Oxford for a

free evening with dinner on our own. **(B,L) THE RANDOLPH HOTEL**

**Monday, July 29 AVEBURY AND WELLS**

Today, we will travel from Oxford southwest to



Avebury, which Lewis thought a more impressive 3rd millennium BC site than Stonehenge. We will tour Avebury and then continue



on to Wells. Here, we will tour the city and attend evensong at the magnificent Wells Cathedral (Lewis's favorite). Dinner and

overnight is at The SWAN HOTEL in Wells. **(B,D)**

**Tuesday, July 30 SALISBURY AND LONDON**

Today we go to Salisbury and a visit to the Cathedral there (too good to miss). After our



visit, travel onward by coach to London. The evening has been left free for dinner on your own. You might like to take advantage

of London's famous Theatre life. THE REMBRANDT HOTEL (B)

### Wednesday, July 31 CAMBRIDGE

Lewis served as a professor at the University of Cambridge from 1954 until the end of his career. Winding streets and historic university



buildings are what the hallowed the English city of Cambridge is all about. Today we will go to Cambridge and immerse our selves in Lewis's world of Cambridge. We will explore Magdalene



College and visit King's College Chapel. We return by coach to London for dinner and overnight. (B,D) THE REMBRANDT HOTEL

### Thursday, August 1 LONDON

We will transfer this morning to Heathrow airport. Extensions are available for those Who wish to have a longer stay in London



"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."  
Quote by C. S. Lewis.

### The Rev. Dr. Leslie P. Fairfield

Professor Les Fairfield was educated at Princeton and Harvard, and for thirty years (1976-2006) was



professor of Church History at Trinity. He is the author of John Bale: Mythmaker for the English Reformation. He taught courses at Trinity ranging from Patristics to

Postmodernism. Les retired from full-time teaching in 2006. He continues to lead study tours and to teach part-time at Trinity.

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## TOUR CONDITIONS

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### PRICE OF TOUR

**July 19 – July 24, 2013 Northern Ireland:**  
\$995.00 per person double occupancy

**July 24 – August 01, 2013 The Welsh Borders and England:** \$3295.00 per person double occupancy

**July 19-August 01, 2013 Full Study Tour:** \$4290.00 per person double occupancy

Single accommodations for Northern Ireland: \$295.00

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Included in the price of the full tour is the flight from Belfast City to Birmingham.

### RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT

DEPOSITS SHOULD BE SENT TO CONNOISSEURS TOURS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400.00 PER PASSENGER TO RESERVE A PLACE ON THE TOUR. The balance of the payment is due April 20, 2013. Checks should be made to CONNOISSEURS TOURS. Payment can be made via personal checks or any major credit card.

### CANCELLATIONS

A \$200.00 per person cancellation fee is charged for any cancellations after the deposit has been paid. All deposits are non-refundable 180 days prior to departure, 91 days to 60 days up to the departure date 50% of the of tour price is non-refundable, 59 days up to the date of departure and later 100% of the tour price is non-refundable. Connoisseurs Tours prepays all hotels, cruise lines, transportation, meals, guides, etc. in advance. Connoisseurs Tours strongly advises passengers to purchase Trip Cancellation interruption insurance, which is available through Connoisseurs Tours.

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### VALIDITY

September 2012 through March 2014



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*July 19 through August 1, 2013*

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for this tour.

*A deposit in the amount of \$400.00 per person  
(plus optional insurance) is required for a reservation.*

### OPTIONAL INSURANCE:

- Policy – \$299.00 per person  
Cancel for an approved medical reason and receive a  
100% refund.

- I wish to purchase single accommodations  
 Please contact me about airline reservations

Enclosed is a deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ people.

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- I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions of this tour*

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