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Exploring British History and Maryland Connections in Southeast England

5 August – 15 August 2018

This tour, led by HSMC Maryland Heritage Scholar Dr. Henry Miller, focuses upon East Anglia and southeast England. Cecil Calvert was born here and it was the homeland of early Marylanders such as Thomas Cornwaleys and Father Andrew White. Our journey begins by visiting Anne Mynne's tomb, the mother of Cecil and Leonard Calvert, and then to St. Albans to tour its ancient Roman town and 1500 year old church. Next we see the remarkable c. 1614 Audley End house and its beautiful gardens, and proceed to the famed university town of Cambridge. We tour some of the renowned colleges and have time to explore on our own. Then to the grand mansion of Burghley, built by the powerful William Cecil in the md-1500s. His son Robert Cecil was key to George Calvert's success. Next is Ely to see the home of the controversial Oliver Cromwell. We honor the 75th anniversary of the beginning of America's intensive air operations with Nazi Germany by visiting the Imperial War Museum's Duxford Airdrome. East Anglia was the base for the mighty U.S. 8th Air Force and this amazing museum is always rated a top British attraction. We view one of Britain's best preserved medieval villages, travel through Father Andrew White's home area, followed by a tour of what many consider the world's most romantic castle. This day concludes at the ancient city of Canterbury. Its magnificent cathedral is explored, along with other sites in the town made famous by medieval pilgrims. Massive Dover Castle is our next destination. Well known to George Calvert, it offers superb views across the channel to France and has a remarkable history. We see the White Cliffs of Dover and the Battle of Britain memorial, which was largely fought over this area. Then we journey through the landscape made famous in the TV series *Foyle's War* with stops at the striking medieval town of Rye, Hastings, and the site of Battle, where the Normans forever changed English history in 1066. Our final evenings are at the charming Spread Eagle Inn at Midhurst, with tours of the largest Roman villa in England with its magnificent frescoes, and the Weald and Downland Museum, a fascinating Living History site that has assembled an extraordinary collection of English houses spanning a 1000 years.

Tour Includes: *Complimentary roundtrip transfers from St. Mary's County. Roundtrip nonstop flights from Washington Dulles to London, 10 nights accommodations in first class hotels with private facilities, breakfast daily, 5 dinners, and all Admission.*

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Cost per person based on double occupancy is \$4,395.00. Single supplement rate is additional \$875.00.

A Nonrefundable deposit of \$400.00 per person is required by check. Nonrefundable final payment is due by April 11, 2018.

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Sunday 5 August Fly Dulles to London Heathrow.

United #918 Depart Washington Dulles Airport 6:15pm Arrive London Heathrow 6:45am

Monday 6 August Arrival at Heathrow Airport. Depart by private motor coach for Hertingfordbury. Visit the tomb of Anne Mynne. Continue to the city of St Albans, lunch stop, visit the fine Cathedral of St Alban, also the Roman Museum.

CLARION HOTEL, ST ALBANS (Breakfast, Dinner)

Tuesday 7 August Into Essex County to visit Audley End House, near Saffron Walden, built by Thomas Howard between 1605 and 1614. Then to the beautiful university city of Cambridge for a guided tour including visits to King's College and its chapel, and Trinity College. Free time to enjoy Cambridge, check into the HILTON CITY CENTRE for 3 nights.

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Wednesday 8 August We begin at the grand mansion of Burghley, built by William Cecil, Lord Treasurer of England in the mid-1500s. His son Robert Cecil, who gave George Calvert his start in government, lived here as a young man. Its impressive gardens were created by England's famed Capability Brown. We stop at the village of Stamford, often used in movies, and then go to Ely to tour Oliver Cromwell's home in the 1630s and 1640s. Return to CAMBRIDGE (Breakfast)

Thursday 9 August Visit the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, seeing the outstanding American Museum and those of Britain and Germany. Some free time to enjoy Cambridge – with an optional punting excursion on the lovely River Cam.

CAMBRIDGE. (Breakfast)

Friday 10 August Depart for Kent, our route will be via the charming small town of Lavenham, then through Essex and White family country to the great river Thames. Cross the river and make a stop in the ancient city of Rochester, with its connections with Charles Dickens and the Anglo-Dutch Wars of the 1670s. Then to Leeds Castle, to experience what many consider the most beautiful castle in the world. On to Canterbury 3 nights. ABODE HOTEL, CANTERBURY (Breakfast, Dinner)

Saturday 11 August We spend this day in Canterbury, visiting the historic Cathedral, heart of the Anglican/Episcopal Church worldwide: opportunity to attend one of the day's services. Opportunity also to visit some places associated with Geoffrey Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales' and time for shopping. CANTERBURY (Breakfast)

Sunday 12 August Travel into the Kentish heartland, visit the great Castle of Dover – built by Henry II to strike awe into the hearts of rival monarchs – it looms over the cliffs and the Straits of Dover, and was the place from which the "miracle" evacuation from Dunkirk was directed in 1940. See the Cliffs of Dover and the Battle of Britain Memorial. Return to CANTERBURY (Breakfast)

Monday 13 August We journey through *Foyle's War* country, visiting first the quaint medieval town of Rye, one of the original Cinque Ports and now left high-and-dry with the silting up of the coast. Lamb House here was Henry James' home for many years and can be visited. Next to the seaside town of Hastings and nearby Battle, where the actual Battle of Hastings was fought in 1066. Visit Battle Abbey, with its altar at the place where King Harold fell, then on to the lovely Sussex country town of Midhurst to check into the charming Spread Eagle Hotel for 2 nights MIDHURST (Breakfast, Dinner)

Tuesday 14 August We travel to nearby Chichester and the Roman palace-villa of Fishbourne. Then to the Weald and Downland Open-air Museum at nearby Singleton. Return to Midhurst, time at leisure before we meet for our farewell dinner. The Spread Eagle, MIDHURST (Breakfast, FAREWELL Dinner)

Wednesday 15 August Surprise morning stop followed by Transfer to Heathrow Airport for the return flight. (Breakfast)

United #925 Depart London Heathrow 4:40pm Arrive Washington Dulles Airport 7:50pm

*There is the possibility that some slight modifications may be made in a daily schedule.