

EUROPEAN TOUR SAMPLE ITINERARIES

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OPTION 1: London—Oxford—Normandy—Paris Tour

Depart from most major international US airports to London Heathrow or Gatwick

Day 1 & 2: London 2 nights: Tower of London, St. Paul's climb to top of dome, Westminster Abbey evensong, London Eye, walk the Embankment and Tower Bridge, Les Miserables or other London show, British Museum, changing of the guard Buckingham Palace, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, lunchtime concert St Martin's in the Field, etc.

Day 3: Oxford sites, Martyrs' Monument, St. Michael's Tower and City Church, St. Mary the Virgin Tower climb, punting on the Cherwell, Addison's Walk, lunch at Eagle & Child, CS Lewis's The Kilns and grave at Holy Trinity. Drive to Portsmouth. Night ferry crossing English Channel to St. Malo.

Day 4: Mont Saint-Michel and hotel in Bayeux.

Day 5: Bayeux Tapestry; D-Day sites: Omaha Beach, Pont du Hoc, Saint-Mere-Eglise, Caen, back to hotel in Bayeux.

Day 6: Chartres Cathedral stop on the way to Paris. Hotel in Latin Quarter in Paris. Evening walk and dancing on the Seine.

Day 7: Bateau bus transport (water taxi) on the Seine, stopping at Paris sites, such as Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Napoleon's burial place, Louvre, St Germaine l'auxarrois

Day 8: Reformation sites, Calvin and Blaise Pascal in Paris, Musee d'Orsay, Montmartre, other Paris sites as time allows.

Depart for home

Flights included from most major international US airports. Ground transportation by Underground, sea-going ferry, and coach; breakfast, dinner, group site entry fees included; 3 and 4 star hotel accommodations for 8 nights in country(s).

\$3350 per person

For every five paying travelers we will provide one free chaperone.

Based on a minimum of fifteen paying travelers (prices are lower the more travelers).

OPTION 2: Rome—Florence—Cinque Terre—Genoa—Geneva Tour

Depart for Rome

Day 1 & 2: Rome, the Mamertine Prison (where Peter and Paul may have been held before execution), Santa Maria in Aracoeli, Portico d'Otavia and the Jewish quarter, St. Peter in Chains (San Pietro in Vincoli), St. Peter's Basilica, Coliseum, Santa Maria di Poppilo (where Luther stayed for a month in 1510), Santa Maria degli Angeli e dei Martiri (Michelangelo's Roman baths turned 16th century church), Santa Giovanni Laterna, Scala Santa (Luther prayed on his knees on each step); Palatine Hill, Roman Forum, other sites during free time: Sistine Chapel, Vatican Museum, Flower market... (Rome is vast and full of delicious flavors, so plan to gain a few pounds!) Catacombs of San Callisto and Saint Sebastian, Villa Appia Antica (we will not have time to do all of these, but these are some of our many options in Rome)

Day 3: Florence, the Duomo, Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio (Savonarola's Prison Meditations written here), Ponte Vecchio. On free time: Galleria dell' Accademia (where Michelangelo's David is), shopping and eating... Convent of San Marco (Savonarola lived here), Santa Croce (Michelangelo, Dante, etc., buried here), (on free time): The Baptistery, Campanile Bell Tower, Galleria degli Uffizi, shopping and eating... (we will not have time for all of these, but these are some of our many options in Florence)

Day 4: Drive to the Cinque Terre with stopover in Pisa.

Day 5: Hike one of the Cinque Terre walks between iconic coastal villages; meet coach and drive to hotel in Genoa.

Day 6: Visit the house Christopher Columbus was born in just outside the Porto Soprana gate into Genoa; visit nearby church in which he was baptized. Drive to Geneva.

Day 7: Visit the Reformation Wall and Saint Pierre where Calvin preached, climb the tower for splendid views of the lake, alps, and city, or take a walk along the lake.

Day 8: Drive down the lake and visit Chateau Chillon; visit Lausanne, its cathedral, and hike the vineyards that cling to the mountains surrounding Lake Geneva. Return to Geneva for last night in hotel.

Depart for home

Flights included from most major international US airports. Ground transportation by coach, breakfast, dinner, group site entry fees included; 3 and 4 star hotel accommodations for 8 nights in country(s).

\$3550 per person

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OPTION 3 (replicate proposed tour under consideration): London—Paris—Florence—Rome Tour. Flights included from most major international US airports. Ground transportation, breakfast, dinner, group site entry fees included; 3 and 4 star hotel accommodations for 8 nights in country(s).

\$3850 per person

For every five paying travelers we will provide one free chaperone.

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Profile:

Douglas Bond is author of more than twenty-five books of historical fiction, biography, devotion, and practical theology, including several books now in Dutch, Portuguese, and Korean. Two-book Grace Award finalist (*The Revolt* and *The Battle of Seattle*, 2016), Bond is director of the Oxford Creative Writing Master Class, is adjunct instructor in church history and creative writing at three institutions of higher learning, and leads Church history tours in Europe. Married to his wife Cheryl since 1983, they have been blessed with six children and five grandchildren.

He is adjunct Instructor in Church History at Western Reformed Seminary (WRS) where his Church history tours can be taken for graduate elective credit. Along with the Oxford Creative Writing Master class, his church history tours can be taken for university level credit at New College Franklin. Bond has earned a Masters in Teaching (MIT) from St Martin's University, and a Preliminary Certificate in Theology from Moore Theological College, NSW Australia.

He has taught English and history for many years, and was awarded by the Pierce County Library Foundation and Arts Commission the "2005 Teacher Award" for teaching young adults how to write; his high-school-aged writers have consistently dominated local and regional writing contests, including a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place sweep of the three-state and British Columbia Optimist 2015 essay writing contest; the Optimist Club awarded Bond the 2015 "Teacher of the Year." Bond frequently speaks on writing at various conferences. Additionally, Bond has ministered overseas in Western Australia, Peru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and with Equipping Leaders International (ELI) in Uganda.

He is on the advisory board of Glorious Films (Montreal) with Derek Thomas, Michael Haykin, and others (2014). In the Psalms Project (2009), funded by the Lilly Foundation, Bond was selected to be a speaker at Union University and to contribute a chapter to the book *Forgotten Songs*. As a hymn writer and author of several books on hymn writers and hymnody, Bond was asked to be a consultant for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's (CBC) special feature series on Christian hymns, *God's Greatest Hits* (2012). His NEW REFORMATION HYMNS album with Greg Wilbur and Nathan Clarke George released in 2017; a growing number of his hymns are being sung in churches and at conferences.

Bond is a ruling elder in the PCA, has served on a Presbytery committee, and in 2015 was elected to the permanent committee which oversees the campus ministry Reformed University Fellowship (RUF); he now serves as an advisory member to the RUF Permanent Committee in Atlanta, GA.

As an outgrowth of his books and teaching, Bond has led church history tours in Europe since 1996, and has also been consulted on a history documentary film on the Reformation. Meridian Filmworks is in negotiation with Bond's publisher to create a major motion picture of his Scottish Covenanter signature novel *Duncan's War*.

Frequently interviewed on Christian radio stations, Bond was featured in French newspaper Le Midi Libre (1/18/2015) on his book *HAMMER OF THE HUGUENOTS*, researched and written on location in France. Additionally, Bond's articles on church history and theology have appeared in Modern Reformation, Table Talk, byFaith (author interview), Western Reformed Seminary Journal, Light and Life magazines, and in the Aquila Report. In addition to leading church history tours, Bond often lectures at conferences on literature and church history, including speaking at several Ligonier West Coast Conferences.