

Goble Family Association Reunion

September 20-23, 2019; plus an optional tour September 24-29, 2019

Reunion Package:

Friday, Sept. 20, 2019 - Welcome to England

Arrive at a London airport.

Group transfers to Arundel will be arranged at an additional expense of approx \$40, once flight's have been arranged. Or you can make your own way to Arundel.

Check in to your hotel (Hilton Aviston Park Hotel in Arundel).

Meet and Greet cocktails and canapés at the hotel as guests arrive.

Overnight, bed and breakfast at the Hilton Aviston Park Hotel.

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019 - Arundel

This morning enjoy a **scenic drive through Westergate** and have a glimpse of the area where your progenitor was born.

Tour of **Burpham Country House**, where Squire Goble lived, by Jacqueline Penticost, the current owner.

Visit **Saint Mary the Virgin Church in Burpham**. Meet Rev Celia Woodruff who will conduct a celebration of the 400th wedding anniversary of Thomas and Alice Goble. Plus, enjoy the renewal of wedding vows by Albert and Becky Goble. Attend the Goble Reunion Dinner/**program** at a local restaurant tonight, included Overnight, bed and breakfast at our hotel.

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019 – West Sussex

This morning, visit **Arundel Castle** There are nearly 1,000 years of history at this great castle, situated in magnificent grounds overlooking the River Arun in West Sussex and built at the end of the

11th century by Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Arundel. The oldest feature is the mote, an artificial mound, over 100 feet high from the dry moat, and constructed in 1068: followed by the gatehouse in 1070. Under his will, King Henry I (1068-1135) settled the Castle and lands in dower on his second wife, Adeliza of Louvain.

A possible visit to the Ruins of Blackfriars Priory¹ and Arundel Museum² as well as a walking tour of Chichester or Arundel is being considered but not yet confirmed.

Enjoy dinner under your own arrangements tonight. (*List of restaurants and local pubs will be provided*)

Overnight, bed and breakfast.

Monday, Sept. 23, 2019 - Farewell or Traveling on to Bristol (Our Extended Optional Tour)

This morning transfer to London for your return flight home under your own arrangements.³ Or join fellow travelers on an optional extended tour. Once air arrangements are made, a group transfer can be arranged for an additional fee of approx \$40.

The Cost of this package is \$660 per person sharing

Optional Extended Tour Package:

Monday, Sept 23

This morning depart Arundel for Bristol.

En-route visit **Stonehenge** The Neolithic stone circle of Stonehenge

¹ The ruins of this Blackfriars Dominican Priory are on the north west bank of the River Arun close to the Queen Street bridge, the Arundel Museum and the entrance to Arundel Castle.

² <http://www.arundelmuseum.org>

³ We will tell you how to do this later.

in the Wiltshire countryside is one of the most famous wonders of the world. Dating back to approximately 3000 BC, the circle of huge upright and horizontal rectangular stones continues to fascinate academics, spiritualists and visitors. How and why did hundreds of people transport five-ton stones from all over the South of England and Wales to create a monument that has no obvious function? A multitude of theories regarding the origins and purpose of Stonehenge abound – some serious and some a little hard to believe but all have their supporters. Stonehenge could have been an elite burial mound, druid temple or ancient observatory and may have been put there by ordinary people, aliens or by Merlin the mythical wizard. This fascinating stone circle can be toured with audio guides and the modern visitor center includes over 250 artifacts, reconstructions of Neolithic houses, and a 360-degree audio-visual presentation that all help towards understanding the structure.

On arrival in Bath, visit the **Roman Baths** The Roman Baths of the historical city of Bath are some of the best-preserved Roman ruins in the world and it is even possible to wander around this vast leisure complex just as the Romans did over 2000 years ago. Built in AD70 over hot springs the Great Bath still receives over one million liters of hot water daily from the 12,000 year old Kings Spring below. An interactive museum, costumed characters and award-winning audio guides narrated by witty travel writer Bill Bryson are also available to bring the history of the baths to life. There's an opportunity to taste the spa water – a healthy drop containing 42 minerals and purported healing power if not a pleasant taste – or alternatively there is a café and grand restaurant in the old pump house⁴.

Check into Mercure Bristol Grand Hotel. Enjoy dinner under your own arrangements tonight. (*List of restaurants and local pubs will be provided*) Overnight, bed and breakfast.

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019 - Bristol to Tiverton This morning depart Bristol for Tiverton

On arrival visit **Exeter Cathedral** Exeter Cathedral is one of the

⁴ <https://theoldpumphousebowness.weebly.com>

oldest and most beautiful Cathedrals in England. Located in the center of the city, there has been a Cathedral on the present site for nearly one thousand years. The building itself is a remarkable feat of engineering, design and craftsmanship. It has the longest stretch of unbroken Gothic vaulting in the world, stunning stained glass windows and an intricately carved image screen on the West Front.

Afterwards enjoy a **walking tour of Exeter** Visit some of Exeter's medieval churches and hear about strange burial practices as we wander over ancient cemeteries. Visit and hear about the unusual **Victorian Catacomb**. This tour takes you to areas within the city walls not often seen by visitors. Entry to the Catacomb is dependent on bat activity and may not always be possible

Check in to Best Western Tiverton. Enjoy dinner under own arrangements tonight. Overnight, bed and breakfast.

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019 - Cornwall This morning enjoy a tour to **Port Isaac**⁵

En-route visit **Tintagel Castle** Immerse yourself in history, myths and stunning scenery at Tintagel Castle, set high on Cornwall's rugged north coast between Padstow and Bude. Inextricably linked with the legend of King Arthur, for centuries this dramatic castle and coastline has fired the imaginations of writers, artists and even the brother of a king. Now it's your turn to be inspired.

On arrival in Port Isaac, enjoy leisure time. Journey through the **Dartmoor National Park**⁶

With locals pitching in as extras, and the wild, rolling Dartmoor landscape setting the tone of the film, Warhorse is intrinsically a part of Dartmoor history. See for yourself the intensity of the moorland, protected by National Park status, and explore the windswept moors and secluded woods.

Return to your hotel. Enjoy dinner under own arrangements tonight.

⁵ Port Isaac is a small picturesque fishing village on the Atlantic coast of north Cornwall, England, United Kingdom. This is the location of the filming of Doc Martin, a PBS original.

⁶ <http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/>

(List of restaurants and local pubs will be provided) Overnight, bed and breakfast at your Tiverton hotel.

Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019 - Tiverton to London This morning depart Tiverton for London.

En-route enjoy a **scenic drive through of the Blackdown Hills** The Blackdown Hills form a tranquil, beautiful, and relatively isolated landscape on the Devon and Somerset border. Steep ridges, high plateau, valleys and springs create a charming mosaic of countryside dotted with farms, villages and ancient features.

Visit **Salisbury Cathedral**⁷ Medieval Salisbury Cathedral may sit serenely within eight acres of manicured lawns in the Wiltshire countryside but it also has a hugely important place in the history of Britain's architecture, religion and politics. This Gothic cathedral boasts Britain's tallest spire, (123 meters / 404 ft.), and largest close, quire and cloisters plus the world's oldest working mechanical clock. Within the restored Chapter House lies one of only four copies in existence of the Magna Carta. This most celebrated of historical documents and cornerstone of democracy and modern liberty was drafted in 1215 as a check against the tyranny of King John.

On arrival check in to Holiday Inn Kensington. Enjoy dinner under own arrangements tonight. *(List of restaurants and local pubs will be provided)* Overnight, bed and breakfast at our London or area hotel.

IN LONDON there are two options:

Option 1: Arrange your own tours at your expense

Friday, Sept. 27, 2019 - London (do as you please)

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019 - London (do as you please)

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019 - return home

Option 1 package: \$1200 per person sharing

⁷ <https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/>

Option 2: Guided tours each day as follows:

Day 5: Friday, 27th September 2019 - London

This morning enjoy a **walking tour of London** Discover the iconic landmarks, architectural and cultural diversity, and fascinating history that makes London the most visited city in the world. Your London sightseeing tour will take you on a non-stop procession of recognizable landmarks, including The Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Nelson's Column, and Marble Arch and much more.

Then attend the **changing of the guards** at Buckingham Palace
***Subject to scheduling**

For many filmgoers one of the strengths of the hugely successful '*War Horse*' was the bleak but beautiful backdrop of Dartmoor in Devon. Much of Steven Spielberg's film of the novel was filmed on the moor at Sheepstor and Meavy, and perhaps the most recognizable location is Ditsworthy Warren House, where Albert lived with his family.

Visit **Westminster Abbey** The Gothic masterpiece of Westminster Abbey has been at the heart of British history since the formation of the Abbey by Edward the Confessor in 1065. The Abbey became the coronation church for the English monarchy in 1066, was transformed into the modern stone Abbey in the reign of Henry III and has since been the venue for countless magnificent, joyous and sometimes unfortunate royal events. In modern times the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton, coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and funerals of the Queen Mother and Princess Diana have etched the Abbey into the common memory of billions around the globe. A visit of Westminster Abbey takes in such highlights as the Coronation Chair, the medieval Lady Chapel, museum containing a collection of royal effigies, and the Abbey Gardens, which whisk you away from the hubbub of the city.

Afterwards enjoy a tour of the **Globe Theatre** Open all year round, the Globe Theatre Tour & Exhibition gives you an opportunity to learn

more about this unique building and it's most famous playwright, Shakespeare. The expert guides will take you on a fascinating tour of the iconic Globe Theatre, bringing the space to life with colorful stories of the 1599 Globe, of the reconstruction process in the 1990s, and of how the 'wooden O' works today as an imaginative and experimental theatrical space. Based under the Globe Theatre, the engaging and informative Exhibition explores the life of Shakespeare, the London where he lived, and the theatre for which he wrote.

Return back to your hotel. Overnight, bed and breakfast at Kensington Holiday Inn

Day 6: Saturday, 28th September 2019 – London

This morning visit the **Tower of London** On the banks of the River Thames in the heart of London stands the Tower of London and nearly 1000 years of history and intrigue. The Tower of London has been used at various times as a palace, barracks, military stronghold, zoo and most famously as a prison incarcerating famous names like Sir Walter Raleigh, Anne Boleyn and Guy Fawkes. During a visit to the Tower you can see crown jewels worth over £20 billion, meet the ravens who legends say have the fate of the Kingdom in their claws, talk to the distinctive Yeoman guards with their white ruffs, and learn about the gruesome torture that went on within the walls. The Tower is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the only intact medieval buildings on the list. At the Tower there are also cafes and a shop.

Take the **Thames River Cruise** to Buckingham Palace.

Visit **the state rooms of Buckingham Palace** Buckingham Palace serves as both the office and London residence of Her Majesty the Queen. It is one of the few working royal palaces remaining in the world today. During a visit to Buckingham Palace, you can see the 19 magnificent State Rooms, which provide the setting for ceremonial occasions and official entertaining. All rooms are furnished with many of the greatest treasures from the Royal Collection. To mark The Prince of Wales' 70th birthday, visitors to Buckingham Palace this summer will enjoy a special display featuring works of art personally selected by The Prince.

Follow in an age-old tradition on a **Historic Pub Tour**. We'll visit four of London's oldest and most storied pubs, around the famous Fleet Street area, enjoying tales of barroom lore going back centuries.

Enjoy some free time explore the shops of London. Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel

Day 7: Sunday, 29th September 2019 - Farewell

Transfer to London Heathrow Airport with your airport transfer coach for your return flight home.

Option 2 in London \$1500 per person sharing

What's included in the Reunion Package - September 20-23:

3 nights at hotel, all rooms with private bath/shower. Meet & Greet canapés and beverages. Breakfast at hotel each day, days 2 – 4 inclusive Dinner on day 2 (three courses, coffee/tea) Visits as noted

Driver and Tour Guide

What's included in the Optional Extended Tour package - September 24-29:

6 nights at suggested hotels, all rooms private bath/shower Breakfast at each hotel 2 dinners Visits as noted

Driver and Tour Guide

P.S. It's possible that a few things will changed or be added when we get closer to the date. Our travel agent is working with a contact in the area to help set up our hotels, visits and transportation. I'll let you know as soon as I know. Our agent, Kathy Harrigan, CTA of Harrigan Holidays, will be providing reservation forms, which I hope to have available soon along with firm pricing. When these forms are returned to her a deposit will be required to lock in your spot.