

Goble Family Association Reunion September 20-23, 2019 or September 20-29, 2019

Please do not book your air reservations until we know if there are enough people to run this reunion trip. Deposits will be fully refundable if there are not enough registrants for this adventure. Also note the rooms are double and single occupancy only!

Friday, Sept. 20, 2019 - Welcome to England

Arrive at a London airport. Group transfers will be arranged at an additional expense approx. \$40 each way. Please try to book your flight so it arrives before 12 noon. Please provide Harrigan Holidays with your flight information so transfer can be arranged. Or you can make your own way to Arundel.

Check into your hotel. This evening's Meet and Greet with cocktails and canapés will be a great opportunity to get acquainted with your fellow Goble family members. Overnight, bed and breakfast at Hilton Aviston Park Hotel, Arundel, UK.

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019 - Arundel

After breakfast visit the **Blue Idol Quaker Meeting House**. This 17th century blue washed farmhouse is a very special place filled with history of the Quaker community from William Penn, the founder of this meetinghouse and the City of Philadelphia to present day. The Meeting House itself remains untraced since the 1600s containing galleries and the ministers stand still remains.

Following lunch Jacqueline Pentecost will give a tour of **Burpham Country House** where Squire Goble lived. Next you will visit **Saint Mary the Virgin Church** in Aldingbourne where Thomas Goble and Alice married 400 years ago. Reverend Celia Woodruff will officiate a renewal of the wedding. Plus enjoy the renewal of wedding vows by Albert and Becky Goble. This church was mentioned as far back as the Domesday Book of 1086. Later in the 11th century the current Nave was possibly built over its foundations.

Returning to your hotel via a **scenic drive through Westergate** and have a glimpse of Aldingbourne where your progenitor, Thomas Goble, was born in 1590.

This evening there is a **Goble Reunion dinner** at a local restaurant. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019 - West Sussex exploring Arundel

This morning visit **Arundel Castle & Gardens**. 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 motte, 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.

You will also visit the ruins of **Blackfriars Priory** and **Arundel Museum**, a hidden gem of Arundel. Discover the earliest hominid inhabitants and the tools they used. The museum also covers the Dukes of Norfolk and the siege during the English Civil War in 1643.

Dinner this evening is under your own arrangements. **(B)**

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

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

Cost of this package is \$660* per person sharing + transfer to/from the airport. For single travelers a single supplement of \$200 applies

If joining the Goble Reunion Extension depart Arundel for Bristol. En-route visit **Stonehenge**. The Neolithic stone circle of Stonehenge 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 tonne 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 centre includes over 250 artefacts, 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 litres 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 house called the Pump House Restaurant.

Continue on to Bristol and check into Mercure Bristol Grand Hotel. Dinner at your hotel is included this evening. Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast. **(B,D)**

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019 - Bristol to Tiverton

This morning after breakfast depart Bristol for Tiverton. stopping in Exeter where you will visit **Exeter Cathedral**, one of the oldest and most beautiful Cathedrals in England. Located in the centre 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** where you will 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.

Continue on to Tiverton and check into the Best Western Tiverton Hotel. Dinner at your hotel is included this evening. Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast. **(B,D)**

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019 - Touring Cornwall

After breakfast you will travel to beautiful Cornwall where Doc Martin and Poldark are filmed. 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.

Enjoy leisure time in **Port Isaac**. You might know Port Isaac by another name, Portwenn from Doc Martin.

Journey through the **Dartmoor National Park**. 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. 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. Overnight, bed and breakfast. **(B)**

Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019 - Tiverton to London

This morning depart Tiverton for London taking a **scenic drive through of the Blackdown Hills** en-route. 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**. 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 metres / 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 into Holiday Inn Kensington. Dinner is under your own arrangements tonight. Overnight, bed and breakfast. **(B)**

Friday, Sept. 27, 2019 - London - on your own **(B)**

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Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019 - Group transfer to LHR is included for your return home. The price of this **Option 1 package \$1200 per person sharing + Arundel package for a total of \$1860 per person sharing. There is a Single Supplement of \$550 for reunion and additional tour together.** (\$200 reunion tour and \$350 for add on tour) There is a minimum of 15 participants to run this tour at this price. **(B)**

OPTION 2 IN LONDON

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**

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 tour 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 colourful

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 to your hotel where dinner will be under your own arrangements this evening. Overnight, bed and breakfast. **(B)**

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** where you will visit the staterooms 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.

Enjoy some free time explore the shops of London or perhaps join a Historic Pub tour of London (details to be announced) Dinner is under your own arrangements. Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel. **(B)**

Day 7: Sunday, 29th September 2019 - Farewell

Transfer to London Heathrow Airport with your airport transfer coach for your return flight home. **(B)**

Option 2 in London \$1500 per person sharing + Arundel package of \$660 per person = total \$2160 per person sharing. There is a Single Supplement of \$550 for reunion and additional tour together. (\$200 reunion tour and \$350 for add on tour) A minimum of 15 participants to run this tour at this price.

What's included September 20-23:

3 nights at hotel, all rooms with private bath/shower
Breakfast at hotel each day, days 2 – 4 inclusive
Cocktail Party, Dinner on day 2 (three courses, coffee/tea)
Visits as noted
Driver and Tour Guide

What's included 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, Guide in London on option 2 only

Hotel Details

**Please note – all hotels have hairdryers ensuite*

Sept. 20, 21 & 22, 2019	Hilton Avisford Hotel Arundel, UK Free Wifi in Public Areas Indoor/Outdoor Pool, Fitness Centre Nearby Golf Club	Tel: 011 44 1243 558300
Sept. 23, 2019	Mercure Grand Hotel Bristol, UK Wifi	Tel: 011 44 871 376 9042
Sept. 24 & 25, 2019	Best Western Tiverton Tiverton, UK Wifi Swim & Gym at Exe Valley Leisure Centre access	Tel: 011 44 1884 256120
Sept. 26, 27, & 28, 2019	Holiday Inn London High St. Kensington, London, UK Wifi Indoor Pool, Fitness Centre	Tel: 011 44 20 7368 4023