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## **Sing Live USA on tour to England 2009**

Performing in **The Royal Albert Hall, London** –  
The world's most famous and historic concert hall  
Concert date - Sunday September 27, 2009 – 8pm performance  
**Concert program to be revealed soon!**  
Two tour options  
11 night tour - the North of England and London  
5 Night tour – London only  
Now flying out of both **ORLANDO** and **TAMPA** – **your choice**

As promised, here is your fantastic international opportunity with Sing Live USA to visit the 'real' England, and perform in the most historic and celebrated concert venue in the world, The Royal Albert Hall, London with Sing Live UK in the concert to close our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. We are aiming for a company of around 1100 singers total drawn from all of our Sing Live companies around the UK and here in Florida – the opportunity of a lifetime. Full details of the musical program will be revealed soon – we are still working on it – but it will be very exciting and you will be accompanied by our very own UK orchestra – The National Festival Orchestra.

Please read this information pack very carefully as it gives the basic outline of the tours – and we need to move quickly to secure the flights. The deadlines are paramount.  
**Don't forget this trip is open to all your family and friends – new singers welcome!**

### **Tour One – the Long tour – 11 nights – Depart Sept 17 – return Sept 29, 2009**

#### **Flying out of both Orlando and Tampa – your choice**

Basic itinerary – Fly Orlando or Tampa to Manchester (one short layover in Newark) – 6 nights in Leeds a Leeds hotel with bed and continental breakfast – coach transfer to London – 5 nights in Central London with bed and full cooked breakfast – including all coach transfers from airport to hotel, internal transfers to rehearsals in London and the Royal Albert Hall and transfer to London Heathrow airport for return flight to Orlando or Tampa (via Newark)

<b>Price -</b>	<b>\$2300 (\$2200 cash or check discount) per person based on two people share a room</b>
<b>Single person price -</b>	<b>\$3350 (\$3150 cash or check discount) per person</b>
<b>What's NOT included</b>	<b>Concert rehearsal and performance costs – see below</b>

Child ( under 12 on the day of return) – available on request

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## Detailed itinerary –

Thurs Sept 17	Make your own way to Orlando or Tampa airport Fly overnight to Manchester via Newark ( NY)
Fri Sept 18	Arrive Manchester – met by Sing Live greeters and coach transfer to Hotel in Leeds. Day and evening free
Sat Sept 19	Day and evening free
Sun Sept 20	All day combined rehearsal with Sing Live UK Evening free
Mon Sept 20	Day and evening free
Tues Sept 21	Day and evening free
Wed Sept 22	Day and evening free
Thurs Sept 23	Coach transfer to Central London hotel
Fri Sept 24	Day and evening free in London
Sat Sept 25	Morning free Combined rehearsal in London Evening free
Sun Sept 27	Concert day – rehearsals all day – performance at 8pm
Mon Sept 28	Day and evening free – to recover
Tues Sept 29	Transfer to London Heathrow airport for flight home Arrive Orlando around 5:15pm and Tampa around 10:30 pm

On free days in Leeds we will be putting together side trips to exciting places of interest, hopefully including Liverpool, the home of the Beatles, Whitby – a beautiful northern seaside town with the Abbey where according to folklore Dracula landed in England (Whitby also has the best fish and chip supper in the world! – ask Kevin) and the possibility of a trip to Edinburgh, Scotland. Plus the possibility of a tour of an English stately home.

On the transfer to London we will call in on the way to a major city of interest – possibly Oxford or Cambridge, two of the most historic university cities in the world.

And in London we may also be able to fix trips and tours of the capitol.

These will all be at additional cost, but we need time to plan them, the most important thing right now being getting your flights over there.

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## **Option Two – the short trip**

### **Flying out of both Orlando and Tampa – your choice**

Basic Itinerary – Fly Orlando or Tampa (both via Newark, NY) to London Heathrow airport – 5 nights in Central London with bed and full English cooked breakfast – including all coach transfers from airport to hotel, internal transfers to rehearsals in London and the Royal Albert Hall and transfer to Heathrow airport for return flight to Orlando (via Newark) or Tampa (via Houston, TX).

<b>Price -</b>	<b>\$1650 (\$1600 cash or check discount) per person based on two people share a room</b>
<b>Single person price -</b>	<b>\$2150 (\$2050 cash or check discount) per person</b>
<b>What's NOT included</b>	<b>Concert rehearsal and performance costs – see below</b>

Detailed itinerary –

Thurs Sept 23	Make your own way to Orlando or Tampa airport Fly overnight to London Heathrow airport – met by Sing Live greeters - Coach transfer to Central London hotel
Fri Sept 24	Day and evening free in London
Sat Sept 25	Morning free Combined rehearsal in London with Sing Live UK Evening free
Sun Sept 27	Concert day – rehearsals all day – performance at 8pm
Mon Sept 28	Day and evening free – to recover
Tues Sept 29	Transfer to London Heathrow airport for flight home Arrive home in Orlando around 5pm

In London we may also be able to fix trips and tours of the capitol. You will be staying at the same hotel as singers and guests travelling on the long trip.

Additional tours will all be at additional cost, but we need time to plan them, the most important thing right now being getting your flights over there.

## **Hotels**

In **Leeds** (the long trip) we will be staying at – The Holiday Inn by Express, Royal Armouries, Leeds - Offers modern accommodation and has been created for value and comfort. All rooms have ensuite bathrooms with power showers and complimentary toiletries. They have a hairdryer, satellite TV, in-room movies, direct dial telephone, broadband access, work desk with lamp and the all important tea and coffee making facilities.

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In **London** (both trips) we will be staying at a four star hotel either in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, or Knightsbridge. We currently have several options available to us and the final choice will be dependent on the group size – but all are hotels we use regularly on our adventures to the Royal Albert Hall.

The hotels are in close proximity to Harrods's, the Royal Albert Hall, Earls Court and Olympia Exhibition Centres, the Natural History, Science and Victoria & Albert Museums and Kensington Palace and all have tube stations very near allowing easy access to all Central London attractions and the West End.

All the hotels have extensive amenities.

Please note – any aviation fuel increases or major currency fluctuations will be passed on directly to you as a surcharge

## **Sing Live International booking condition**

Please do not ask for any amendments to the above tour details, e.g. can you make your own way there, stay with friends and relatives, make your own itinerary, book your own hotel.

If you want to be part of this unique singing experience you must take one of our tours. I am sure you will all understand – we must keep you all together under our direction in case of changes to the itinerary and schedule. We can't keep track of people all over the UK on their own unique adventure.

We have put together packages as always to facilitate an accessible holiday tour where the thinking is done for you, so you can enjoy the group camaraderie of travelling together, staying together, playing together and of course most importantly, singing together!  
You will be well looked after with us!

## **The Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, London** **The concert and concert rehearsals**

This will be a full length Sing Live International concert event and will be rehearsed just like any other concert with pods in each Sing Live location – so here in Florida – they will be in Orlando and Tampa over a 10 – 12 week period.. The number of pods in each city will obviously be dependent on how many singers are taking part – there may only be one in each - and then there will be the usual combined big rehearsals.

New rehearsal cd's will be available – and necessary!

As usual there are no auditions to join the company and new singers are welcome.

You will have the opportunity to audition and go solo at the Royal Albert Hall – what an opportunity!

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Once in England, there will be a combined rehearsal in Leeds on the Sunday for those on the long trip – and a combined rehearsal in London on the Saturday before the concert itself. Concert day will be filled with the excitement of getting into the Royal Albert Hall, a full day of rehearsal and run through with technical crews and orchestra and then the concert itself. It will be exhausting but totally invigorating and liberating.

One world of caution – the Royal Albert Hall is a wonderful place – but it is old – and dressing room accommodation just simply is not glamorous. With 1100 singers – it will be cramped – but great fun if we all keep and maintain the Sing Live community spirit. We have done this many times and know what we are doing. John has been known to have a broom cupboard allocated as his dressing room – and we're not joking!

Also there is very little in terms of food and drink facilities around the Hall so you will need to be totally self sufficient on this day.

Concert rehearsal and performance costs  
**NOT included in the tour price – so additional**

Rehearsal and Performance fee	\$195.00
Rehearsal CD	\$15.00
Performance shirt	We haven't decided on this yet so cant give a price
Red tour gear	See below

## **Tour gear and Merchandise**

- Once again it is the unique RED tour gear for traveling. It has worked so well over the last few international trips, and for the information of those who have not been abroad with us before, we need to be able to identify all members of our group at a glance, and more importantly so at airports. It is also helpful for you to identify everyone and instantly recognize friends you haven't met yet who are part of Sing Live!
- There is a good selection of items to chose from, e.g. t-shirts, polo shirts, sweat shirts, fleeces and jackets to name just a few and we would like everyone – singers and guests alike - to have at least one item. Please note we only require you to wear your 'tour gear' on the flights to and from Florida and the UK and on the internal coach transfers. You do not need to wear them on side trips (although you may wish to do so!!)
- If you already have tour gear from previous trips (England 2008 and Caribbean cruise 2008) then you are all sorted – you do not need to buy anything else. If you don't you will need to buy some. We require you to wear at least ONE of our red tour outer garments whilst you are in transit – for ease of recognition. It works. Order forms will be with you in due course and you will hopefully be able to order on line through our new website store – coming soon.

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**Photo ID cards**

You will need to bring your Sing Live Photo ID Card with you. Your **guests DO NOT** need Sing Live photo ID cards.

So there you have it – the opportunity of a lifetime and due to current exchange rates there has not been a better time to visit England for many years – the dollar is strong – the pound is weak.

As we need to book and secure the flights we need deposits back immediately and the full payment schedule is as follows -

<b>Due immediately to secure the flights</b>	<b>\$150 per person – DEADLINE – March 6</b>
<b>June 1, 2009</b>	<b>\$1000 per person</b>
<b>August 1, 2009</b>	<b>Full outstanding balance</b>

The application forms are attached. Please help us to help you and make this trip a reality by returning your forms as soon as possible so that we can book the flights.

We look forward to an amazing and fulfilling Sing Live experience at the Royal Albert Hall with you all!

John, Linda and the Sing Live USA team