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Ancestral links between England and the US are accentuated as the world marks the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's journey and the 75th anniversary of D-Day. This guide to ancestral tourism contains resources, tips and contacts to help American descendants of English emigrants explore their roots and discover a more personal connection to England.



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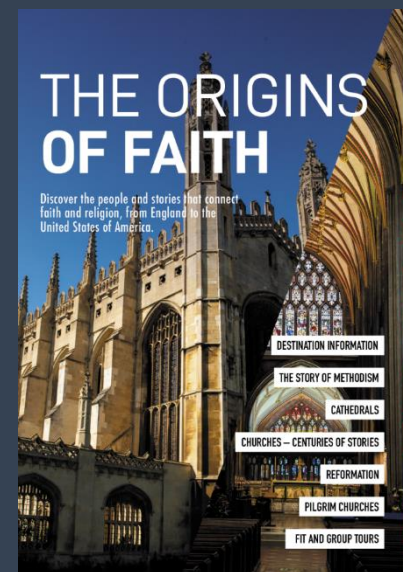
Featuring stories and places in England pivotal to Britain and the United States of America's Special Relationship - and the part 450,000 US servicemen played in the Allied victory, under the leadership of President Roosevelt and General Eisenhower.



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THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

Discover the people and stories that connect faith and religion, from England to the United States of America.



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The people that crossed the Atlantic in search of new beginnings.



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Meet the locals



In The Footsteps of The Mayflower

Spend a day in Southampton - on land and sea - exploring the maritime city's connections with The Mayflower.

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Mayflower Discovery: 5-day guided tour

An unforgettable private 5-day adventure across the UK tracing the journey of the Pilgrims who set sail on the Mayflower in 1620

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Mayflower Pilgrims Devon Discovery Tour

Follow in the footsteps of the intrepid Pilgrims, and their final weeks in Devon

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Pilgrim Mayflower Tour

See where the Pilgrims stayed while waiting to board the Mayflower ship for their epic journey to the New World



Mayflower Tour of Devon

Devon, the final departure point for those courageous Pilgrims nearly 400 years ago! On this tour we will follow the path of the Pilgrims as they prepared to set sail on their historic voyage to America in 1620



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Celebrate the historic journey of The Mayflower Ship

2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's pioneering voyage from England to America. In 1620, an intrepid group of dissenters set sail across the Atlantic on what was then an incredibly dangerous journey to start a new life in the New World. To commemorate this anniversary, we follow in the footsteps of the Mayflower Pilgrims and trace the Mayflower's journey en-route for America, learning more about the ship that links four nations and the legacy of a voyage that changed history.

Special extras included in your itinerary

- Guided walk in Lyme Regis



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Plymouth, England



This picturesque, vibrant coastal city is a maritime marvel with a rich history stretching back to Tudor England and the launch of the *Mayflower*.

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Destination Details

Known as the British Ocean City, Plymouth, a major port on the southern coast, offers magnificent views and a modern take on a historical city that stood guard over Elizabethan England. [Read More](#)

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Events on board will commemorate the significance of this iconic journey and we will welcome back Ancestry for their second crossing.

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Top places to visit in 2020

Plymouth & Plymouth

Get ready to party like it's 1620. Throughout the year, festivities commemorating the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower* voyage will span four nations: the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Wampanoag Nation. The biggest events are anchored in the seaside towns of **Plymouth, England**, and **Plymouth, Massachusetts**—the starting and ending points of the Pilgrims' historic journey. As part of the U.K.'s **Mayflower 400** and New England's **Plymouth 400** celebrations, both towns will spend the months leading up to Thanksgiving hosting a cornucopia of culturally inclusive festivals, exhibitions, parades, concerts, tours, and interactive demonstrations. Among the highlights: Plymouth Harbor will welcome the return of the newly renovated **Mayflower II**, a replica of the 17th-century ship. Alongside the pomp and circumstance, venerable attractions such as **Plymouth Rock** and **Plimoth Plantation** (pictured), a living history museum where costumed interpreters take guests back in time, are essential stops before attending **America's Hometown Thanksgiving Parade** in November. —*Erica*





Plymouth and the Mayflower

Peter Lawler finds a lot of reasons to visit Plymouth for the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's journey, as well as a deeper meaning about America's modern cultural identity

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As I walk the streets of Plymouth, I keep thinking of Bo Young Park. Bo Young was a Korean classmate of mine who moved to my small North Jersey suburb when we were in third grade. Sweet from what I can remember, but quiet owing to her initial insecurity in not having a confident command of English. I have a particular memory in mind, an image that keeps coming back to me while I tread the same streets that the Mayflower passengers, those early forbears of ours trod before me in search of a land in which they were free to worship in the way they chose, without prejudice and judgement.

I am thinking of Bo Young's first Thanksgiving in America and how in elementary school – and hell, probably up into middle school before our liberal, revisionist high school History teachers got to us – we used to have the Mayflower myth recounted to us every year, of those brave pilgrims, looking steely-eyed over the deck of that proud ship, their flat top hats standing tall and buckle-encrusted above their determined brows as they face down disease and bid goodbye to the land of their birth and all they have known for all of their lives on the wager that they could and would be better off carving out new and freer lives in a new world.

In my memory from this occasion in third grade it is a cold and windy November morning, the day before Thanksgiving, that great American carb-fest commemorating the pilgrims' survival of the harvest season with the help of Squanto and the tribe of Wampanoag indigenous to the Plymouth area in Massachusetts Bay. We are all sitting outside on a concrete space in little groups with flimsy flat top, brown, black and white hats atop our own heads blowing back and forth in the wind and my best friend Andy, Bo Young Park and I, like all the other little subgroups trying to achieve the same thing, are trying to get a fire to light out with a large tin can. I can't imagine health and safety would allow this nowadays but I'm sure the end result was that we were to roast marshmallows or something and feel something of the hardship depicted in that legendary narrative of our 'forefathers'. I remember even then it feeling strange to watch Bo Young, with her paper flat top hat, lighting her tin can and little English though she had, forging her own identity anew, as perhaps those pioneers did then.

Because we don't question our own national mythology very often. And this is for us our



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Slapton Secrets

The beautiful landscape of Slapton Sands hides a chilling story from World War II, finds Peter Lawler

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What emerges for me in Plymouth are two stories of America, both to do with sacrifice and both a demonstration of something deeply indicative of what we are about as a people.

And those two narrative timelines are separated by over three hundred years, but cement the strong ties between our two peoples – Plymouthians (the adj. form of Plymouth natives) and us Yanks, that is – both fiercely independently minded, both embracing of diversity and the underdog, and both (setting aside, just for now, the most contentious contemporary political debates volleying back and on both sides of the ever increasing political chasm) ever happy to jump in and help to shepherd the poor, tired, huddled marginalised and oppressed masses of the world from a position of persecution to a place of opportunity.

This second, vital, more recent narrative, crystallises for me ever more clearly, minutes after Ian Rutherford, owner of Travel England tours, picks me up from Plymouth Station (whose signage proudly declares itself 'Britain's Nautical City'), bringing me back not 400, but barely 75 years into the area's past, informing me that Plymouth and much of Cornwall only across the bay by ferry, were vital in preparation for the most momentous and one of the bloodiest and most horrific events in the whole of the second world war: The D-Day Landings in Normandy.



'All through this area,' Rutherford explains as we traverse the narrow, bumpy country roads that remind me so much of my rural Pennsylvaniaian adolescence, 'was little America'. Residents of tiny coastal villages here in this swathe of the South West England were given six weeks' notice to leave their homes so that the towns could be used to house mostly American soldiers training and preparing to surge against Hitler's army in occupied France. GIs were then stationed here in the final months of the war, building barracks, paving and widening thoroughfares for tanks and, alongside the British navy, stuffing the harbour with LSTs (Landing Ship Tanks, waiting to take tanks and other armoured vehicles across to fight).

A chill runs down my spine and I feel the ghosts of history running over the sand as we sit on Slapton Sands and Rutherford narrates the story of





Mayflower 400

Welcome to Mayflower Digital Trails, a collection of self-guided walking and driving tours around the cities, towns and villages connected to the Mayflower story.

Start by tapping on one of the pins shown on the map above to learn more about the location. Tap 'Explore Trails' to see the trails available for that area.

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Trail Summary



Mayflower Trail


Half day walking trail

The Mayflower Trail explores Plymouth as the Pilgrims would have experienced it before they left their final port for the New World.

Plymouth was a town of merchants, colonial adventurers, fishermen, sailors, religious extremists and pirates. It was a boom town and becoming globally connected beyond its old medieval harbour.

Start Trail

Trail



Mayflower Steps Memorial
 3.1 miles away

Change Map

Above and below: The Mayflower Trail destinations are shown on an interactive map, tap your desired destination to see the trails available for that area. The app uses your live location to guide along the trail, with detailed information about the stops along the way and how they connect to the Mayflower story. Many of the trail stops are connected to the lives of the Pilgrims who were born and bred on the Mayflower Trail.





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