

Adventist History Study Tour

July 20-27
2025

Itinerary

New England Adventist History Study Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Early morning departure. Travel east to Rochester, NY all day. Presentations and discussions en route.

Day 2: Visit Mount Hope Cemetery where the family of J. N. Andrews is buried, as well as other notables. Drive through Rochester, looking at Adventist historical sites. Visit the Gerrit Smith Estate en route to Massachusetts. Lectures on the bus.

Day 3: Travel to New Hampshire. The highlight of the day will be a spiritual blessing at the Washington, NH church and the Sabbath History Trail. Later in the day, visit the childhood home of Uriah and Annie Smith. In the evening, visit the Union Evangelical Church of Haverhill, MA. The tour will then travel north and stay the night in Andover, MA.

Day 4: Drive north into Maine and see childhood and early adult sites associated with Ellen White in Gorham and Portland. Lunch at the historic Portland Head Lighthouse. Then, visit the Stockbridge and Louisa Howland home in Topsham.

Day 5: Visit the Museum of African American History in Boston. Visit the Old State House and have lunch at historic Quincy Market in Boston. Then, visit Fairhaven, MA, where Joseph Bates lived. Sites include the bridge where he first shared the Sabbath message, the school he attended, the Christian Church he helped build, and his boyhood home.

Day 6: Visit Old Sturbridge Village, a recreated 1830s rural New England town. Spending a significant part of the day at the chapel and home of William Miller in Low Hampton, NY. Ascension Rock, worship in the chapel, and the graveyard where Miller is buried are also on the schedule.

Day 7: Sabbath worship will be at the Roosevelt, NY Adventist Church, where Ellen White had her second Civil War vision. In the afternoon, the tour will visit Hiram Edson's grave in the Roosevelt Cemetery. Then the tour will continue to Hiram Edson's barn and cornfield, where he prayed after the 1844 disappointment, and where the early sanctuary message was developed. The tour will then stay in Amherst, NY for the night.

Day 8: Visit Niagara Falls. Travel to Berrien Springs, MI all day. Presentations and discussions en route.

The bus route followed by the Seminary New York and New England Adventist History Study Tour includes New England—a region of the United States located in the northeastern corner of the country, bounded by the Atlantic Ocean, Canada, and New York State, and consisting of the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.



Day 4: Portland Head Light



Day 2: Gerrit Smith Estate



Day 6: Ascension Rock at the Miller Farm



Day 3: Washington, NH church



Day 7: Hiram Edson Farm



Washington, NH Church



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Cost & Classes

Cost of the Study Tour*

MDiv or MA(R) student tour fee	\$549 [^]
<small>MA(R) students must be based on the Berrien Springs Campus of Andrews University.</small>	
Seminary PhD student tour fee	\$100 deposit [^]
Community member fee	\$1,949

Spouse Reduced Rate Seats (limited quantity available)

Spouses are welcome to join Seminary students on this tour. There are two (2) reduced rate seats reserved for spouses. Seats are reserved in order of application. After the two seats are filled, the rate for spouses increases to the full cost of the tour. Spouse fees must be paid in full by April 14. Spouses must submit a separate application and paperwork. If AU Policy at the time of departure does not allow spouse participation, spouse fees will be fully refunded and their seat offered to a student on the waiting list.

Reduced Spouse Fee	\$949 (half due upon application) [^]
Full Cost Spouse Fee	\$1,949 (half due upon application) [^]

Who Should Apply?

Anyone who wishes to have a deep spiritual experience and who is serious about the study of Adventist History.

Children: Because of the nature of this tour, children are not allowed as participants on this tour.

How to Apply for the Study Tour

To reserve a seat on the bus⁺, email proof of full payment of fees (or half of spouse fees), a completed tour application, and all necessary paperwork (see below) to bkuryliak@andrews.edu. Each student is responsible for class registration. The fees may be refunded through April 14, but will be non-refundable after that date unless there is an approved standby student. No tour fees will be accepted after April 14, unless seats remain available. The tour is strictly limited to 48 participants by order of application. Students must also be financially cleared through Student Financial Services for the semester in which they are taking the tour class.

Necessary Paperwork

Andrews University requires that all tour participants complete the *Assumption of Risk and Hold Harmless Agreement* and the *Medical Insurance Information and Emergency Contact* forms as well as submit an electronic copy of proof of current medical insurance (card or letter). These will remain on file during the tour and will be given to emergency personnel should an emergency take place.

Classes Offered* **

Students must register for one or more of the classes listed below only during the 3rd Summer Semester class intensive period of July 7- August 1, 2025. MDiv students must register for a minimum of 3 credit hours, MA and Phd students for 2 credit hours or pay the difference per credit for the tuition deficit. Please consult your academic advisor for help in choosing the class that best fits your program. Students registering for more than one study tour during a semester must see Shari Smoot in the Seminary Dean's suite.

- **CHIS 504** - Adventist History and Life and Writings of Ellen G. White (3 credit hours)
- **CHIS 570** History of the SDA Church (1.5 credit hours)
- **CHIS 571** The Life and Writings of Ellen G. White (1.5 credit hours)
Students must consult their academic advisor before registering for either or both of the above two classes.
- **CHIS 674** Development of Seventh-day Adventist Theology (3 credit hours)
- **GSEM 678** Church History Study Tour (2 or 3 credit hours)
- **CHIS 685** Studies in Church History (2 or 3 credit hours)
- **CHIS 574** History of SDA Development (2 credit hours, for MAYYAM students only)
- **CHIS 885** Topics in Adventist Studies (3 credit hours, for PhD/ThD students only)

Class Requirements

Students will participate in the pre-tour meeting and eight-day study tour. Also required: keep a reflective journal, complete the take-home examination by the date listed in class syllabus, and read the required textbooks for the class (detailed below).

Adventist Pioneer Places by Dr. Merlin Burt, is a required textbook for all classes. The cost of this book is included in the tour fee and participants will not be asked to pay for it when it is picked up.[#] It will be made available at the Center for Adventist Research.



Day 2: Mount Hope Cemetery and J. N. Andrews' family graves

Important Information

Download Fillable PDF Application:

www.centerforadventistresearch.org/netour

Tour Participation

Meeting the tour out East or leaving the tour before its return home is *not* permitted. Lectures are planned on the bus during the drive to Rochester, NY and on the return trip to Andrews University. All days of the tour must be fully attended in order to have complete participation according to the Andrews University Class Absences policy (see *Andrews University Bulletin*, andrews.edu/bulletin). It also is the tour participant's responsibility to care for necessary morning preparations in time for daily departures. It is vitally important that the tour leave on time each morning in order to accomplish all plans for the day.

Lectures on the Bus

There is planned lecture time on the bus which will be indicated on a detailed itinerary (given at the pre-tour meeting). Participants are welcome to take pictures, use a video camera, or make audio recordings during the tour, however, the use of cell phones, other electronics and earbuds/earphones not related to photography or recording must be done during breaks and non-lecture/presentation times.

Lodging

Tour participants will be staying in hotels with interior facing doors and other security features. Some of the hotels will have swimming pools, exercise rooms, on-site guest self-laundry facilities (pay-to-use washers and dryers), and business facilities. All hotels will have internet access.

* All details of the tour (dates, cost, courses offered, sites, etc.) are subject to change.

[^] Proof of payment from the Office of Student Financial Services (SFS): **E-CHECK PAYMENTS & CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS:** E-Check and credit/debit card payments may be made through eDeposits on TouchNet to your tour account. TouchNet will supply an email receipt which must be electronically submitted with your application paperwork. **Non-student spouse participants** please pay fees using the tour account of your student spouse. **Sponsored** students or students utilizing **V. A. benefits** or future term federal **financial aid**, please email the application PDF to SFS (sfs@andrews.edu) for a digital signature from the Assistant Director, Student Accounts.

^{**} Simply registering for an Adventist History Tour class (see list in previous panel) does *not* reserve a seat on the bus. Fully completed paperwork, proof of insurance, and proof of full payment of all tour fees must be emailed to bkuryliak@andrews.edu in order to reserve a seat. You will then receive a seat confirmation email.

[#] If you have taken the textbook *Adventist Pioneer Places* and withdraw from participation in the tour, the \$18 purchase price of the book will either be retained from your refund or charged to your student account, depending on your method of payment and if there is an approved standby student.

Choosing a Roommate

Once the bus has filled, each tour participant, unless traveling with a spouse, will be asked to choose a roommate from a list of all other tour participants. Each hotel room will have two double or queen beds.

Meals & Dietary Restrictions

All meals served during the tour will be lacto-ovo vegetarian meals (includes eggs, dairy). Dietary restrictions will be accommodated as much as possible for students indicating their preference or need on the application, however, restaurants and caterers cannot always guarantee these options. There will not be any meat, poultry, fish or shellfish served during the tour. There will be 4-5 meals that you will be responsible for purchasing on your own. These will be indicated on a detailed itinerary (given at the pre-tour meeting) and the bus will stop at an area with several restaurants to choose from. Two (2) 500 ml (16.9 oz.) bottles of water per person per day will be provided. Breakfasts will be provided at each hotel the tour stays in.

Allergies

It is very important to list all allergies (food, medications, insect stings, etc.) on your application paperwork so that your health and safety are ensured during the tour.

About the Professor



Kevin M. Burton (Ph.D. 2023, Florida State University, Religion) is the director of the Center for Adventist Research. He is also an assistant director of the Ellen G. White Estate and an assistant professor of Church History at Andrews University.

Kevin Burton studies the relationship between minority religions and evangelicalism in the antebellum United States, particularly in reference to politics, race, and gender. He has presented numerous academic papers at conferences and published several journal articles, academic book reviews, and encyclopedia entries. One of his recent publications, "Adventists and the Military," appeared in the *Oxford Handbook of Seventh-day Adventism* (2024).

Guest Lecturers

Merlin D. Burt, Ph.D., is the director of the Ellen G. White Estate and professor of Church History at Andrews University.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Given (first) Name: _____ Family (last) Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____ Andrews ID #: _____

E-mail: _____

All correspondence regarding the tour will be sent to this email address. Please give an address you check often.

COST OF THE STUDY TOUR**

All expenses for the tour are covered by tuition except for a tour fee or deposit and five meals (see dietary restriction section below). Students must also be financially cleared through the Office of Student Financial Services for the semester in which they are taking the tour class. **MDiv** students must register for a minimum of 3 credit hours, **MA** and **PhD** students for 2 credit hours or pay the difference per credit for the tuition deficit. See the tour brochure for detailed information and pricing.

SPOUSES & CHILDREN

Spouses are welcome to join Seminary students on this tour. There are two (2) reduced rate seats reserved for spouses. After those five seats are filled, the rate for spouses increases to the full cost of the tour. See the tour brochure for detailed information and pricing. Spouses must submit a separate application and paperwork. Because of the nature of this tour, **children** are not allowed as participants on this tour.

WHAT CLASS ARE YOU PLANNING TO TAKE?*

You, the student, will be responsible for all course requirements and will receive a letter grade. If you are registering for more than one study tour during a semester you must see the Director of Seminary Business Administration in the Dean's Suite. See the tour brochure for detailed class information. Please register for the class you plan to take through Registration Central. Simply registering for an Adventist History Tour class (see list in brochure) does not reserve a seat on the bus. Fully completed paperwork, proof of insurance, and proof of full payment of all tour fees must be electronically submitted via email (**bkuryliak@andrews.edu**) to the Center for Adventist Research in order to reserve a seat. You will then receive a seat confirmation email.

YOUR PROGRAM:

MDiv MA(R) PhD MAYYAM Spouse

POST-TOUR eNEWSLETTER:

I'M INTERESTED NO THANK YOU

(Will contain Adventist History site updates and Adventist History information you can use in your ministry. Unsubscribe at any time. Emailed to address above.)

T-SHIRT SIZE:

S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:

NONE DAIRY FREE GLUTEN FREE FOOD ALLERGIES

(please list on Medical Info page)

All meals served during the tour will be lacto-ovo vegetarian meals (includes eggs, dairy). Dietary restrictions will be accommodated as much as possible, but cannot be guaranteed. There will not be any meat, poultry, fish or shellfish served during the tour. There will be 4-5 meals that you will purchase on your own.

TO RESERVE A SEAT:

All completed application paperwork, proof of medical insurance, and proof of payment[^] must be electronically submitted via email (carclasses@andrews.edu) to the Center for Adventist Research.

I have read the above guidelines and apply to attend the tour. I understand that I will be charged and am responsible for the tour fee in its entirety if I withdraw from the tour and there is no standby student to replace me.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*All details of the tour (dates, cost, courses offered, sites) are subject to change.

^ Tour fee may be refunded through April 15, but will be non-refundable after that date unless there is an approved standby student.

^ PROOF OF PAYMENT FOR:

E-CHECK PAYMENTS & CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS: E-Check and Credit/debit card payments may be made through eDeposits on TouchNet to your tour account. TouchNet will supply an email receipt which must be electronically submitted with your application paperwork. **Non-student spouse participants** please pay fees using the tour account of your student spouse.

Tour Fee deposit amount to be billed to entities for **sponsored** students or students utilizing **V. A. benefits**.

Tour Fee deposit to be deferred for students utilizing future term federal **financial aid**. The Tour fee amount will be deducted from the student's account.

APPROVAL SIGNATURE of Assistant Director, Student Accounts of the Office of Student Financial Services: _____ Date: _____

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

By signing my name below, I indicate that I choose to participate in the **Seminary New York and New England Adventist History Study Tour**, a multiple-day/overnight trip or tour that is scheduled to begin on **July 20, 2025** and end on **July 27, 2025** (hereafter, the "Trip"), On the Trip, guests will **visit sites of Adventist history that enrich student learning and deepen their faith**. The "Trip Sponsor" is **Seminary Church History Department and the Center for Adventist Research**. The "Trip Organizers" include Andrews University, its trustees, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, and assigns.

I understand and agree that there are risks involved in the Trip and I hereby accept any and all risks, including but not limited to property damage and/or loss, transportation accidents, physical exertion, injury, illness and disease, food poisoning, uncomfortable accommodations, inadequate access to medical treatment, disability, and death. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Trip Organizers from and against any and all claims arising out of or resulting from my participation in the Trip. A "claim," as used in this agreement, means any claim, suit, action, damage, financial loss, or expense, including, but not limited to attorney's fees, resulting from my participation in the Trip. In addition, I voluntarily hold harmless the Trip Organizers from any and all claims, both present and future, that may be made by me or my family, estate, heirs or assigns. I hereby expressly agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the University for any claim arising out of or incident to my participation in the Trip, except for claims arising out of the sole gross negligence or willful misconduct of Andrews University, its officers or full-time employees. I understand and agree that this agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law and that if any portion is held to be invalid, I agree that the remaining portion of this agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

I acknowledge that campus, local, national, and world events, including but not limited to war and terrorism, may alter or cause the cancellation of the Trip and I agree and accept that I, and not the University, will be responsible for my respective portions of financial and other losses caused by any such alteration or cancellation.

I affirm that I have current medical insurance coverage and that such coverage will be in place during the dates of the trip and that it is adequate to cover any injuries I might experience as a result of my participation in the Trip.

I understand that views expressed in venues associated with the Trip do not necessarily reflect the views of the Trip Organizers.

NOTE: This is a legal document that affects your legal rights. Your signature below signifies that you have read the document carefully, that you understand it, and that you agree with its terms as a prerequisite to any participation in The Trip. Trip Organizers are exempt from this requirement.

Signature (Legal Name): _____ Printed Legal Name: _____

Andrews ID# (or other ID): _____

Emergency Phone: _____ Name: _____

Relationship to you: _____

MEDICAL, INSURANCE, AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

DATES OF TRAVEL: July 20-27, 2025 **TRIP DESTINATION:** New York and New England

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. WE MUST BE ABLE TO READ THIS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

Legal Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Andrews ID #: _____

Address while at School: _____ Phone: _____

Address of Home: _____ Phone: _____

Parent or Guardian (if under age 18) _____ Phone: _____

Contact Person in case of Emergency (next of kin): _____ Relationship: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Alternate Person to notify in case of Emergency: _____ Relationship: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

My doctor: _____ Phone: _____

I take the following medications: (Please put N/A if none. Do not leave blank.)

US Trade Name	Generic Name	Dosage Schedule
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Allergies (Please put N/A if no known allergies. Do not leave blank.): _____

It is very important to list all allergies (food, medications, insect stings, etc.) on your application paperwork so that your health and safety are ensured during the tour.

Blood Type and Rh factor (optional, do not guess): _____

Do you have any limitations that would interfere with the challenges of travel or study in the areas planned for this trip? **Yes No** If yes, please describe. The Travel Group Leader will try to accommodate your needs, but they must know your limitations in detail. _____

You are required to have medical insurance in order to participate. If you do not have insurance it can be purchased. For more information, see www.andrews.edu/services/hr/students/insurance.

Please attach electronic copy of BOTH SIDES of your CURRENT medical insurance card or letter. *

*All information on the card/letter must be legible and visible. This photocopy will be presented to emergency personnel should an emergency take place.