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**Cherokee Nation to retrace 250-year-old journey to London;
4,540-mile cultural tour to follow ‘Emissaries of Peace’ trip of 1762**

TULSA, Okla., (November 22, 2011) --- The Cherokee Nation will mark the 250th anniversary of the “Emissaries of Peace” journey to London in 1762 with a group tour on June 15-23, 2012.

Long before the Revolutionary War, the Cherokee Nation was a valued trading partner and important political ally with Great Britain. That mutual bond was dissolved during the French and Indian War and led to a three-year conflict between the British and the Cherokees. In November 1761 the Treaty of Long Island resulted in peace between the two nations. That December, Junior Officer Ensign Henry Timberlake arrived in the Cherokee capital, present-day Monroe County, Tennessee, and spent several months with the Cherokee people.

In May 1762, the “Emissaries of Peace” led by Ostenaco and including Cherokee leaders Cunne Shote and Woyi, persuaded Timberlake to escort them to London, where they met with King George III. At the meeting, Ostenaco declared his wish for peace and loyalty to the King.

The “Emissaries of Peace” group tour will travel the 4,540-mile journey from Oklahoma to London and explore historic sites along the way including Plymouth, Exeter Cathedral, Stonehenge, Egremont House in Piccadilly Circus, Suffolk Street, the British Museum, Buckingham Palace, St. James Palace, Green Park, St. Paul’s Cathedral, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, and Houses of Parliament among other sites.

“The ‘Emissaries of Peace’ tour highlights the international presence and importance of the Cherokee Nation with our allies and friends around the world,” said Molly Jarvis, vice president of cultural tourism at Cherokee Nation Entertainment. “Cherokee Nation has participated in more than 40 treaties in the last 300 years that continue to shape our nation and influence relationships today.”

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The "Emissaries of Peace" group tour is open to the public and costs are based on the participation of 40 people at \$3,762.00 double occupancy and \$4,785.00 single occupancy.

A deposit fee of \$800.00 per person and a signed copy of a booking agreement must be received by Feb. 1, 2012, to guarantee a position. Final payment must be received no later than March 15, 2012. Trip insurance is optional and available per person by age of traveler. A current passport is required.

"This commemorative visit will be a chance to step back into history and follow the Cherokee Diplomatic mission to England on the 250th anniversary of the event." said Duane King, PhD, Vice President for Museum Affairs, Tulsa University Director, Gilcrease Museum Thomas Gilcrease Chair. "The Cherokee delegates were followed so closely by the British press it is possible to re-construct their calendar on a daily basis throughout the summer of 1762. It is surprising how many of the places the Cherokee diplomats visited that still exist today, including stately homes, cathedrals, royal offices and government buildings."

The group tour departs from Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tulsa to Tulsa International Airport for an overnight flight to Heathrow Airport in London. Departures from cities other than Tulsa are possible. The Cherokee Nation "Emissaries of Peace" group tour specifically includes:

Day 1 – Friday, June 15:

- Group meets at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa.
- Group travels together to Tulsa International Airport.
- Depart in evening for London – overnight flight.

Day 2 – Saturday, June 16:

- Arrive at Heathrow Airport in London.
- Motorcoach Charter to Plymouth.
- Lunch – On road to Plymouth at Gordano Motorway Services.
- Hotel Check-in - Holiday Inn Plymouth.
- Optional two-hour historic walk: A guide will lead the group to explore old Plymouth and sights that the Cherokee Emissaries would have seen including Hoe, Citadel, Barbican, Mayflower steps, and Tudor House.
- Dinner – location to be provided.

Day 3 – Sunday, June 17:

- Breakfast at Hotel.
- Depart for Exeter.
- Choral Matins service attendance at Exeter Cathedral.
- Tour: Exeter Cathedral.
- Lunch – Cathedral Square.
- Depart for Salisbury.
- Hotel Check-in - The White Hart.
- Dinner – On own.

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Day 4 – Monday, June 18:

- Breakfast at Hotel.
- Tour: Salisbury Cathedral.
- Depart for London / Stonehenge.
- Tour: Stonehenge.
- Lunch.
- Hotel Check-in – The Thistle Euston.
- Free time.
- Dinner - On own.

Day 5 – Tuesday, June 19:

- Breakfast at Hotel.
- Depart for Piccadilly Circus.
- Tour: Egremont House in Piccadilly Circus, Suffolk Street, Haymarket Theater, Quin House – where Cherokees stayed, and St. Martens in the Fields Cathedral – the final resting place of Lieutenant Timberlake.
- Lunch - St. Martens in the Fields Cathedral in Crypt.
- Depart for British Museum.
- Tour: British Museum – View Cherokee items and other collections.
- Depart for Hotel.
- Dinner – At famous London Pub or on own.

Day 6 – Wednesday, June 20:

- Breakfast at Hotel.
- Depart for St. Paul’s Cathedral.
- Tour/Walk: Through Green Park to St. James’s Palace
- Tour: St. James’s Palace – exterior; where Cherokees met King George III.
- Tour: Buckingham Palace – exterior and changing of the guard.
- Lunch.
- Depart for Saddler’s Wells and Parson’s Studio.
- Tour: Saddler’s Wells – One of the Cherokee’s favorite places, Parson’s Studio in Queen Square – where Cunne Shote’s portrait was painted.
- Depart for Hotel.
- Dinner - On own.

Day 7 – Thursday, June 21:

- Breakfast at Hotel.
- Depart for Westminster Pier.
- Cruise on River Thames from Westminster to Tower Pier to Greenwich and back with commentary.
- Lunch – Dickens’s Inn.
- Tour: Tower of London, Tower Stairs and St. Katherine’s Docks.
- Depart for Hotel.
- Dinner - On own.

Day 8 – Friday, June 22:

- Breakfast at Hotel.
- Depart for Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament and London Eye.
- Tour: Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament – tour exterior, and ride on the London Eye.
- Lunch - Harrods Department Store.
- Shopping: Harrods and surrounding shopping district.
- Depart for Hotel.
- Depart for Dinner.
- Goodbye Dinner.

Day 9 – Saturday, June 23:

- Breakfast at Hotel.
- Depart London from Heathrow Airport.
- Return to the United States.
- Arrive Tulsa International Airport.
- Return to Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa.

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For additional information or booking for the “Emissaries of Peace” group tour, please contact Heather Williams at (918) 384-7887 or heather.williams@cnet.com.

The Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism program presents four award-winning group tours each season including the Cherokee History Tour, Will Rogers History Tour, Civil War History Tour and Cherokee Old Settler Tour featuring authentic cultural sites and historic locations.

Specialty and event related cultural tours are also presented during the season. The event related tours feature a unique, cultural-filled itinerary that showcase Cherokee-focused events such as the Cherokee National Holiday.

For ticketing, complete tour details and additional information on the Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism program, call (877) 779-6977 or visit www.CherokeeTourismOK.com.

About Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism Group

Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism is managed by Cherokee Nation Entertainment and was created in 2007 to preserve and promote the history and culture of the Cherokee people. Efforts by the Cherokee Nation include award winning cultural, specialty and event tours; operation of three Cherokee Nation museums, six Cherokee Nation Gift Shops and two Cherokee Nation Welcome Centers. For more information, please visit <http://www.CherokeeTourismOK.com>.

About Cherokee Nation Entertainment

Cherokee Nation Entertainment is the gaming, hospitality, retail and tourism entity of the Cherokee Nation. Cherokee Nation Entertainment operates Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa, seven Cherokee Casinos, four hotels, two golf courses and many other retail operations in northeastern Oklahoma. For more information, please visit <http://www.CherokeeStarRewards.com>.

About Cherokee Nation

The Cherokee Nation is the sovereign operating government of the Cherokee people. It is a federally recognized tribe of more than 300,000 Cherokee citizens, with its capital located in Tahlequah, Okla. Employing more than 8,200 people, Cherokee Nation’s annual economic impact in Oklahoma and surrounding areas is more than \$1.3 billion. To learn more, please visit <http://www.cherokee.org>.

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