

London Taxi Experience



The winners of this auction are entitled to receive a one (1) to three (3) hour chauffeured ride and experience in an authentic London taxi for up to our (4) adults or children. This experience could be a leisurely ride around town, a shopping trip (these taxis hold a lot of shopping bags!), or a ride to and from a nice meal—your choice.

This taxi is a 1976 Austin Rover chassis with a London Taxi (FX4) body. The owners, Barbara and Paul Witman, had always wanted an old car, but had not settled on just what kind--until they went to London, and Barbara Witman fell in love with the taxis there. When the Witmans returned home, they found a company in England that specializes in taking old cabs that are leaving service, and refurbishing them before shipping them overseas. A few weeks and a lot of paperwork later, Wesley (named after John Wesley, a Londonite and founder of Methodism) arrive in Port Hueneme.

The Witmans live in Simi Valley, CA with their son Peter, age 13, and their dog Cider. They are active volunteers with many organizations, including the United Methodist Church, Habitat for Humanity, and the Boy Scouts of America. Barbara is a full-time volunteer and mom, working with Peter's school and various other volunteer activities, and is an active quilter as well. Paul is an assistant professor of Information Technology Management at California Lutheran University, and is also an active volunteer with the same organizations, and with KCLU 88.3 FM.

To set up your experience, please call owner Paul Witman at 805-583-3378. Please provide at least 2 months notice, as this experience is subject to the owner's time availability. The experience can include the owner picking up and delivering the winning bidder and up to 3 additional guests anywhere within the geographic limits of Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and Moorpark, California. The experience does not include any driving of the vehicle or any freeway driving. No smoking or drinking are allowed in or around the vehicle. Any children must be supervised by an adult.