

WITH OLLI INSTRUCTOR PHILIP MCKNIGHT
JULY 14TH - 21ST 2019

Welcome to OLLI's first trip to England to celebrate William Shakespeare's life and times, titled "Shakespeare in the Tudor Age." Together we will spend a week in Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon taking a close look at the Bard himself, and the historical context in which he lived and worked.

Oxford, the quintessential university town with 38 colleges, dating back to the 13th century, will feature a walking tour, lectures on Shakespeare from distinguished Oxford dons, dinner at the Ashmolean Museum, and then off to Christ Church Cathedral for an evensong service with a choir of men and boys filling the church with ancient English hymns. We will also pay a visit to nearby Blenheim Palace, home of the Duke of Marlborough and Winston Churchill's family.

Next, we move on to three days in Stratford, Shakespeare's birthplace. Here we will see three Shakespeare productions in the Royal Shakespeare Company's two gorgeous, refurbished theatres. We will also enjoy two additional lectures, one by an editor of the Arden Shakespeare edition (absolutely the top level of Shakespearean scholarship) and another from an actor or director in one of the three productions we will be seeing. We will also be off to the countryside for a walk through a ruined castle (aren't they all?) followed by lunch in a country inn. And, of course, a moment in Holy Trinity Church at Shakespeare's tomb. While there, Philip McKnight, promises to resolve the mystery of whether the statue of him above the tomb could possibly be him.



TRINITY CHURCH, STRATFORD



CHRISTCHURCH, OXFORD

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): **\$3280**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: **\$ 960**

Airfares are available from many other cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 6 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- GUIDES:** Fully-qualified Discover Europe tour guide throughout. Local guides for the Ashmolean and Blenheim Palace
- EXPENSES:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary
- LECTURES:** Lectures by Philip McKnight and visiting professors as detailed in the itinerary
- TICKETS:** Best seats at 2 evening productions and 1 matinee in Stratford

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.

NOTE: There is a \$100 per person discount for OLLI at BCC members



Sunday, July 14th - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. British Airways offers a daytime flight departing from Boston at 7.30 am, and arriving at Heathrow at 7.05 pm this same day. Taking this flight means that you can spend tonight in a real bed at the Sofitel London Heathrow Hotel at terminal 5 (there is an extra charge for this hotel night), then stroll down to the terminal in the morning to meet the bus transfer to Oxford at 11.00 am. Alternatively, you can take an overnight flight. **Overnight: Plane/Airport Hotel**

Monday, July 15th - Morning arrivals at London, Heathrow Airport will be gathered together for an 11.00 am transfer from terminal 5 to Oxford. (Flights from Boston arrive at 7.00 am, 9.35 am, and 10.20 am at terminal 5 on British Airways and 7.05 am and 9.40 am at terminal 3 on Delta/Virgin Atlantic.) On arrival in Oxford you will be able to check in to the hotel and have free time to find lunch and explore the neighborhood. You will also have time to unpack and rest from the flight before we meet up early this evening for a reception and dinner at the hotel.

(D) Overnight: Oxford (*Note: If it is impossible for you to arrive at Heathrow by 11.00 am, there is a public bus service throughout the day direct from the airport to Oxford bus terminal.*)

Tuesday, July 16th - A morning walking tour of the beautiful city of Oxford, astride the River Thames, where its historic buildings are clustered within easy walking distance around the medieval core. The real treasure is the architectural beauty of Oxford University and its diverse buildings, many of which date back to the 13th and 14th centuries. On our walking tour, we'll admire the spire of St. Mary the Virgin, with its superb view; the circular dome of the Radcliffe Camera; and, after we visit Christchurch, the largest of the Oxford Colleges and the home of Oxford Cathedral, we'll end the tour at the Carfax Tower. There will be free time for lunch at one of the many city-center pubs before we have an afternoon of lectures by Oxford dons. The first will be on the subject of the Tudor Era, and the second on a Shakespearean theme. The evening is free to sample a local restaurant. **(B) Overnight: Oxford**



THE RADCLIFFE CAMERA

Wednesday, July 17th - After a leisurely breakfast, we'll begin the day (opens at 10.00 am) with a guided tour of the Ashmolean Museum. After our visit we'll have free time for lunch. This afternoon we will have a tour of nearby Blenheim Palace and make our way to nearby Bladon church, to view the family graves, including that of Sir Winston Churchill. We return to Oxford in time for evensong at one of the colleges (either Christchurch or Exeter) and then dinner at the Ashmolean restaurant. **(B, D) Overnight: Oxford**

Thursday, July 18th - This morning, we drive to Stratford-upon-Avon, pausing to view the Rollright Stones, and passing through the village of Shipston. We'll arrive in Stratford in time for lunch (included) and to check in to our hotel. This afternoon we'll explore the town with visits included to the Trinity Church (where Shakespeare was christened and is buried) and to the Shakespeare Birthplace Museum. Here we will have a special presentation on the history of performance of the play that we will be attending this evening. There will be free time to find a local restaurant for a pre-theatre supper, before we gather together at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre for tonight's performance. Those interested can gather in the hotel bar after the show for a post-performance discussion. **(B, L) Overnight: Stratford-upon-Avon**



THE BIRTHPLACE

Friday, July 19th - This morning we will have a backstage tour of the main theatre and then meet with one of the senior theatre staff for a lecture/discussion on the work of the Royal Shakespeare Company in the modern day. We will adjourn for lunch at the Dirty Duck (actually named the Black Swan!), just along the road from the theatre and a favorite drinking spot for the actors (but only after the performance of course), before attending a lecture by Professor Stern. The rest of the afternoon is free before we attend a performance at one of the Company's other theatres (the Swan or the Courtyard). **(B, L) Overnight: Stratford-upon-Avon**

Saturday, July 20th - This morning we'll drive the short distance to Kenilworth for a visit to the castle. Kenilworth is one of the most romantic ruined castles in the country and had its heyday in Elizabethan times, when Shakespeare was at the height of his inspiration. We'll stop for lunch in a country pub before returning to Stratford for a matinee at one of the theatres. We'll enjoy a farewell dinner at the hotel this evening.

(B, L, D) Overnight: Stratford-upon-Avon

Sunday, July 21st - Morning transfer to Heathrow Airport for returning afternoon flights to the U.S. **(B) Overnight: Home**



YOUR HOST: PHILIP MCKNIGHT

Philip McKnight, Esq. (B.A. Williams College, J.D. University of Chicago Law School) is a frequent OLLI lecturer on environmental law, Shakespeare and the law, and the role of law in American democracy. He is a trial and appellate attorney, who practiced in the state and federal courts of New York and Connecticut, as well as in Europe. Phil has been an Adjunct Professor at Williams College and the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, teaching environmental law and environmental history.

REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:

NAME(S). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your "Known As" or preferred name.

PASSPORT DETAILS. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

ADDRESS. If you have a temporary address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.

HEALTH INFORMATION. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour package, Discover Europe will be very happy to book these for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms, where available.

If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.

Note: A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.



PASSENGER DETAILS FOR SHAKESPEARE IN THE TUDOR AGE (0714/BCO)

Passport Name:

1. _____
 Title First Middle Last

2. _____
 Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport 1#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Passport 2#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

Secondary Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Health Information: _____

Other Comments or Notes: _____

Are You An OLLI at BCC Member? YES NO

Not An OLLI Member? Visit www.BerkshireOLLI.org for information

Trip Details

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

Departure Airport or City: _____

I would like to extend my trip to: _____



PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:
DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
95 Adams Street, Keene, NH 03431

TERMS & CONDITIONS

GENERAL

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions to aid you can be found on overleaf.
3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
4. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
5. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., the Berkshire Community College and OLLI, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
6. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
7. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, at our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. A deposit of \$500 per person must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of

your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. This tour has been based on a minimum group size of 15 participants. Should we end up with fewer than 15 people, Discover Europe will work with OLLI to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.

REFUND POLICY

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 per person cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person
60 days - trip departure: no refund (unless traveler has insurance)
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Comprehensive travel insurance is not included in your tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Engaging Journeys Inc. will be providing you with details of a recommended insurance company.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on the tour is not transferable.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

1. All inclusions on *Shakespeare in the Tudor Age* are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers and items of a personal nature.



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
 Primary Telephone: (_____) _____
 Email: _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION (Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: Yes No

Flight details (if self-arranged), to be provided **at least** 90 days prior to departure: _____

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

(Please check one)

- I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)
 I will be sharing with: _____
 We would like a double twin-bedded room

PERMISSION

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.

Yes No

SIGNATURES

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless OLLI and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____