



ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

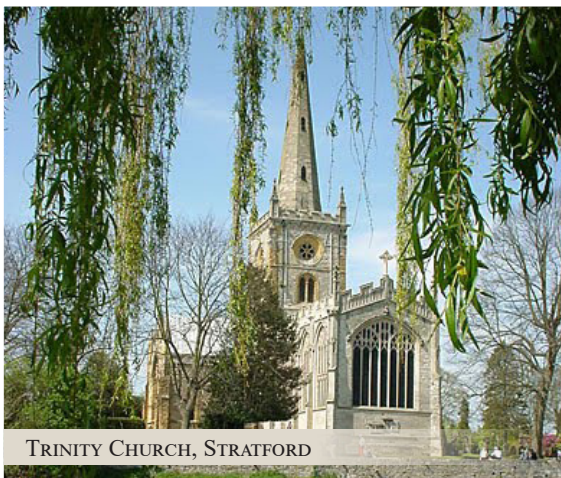
SEPTEMBER 23RD - OCTOBER 2ND 2021

We invite you to spend a week in London, Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon taking a close look at the legacy of William Shakespeare, and also the historical context in which he lived and worked.

We will start our journey in London with an overview of the city, and a special tour of the Globe Theatre. We then move on to Stratford, Shakespeare's birthplace. Here we will see two productions in the Royal Shakespeare Company's two gorgeous, refurbished theatres. We will have a backstage tour of the theatre and meet with one of the senior theatre staff and also have a private viewing of some of the extensive archives relating to the performance history of one of the play that we will be seeing. We will also visit the sites in and around the town that Shakespeare himself would have found familiar.

We end our tour in Oxford, the quintessential university town with 38 colleges, dating back to the 13th century, and known as the "city of dreaming spires." A walking tour of the city will show us many of the colleges around the center and we'll visit Christchurch, home of the city's cathedral. We will also pay a visit to nearby Blenheim Palace, home of the Duke of Marlborough and Winston Churchill's family.

This autumn, join us for a celebration of the life and works of the Bard of Avon, William Shakespeare.



TRINITY CHURCH, STRATFORD



THE GLOBE THEATRE, LONDON

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

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):	\$4450
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 990

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

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

HOTELS:	8 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, 2 lunches and 4 dinners
GUIDES:	Fully-qualified Discover Europe tour guide throughout. Local guide for Blenheim Palace
EXPENSES:	Porterage of one large suitcase per person
ENTRANCES:	Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary
TICKETS:	Best seats for 3 theatre productions. Backstage tours in London and Stratford

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

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH - Your morning arrival at London's Heathrow Airport will be met for the transfer to our city-center hotel. After checking in, there will be time to unpack, relax and begin exploring the neighborhood. Tonight we will gather for a welcome dinner. **(D) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH - We will spend this morning at the Globe Theatre on the south bank of the River Thames, taking a guided tour of the museum exhibits and the theatre. Built as an almost exact replica of Shakespeare's London base, it is close to the site of the original building. Our tour will be followed by a workshop conducted by the theatre staff giving

insight into how plays were staged in Elizabethan times. The afternoon and early evening are free to explore and find an early dinner before we gather for a performance. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH - The day begins with a panoramic tour of London. We'll start in Westminster where our guide introduces us to 1,000 years of English history, and visit the Poets' Corner at Westminster Abbey, where a memorial was erected to Shakespeare in 1741. Continuing on, we'll view many of the city's major monuments, from St. Paul's to Trafalgar Square. The rest of the day and evening are free to explore and to sample one of London's great restaurants. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH - Leaving the city behind, 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 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 one of the plays that we will be attending while we are here. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: STRATFORD-UPON-AVON**



CHRISTCHURCH, OXFORD

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH - This morning we will have a backstage tour of the main theatre and then meet with one of the senior theatre staff for a 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). The rest of the afternoon is free before we attend a performance, possibly at one of the Company's other theatres (the Swan or the Courtyard). **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: STRATFORD-UPON-AVON**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH - It's a short drive this morning 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 free afternoon. We'll enjoy dinner together at the hotel this evening before attending a final performance at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. **(B, L, D) OVERNIGHT: STRATFORD-UPON-AVON**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH - Today, after a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the city of Oxford. We'll stop for lunch in the lovely Cotswold village of Woodstock and then have a tour of neighboring Blenheim Palace. We'll make our way to nearby Bladon church, to view the family graves, including that of Sir Winston Churchill, and arrive at our hotel in Oxford with time to settle in before going out to find some dinner at a local pub or restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: OXFORD**



THE BIRTHPLACE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST - This morning, we will enjoy a 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. We'll end our tour with a visit to Christchurch, the largest of the Oxford Colleges and home to the city's cathedral. The afternoon is then free for individual exploration before we gather this evening for a farewell dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: OXFORD**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND - Morning transfers to Heathrow Airport for returning flights to the U.S. If you are booking your own flights, please do not book a departure time before 11.00 am, as it is about an hour drive from Oxford to the airport. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner