

Following Shakespeare: London and Stratford-Upon-Avon

Friendship Force Pre-Conference Tour

5 Days / 4 Nights

Sun, 20 August - Thu, 24 August 2017

Price : 610,- GBP per person

(base 30 participants, sharing a twin room)



The Globe Theatre, London

DAY 1: Sunday, August 20, 2017 - Arrive in London

Meet the group in London at the hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure. This evening meet your travel representative and enjoy a welcome dinner in one of the traditional London Public Houses - the "pub"!

Overnight: London

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 : Monday, August 21 - London City Tour, theatre backstage tour

After breakfast the guide will meet you at the hotel and provide you with your tube pass for the day. A guided tour of London's theatre history begins on the South Bank with a visit to the magnificent Globe Theatre. Then you'll follow its development across the River Thames to Covent Garden, Shaftesbury Avenue and Fleet Street. With over one hundred theaters London is undeniably the place to learn all about this art form!

This afternoon we enjoy a backstage tour of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, the oldest operating theatre in London which has played host to some of the greatest productions from Noel Coward to Stephen Sondheim and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Overnight: London

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3: Tuesday, August 22 - Stratford-upon-Avon

Today we will be heading to Stratford-upon-Avon, a medieval market town in England's West Midlands, and the birthplace of Shakespeare. We will visit the brilliant poet and playwright's birthplace and walk through the house where he grew up, to see the legendary Bard brought to life!

Next up is a visit to the cottage and gardens belonging to Shakespeare's wife, Anne Hathaway. An unassuming, quaint thatched farmhouse, this amazing piece of history features many original items of family furniture, including the Hathaway bed. Surrounded by stunning gardens, you'll see where Shakespeare courted his future bride.

The remainder of the afternoon is free for you to further explore the town before we return to London.

Overnight: London

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4: Wednesday, August 23 - London

Today after breakfast enjoy London at your own pace, using your pass for the tube (underground train system) which provides unlimited travel around the capital. Perhaps take this opportunity to visit one of the many museums or art galleries offering free admission: The Natural History Museum, The Science Museum, The British Museum, The V & A, The Museum

of London, The National Gallery, The Tate Modern, and more! Prefer to be outside? You could take a breath of fresh air in one of the great parks or stroll the street markets and shop for souvenirs at Camden Town or Portobello Road.

Overnight: London

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5: Thursday, August 24 - Travel to Manchester for the conference

Check out after breakfast and board your motorcoach for a comfortable four-hour ride north to Manchester.

Meals: Breakfast

TOUR INCLUDES :

- 4 nights hotel accommodation. All rooms are double occupancy with private bathrooms.

Suggested properties are:

London: [Cophorne Tara Hotel](#) (4 nights)

- Breakfast daily
- Welcome dinner at a local restaurant including roundtrip transfers
- 2 days London tube pass (zones 1 and 2)
- Historical Theatre guided walking tour
- Admission costs or donations for visits where applicable.
- Motorcoach transfer from London to Manchester Midland Hotel
- Local taxes and service charges as currently levied

NOT INCLUDED :

- Flights
- Airport transfers (click here to book your express train transfer from [Gatwick](#), [Heathrow](#), or [Stansted](#) into central London)
- Health, trip cancellation/interruption or baggage insurance. All are strongly recommended.
- Passport & visa costs.
- Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls etc.).
- Items not specifically mentioned above.