

## STRATFORD & LONDON THEATRE & DANCE TOUR

Immerse yourself in British Theatre, discover Shakespeare in Stratford and London, visit the West End theatres and take in a night at the ballet. Take workshops in theatre and dance and enjoy London's famous landmarks, plus a visit to Paris!

### Day 1 – Arrival to Stratford-upon-Avon

Meet with the tour guide and executive motor coach for the transfer to Stratford-upon-Avon. On arrival visit the Holy Trinity Church where Shakespeare is buried before checking-in to your hotel. Later a visit is arranged to two Shakespearean properties, Shakespeare's Birthplace which is a half timbered house where he was born in 1564 and Anne Hathaway's Cottage, the childhood home of Shakespeare's wife.

Overnight Stratford



### Day 2 – Guided Tour - RSC Ticket Option

Meet this morning with a leading theatre expert in Stratford for a guided tour of the theatrical highlights of Shakespeare's home town. There is the option for a ticket to see one of the Royal Shakespeare Company programmes.

Overnight Stratford



### Day 3 – Backstage Tour - RSC Ticket Option

Today enjoy a backstage tour of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and afterwards listen to a talk about the theatre and its productions. There is the option for a ticket to see one of the Royal Shakespeare Company programmes.

Overnight Stratford

### Day 4 – Warwick and London

This morning check-out the hotel and join the tour guide and coach for the trip to London and Warwick Castle en-route. At Warwick Castle join the mediaeval household in the Kingmaker attraction, enter the eerie ghost tower, descend into the gloomy depths of dungeons then marvel at

the grandeur of the Great Hall and State Rooms. Continue to London and the hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure, taking advantage of the London transport free passes provided.

Overnight London

Day 5 – London sightseeing

See some of the iconic sights of London today with a local tour guide - Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben and the Old City of London. Visit and tour Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London. This evening there is the option to attend a performance at one of London's famous West End theatres.



Overnight London

Day 6 – Theatre Land

Today enjoy a Theatreland Walking Tour on the theme of "100 Years of London Theatre". Trace theatre land's history and learn about personalities who have shaped theatre. There is the opportunity to explore a particular theatre style or production and if possible this can be tailored to your needs. Later take advantage of an Optional Opera Ticket which can be provided for a performance by the English National Opera at the London Coliseum in Trafalgar Square.

Overnight London

Day 7 – Paris

Join the guide today for a full day in Paris. Travel from London on the Eurostar and on arrival enjoy a panoramic tour of this beautiful city followed by a visit to Paris' most famous landmark, The Eiffel Tower. Make use of the day metro pass to visit other sights before the highlight of the Paris visit, a traditional French Can-can dance lesson! Return to London on Eurostar in the evening.



Overnight London

Day 8 – Shakespeare in London

This morning visit Shakespeare's Globe Theatre on London's South Bank and tour the magnificent reconstruction of this 16th century theatre and enjoy a theatrical workshop on a subject of your choice, led by the Globe's highly knowledgeable education

team. In the afternoon take advantage of an Optional Globe theatre ticket to attend a performance at the Shakespeare's Globe.

Overnight London

#### Day 9 – Royal Drury Lane and A Theatre Workout Workshop

A tour backstage at the theatre Royal Drury Lane is arranged this morning, one of London's oldest and best-loved theatres. See the Royal Box, the Royal entrance, lifting gear and much more. Later a Theatre Workout workshop is arranged which is tailored to your needs. An optional theatre ticket tonight to attend a performance at one of London's famous West End theatres.

Overnight London

#### Day 10 – Theatre Museum

A visit and tour is arranged this morning to the Theatre Museum located at the Victoria and Albert (V&A) Museum. This is followed by a costume and make-up workshop and demonstration by one of their expert theatre curators. The remainder of the day is at leisure in London. An optional ticket for a performance at a Pub Theatre is available for the evening.

Overnight London



#### Day 11 – National Theatre and Dance

This morning enjoy a National Theatre tour that goes behind-the-scenes to see three auditoriums, front-of-house, scenic workshops and backstage areas, all in the company of well-informed, enthusiastic guides. Afterwards, a dance lesson is arranged at a local London dance school. This evening there is the option of a ticket to a performance at the Royal National Theatre on the South Bank.

Overnight London

#### Day 12 – The River Thames

Today enjoy a relaxing cruise on the River Thames and see the sights of London from the river. The afternoon is at leisure. For the evening consider the option of a return transfer to Grim's Dyke in Harrow for dinner and to enjoy one of Gilbert and Sullivan's famous operettas performed by the Grim's Dyke Opera Company in Gilbert's very own music room. The performance is in two acts with

the first course served before the first act and the main course, dessert and coffee served during the interval.

Overnight London



Day 13 – BBC

Today visit the most famous television centre in the world for a two hour tour of the BBC. See into the studios, visit BBC News, play in the interactive studio and be shown around by well-informed, entertaining guides. An option tonight is for a night out at the Ballet at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden.

Overnight London

Day 14 – Departure

Check-out the hotel this morning and join the executive motor coach and local guide for the transfer to the airport and trip home.

## **Included Highlights**

**Accommodations:**

**13 Nights Hotel**

**Sightseeing:**

**Holy Trinity Church, Shakespeare's Birthplace, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Stratford-upon-Avon Walking Tour, Royal Shakespeare Theatre Backstage Tour, Warwick Castle, Panoramic Sightseeing Tour of London, Theatreland Walking Tour, Panoramic Sightseeing Tour of Paris, French can-can Dancing Lessons, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Royal Drury Lane Backstage Tour, Victoria and Albert Museum, Costume and make up Workshop, National Theatre Backstage Tour, Dance Lesson, Thames River Cruise, Visit to the BBC**

**Also Included:**

**Airport-hotel transfers, hotel and local taxes, baggage handling, touring by deluxe private motorcoach, services of a professional tour manager, local specialist guides, London Tube Passes, Eurostar Ticket to Paris, Paris Metro Passes.**