

# *Shakespeare's* ENGLAND 2016 Celebrate in his home

## Shakespeare 2016 - two day itinerary

2016 commemorates 400 years since the death of William Shakespeare and this special anniversary year is a truly unique opportunity to visit his hometown Stratford-upon-Avon and the surrounding areas. Come and see one of his shows performed at the **Royal Shakespeare Company**, take a tour of his **Birthplace** and visit his grave at **Holy Trinity Church** or simply walk in the footsteps of the worlds' greatest playwright and explore the place he called home.

To mark this special anniversary, three brand new attractions will be opening in Stratford-upon-Avon – **Shakespeare's New Place**, **Shakespeare's Schoolroom** and **Guildhall** and a new **Royal Shakespeare Company exhibition** at the Swan Theatre.

### Day 1

#### Morning

**11 am** - visit **Shakespeare's Birthplace**, so much to see, learn and experience. See artefacts associated with the man himself, including Shakespeare's First Folio, and experience the house where the dramatist's life began.



**12 noon** – take a short walk through the picturesque centre of the historic market town to **Shakespeare's New Place**, Shakespeare's last home reimagined for 2016 as a major contemporary landmark attraction to unlock the heritage of the world's most famous playwright.

**LUNCH** - enjoy lunch at one of the many eateries in Stratford-upon-Avon, pick from quintessentially English tearooms, traditional 16<sup>th</sup> century pubs or fine dining restaurants.

## Afternoon

**2.15pm** - walk to **Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Guildhall**, open to the public for the first time, visitors will get the chance to see how Shakespeare's early life was shaped in the classroom.



**3.30pm** - walk to the Royal Shakespeare Company's **The Other Place** for a guided theatre tour. This **brand new tour** will give unprecedented access to the newly transformed rehearsal rooms and costume store at The Other Place, allowing you to discover how directors bring the words from the page and onto the stage.



**4.30pm** - enjoy an afternoon tea at the **Rooftop Restaurant** on the third floor of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre – indulge in sandwiches and cakes and experience panoramic views of Shakespeare's England countryside.

## Day 2

### Morning

**10.15am** - take in the stunning views of Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon from a different perspective, from the top of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre viewing Tower.

**10.45am** - walk to the RSC's Swan Theatre. Experience secrets and stories of theatre making at **The Play's The Thing exhibition**. Celebrating the magic of Shakespeare on stage, the RSC will share treasures from its archive and museum collection, including rarely-seen props, exquisite costumes and original set designs alongside hands-on activities and digital interactive displays.

**12 noon** - walk to **Holy Trinity Church** to visit Shakespeare's Grave



**LUNCH** – enjoy a light lunch at **Hall's Croft Café**, located in the Historic Jacobean manor house of Susanna, Shakespeare's eldest daughter and only a few minutes' walk from Holy Trinity Church.

### Afternoon

**1.30pm** – Visit **Hall's Croft** and take in the exquisite carved furniture, paintings and apothecary equipment similar to that used by Susanna Shakespeare's husband, Dr John Hall. Then relax in the tranquil gardens and see the medicinal herbs and rose garden



**2.30pm** – Free time to explore this quintessential, English market town. Take a boat trip along the River Avon or enjoy some retail therapy in the great variety of shops and boutiques.

**4.30pm** - depart Stratford-upon-Avon

For more information on what's happening and things to do in the area visit  
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