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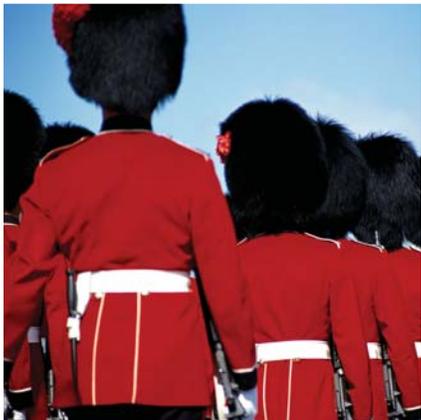
# **THEATRE & LITERATURE IN LONDON**

Globe Theatre North Tower

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It's no secret that the list of history's greatest writers runs through England. Shakespeare, Milton, Chaucer, Dickens, whoever can be credited for Beowulf—on it goes, Briton to Briton, imploring all who've ever wielded a pen to discover the worlds that have inspired so many. On some of literature's most hallowed grounds, you'll do just that by tracing the paths of your favorite scribes to their masterpieces—and watch great stories come to life on some of the world's most significant stages. See why Jane Austen despised Bath, and what giants like

C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien found on Oxford's idyllic campus. Discover Shakespeare's childhood home, the reconstructed Globe Theatre and where the master may have disappeared to in between. Theatre performances in London will be a highlight, but you'll also get to see one in the Bard of Avon's birthplace in Stratford, paired with an interactive theatre workshop. In England, it seems, there's a story everywhere, and on this flexible tour you can write your own.



## Day 1: Fly to Great Britain

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to London.

## Day 2: London

**Arrive in London:** Welcome to the cosmopolitan city of London. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to settle in and explore on your own.

**Explore London:** Ready to see London on foot? Stretch your legs and set out through Trafalgar Square, Covent Garden, The Strand and Leicester Square on a walking tour of the city. Then, get to know your group as you share a traditional pub dinner this evening.

## Day 3: London

**Sightseeing tour of London:** From Big Ben to the Houses of Parliament, Great Britain's royal tradition and rich history greet you at every turn. Admire architectural marvels like St. Paul's Cathedral, and check out the five-way intersection at Piccadilly Circus and the regal splendor of Buckingham Palace. You may even get a chance to witness the ceremonial Changing of the Guard. Cap off your tour at the River Thames and snap photos of the Tower of London.

**Dickensian walking tour:** An expert guide traces the literary history of Charles Dickens on your Dickensian walking tour this evening. Hear about the inspiration behind the author's most famous works, including *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Oliver Twist* and *David Copperfield*. Afterward, recount the tales with your group over a fish and chips dinner.

## Day 4: London

**Backstage tour of the National Theatre:** Learn what it takes to put on a successful theatrical performance when you take a backstage tour of the National Theatre. Your guide will show you three auditoriums, scenic workshops and backstage areas. Watch crew members design, paint and build their sets. If you're lucky, you may even see some of the cast practicing for their next performance.

**Theatre workshop:** Participate in an enlightening Encore workshop in a local theatre.

**Evening theatre performance:** Celebrate London's vibrant drama scene by attending a theatre performance in the West End.

## Day 5: Oxford | Stratford

**Sightseeing tour of Oxford:** Explore Oxford, the world's oldest university town, and take in the spired city that generations of great thinkers called home. A local guide introduces you to the sights, including Christ Church College, one of the largest colleges at Oxford University. Christ Church has a lengthy history in literature, serving as the setting for parts of Evelyn Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited*, as well as Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. More recently, the college was used in the filming of J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* series.

**Blenheim Palace:** Before you continue on to Stratford, take some time to relax as you stroll through the beautiful park and gardens at Blenheim Palace, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. The park and gardens span 2,100 acres and are home to 500,000 trees.

## Day 6: Stratford

**Sightseeing tour of Stratford-upon-Avon:** Tour the half-timbered house that is Shakespeare's birthplace. Continue to Anne Hathaway's Cottage, a picturesque farmhouse where the Bard's wife spent her childhood. The cottage grounds include a classic English garden that boasts a variety of colorful flowers.

**Evening theatre performance:** Cap your visit to Stratford with a theatre performance.

## Day 7: Bath | London

**Travel to Bath:** Travel through Jane Austen's legendary and much-loved Bath on your way to London.

**Literary tour of Bath:** Enjoy a literary tour of Bath, famous for its Georgian architecture, and a lasting reminder of the world described in so many Jane Austen novels. Bath was also a favorite vacation spot for early Romans, and you can see where they would indulge when you visit the Roman Baths. Return to London for the night.

## Day 8: London

**Guided Shakespeare walk:** Take a walk through Shakespeare's London with an expert guide. Organized by Hult University, the experience will shed light on the life of the great writer, as well as the times in which he lived.

**Guided tour of the Globe Theatre:** Built just 200 yards from its original site, London's new Globe Theatre transports visitors back to Elizabethan England. Those were the days when rowdy groundlings hurled rotten food at the actors to express their displeasure with a performance, and villains like Othello's Iago were mercilessly heckled by the enthusiastic crowd.

**Evening theatre performance:** This evening, enjoy another live theatre performance at the Globe Theatre or a theatre in the West End.

## Day 9: Depart for home

### 🔗 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

## Day 9: Dublin

**Fly to Dublin:** Domestic flight from London to Ireland.

**Explore Dublin:** Originally a Viking settlement, Dublin is situated on the banks of the River Liffey. Keep an eye out for Dublin's famous Georgian-era (18th century) architecture as you stroll through the city. Walk down the brick-lined Grafton Street, the city's premier shopping street and make your way through Temple Bar, Dublin's hippest neighborhood. Tonight, enjoy a taste of Ireland and get to know your new friends over a pint.

## Day 10: Dublin

**Sightseeing tour of Dublin:** On your sightseeing tour, you'll pass by Phoenix Park and the presidential residence before continuing to bustling O'Connell Street. When you ride through Dublin's elegant Georgian squares, remember to ask your guide about the colorful doors.

**Trinity College:** In the Long Room of the Old Library you'll view the Book of Kells. Celtic monks created this masterwork of Western calligraphy more than 1,000 years ago.

**St. Patrick's Cathedral:** Explore the Gothic arches and spires of St. Patrick's Cathedral, whose presence honors the patron saint of Ireland.

## Day 11: Dublin

**Literary walking tour:** This unique tour tells the tale of the poet and the pub through the likes of James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, Oscar Wilde and many others.

**Free time:** The city is yours to explore as you see fit. Walk through the vibrant Moore Street, the oldest outdoor food market in Dublin. Or trade cobblestones for clovers with a stroll through St. Stephen's Green, a beautiful park that is just a stone's throw from the shops on Henry Street.

## Day 12: Depart for home

## INCLUDED ON TOUR:

-  Round-trip flights on major carriers
-  Full-time Tour Director
-  Land transportation
-  Hotels with private bathrooms
-  Light breakfast daily; 4 local dinners or 5 *with extension*
-  **Sightseeing tours**  
London; Dickensian walking tour of London; Oxford; Stratford; Literary tour of Bath; *With extension: Dublin; Literary walking tour*
-  **Entrances**  
Blenheim Palace; Christ Church College; Anne Hathaway's Cottage; Shakespeare's birthplace; Roman baths; *With extension: Trinity College Library; St. Patrick's Cathedral*
-  **Experiential Learning**  
2 experiential learning activity;  
3 theatre performances

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