



**The following elements can be combined to make up residential courses of varying length with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust**

***[Prices quoted are estimates based on 15 participants in the group]***

### **Theatre Trips**

We can arrange theatre tickets for performances at the local RSC theatres as part of our educational courses. We do not offer theatre tickets unless combined with an educational session at The Shakespeare Centre.

For short courses, theatre tickets are usually combined with a lecture on the play to be seen and a post performance discussion about the play the following day. Question and answer sessions with RSC professionals can also sometimes be arranged, subject to availability.

**Prices Vary**

### **Question and Answer Sessions**

Question and answer sessions are chaired sessions with a member of the acting company involved with the play that the group has recently seen. These sessions provide a unique insight into a production and take students behind the scenes into the world of professional theatre.

As these are arranged with the company managers we cannot guarantee the sessions nor can we promise particular speakers. Sessions are subject to availability as rehearsal schedules or matinee performances may prevent people being available.

**From £9.00 per participant**

### **Group Post Performance Discussions**

These seminar sessions comprise an hour's chaired discussion in which students are encouraged to share their views on how the production they recently saw rose to the challenges of the play. Students are all encouraged to participate and lively debates often ensue.

**Prices Vary**

## **Shakespeare and Directing Workshop**

This two hour workshop, hosted by experienced theatre directors, considers the 'super why' of production, from casting to cultural moment. From the dream to the detail we consider aspects of a director's involvement with a performance. Workshops will focus on a play to be seen during your visit, please discuss this at time of booking.

**From £25.50 per participant**

## **'Trust Treasures' Archive Display**

Based on the unique holdings of the renowned library, archive and museum collections of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. See up-close some of the rare and beautiful items relating to Shakespeare and his life in Stratford-upon-Avon, including items not normally seen except in exhibitions. Look at books he used as sources for his plays, early modern museum items and maps, and explore theatre ephemera from the 18th Century to the present day, including items from the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre and the RSC. This is a one hour session usually hosted by two members of the Collections Team.

**From £12.75 per participant**

## **NEW 'Texts Through Time' Talk & Display**

Learn about the editorial history of Shakespeare's plays through the collections of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, from quartos and Folios via Boydell, Bowdler and the Shilling Shakespeare to online texts. Shakespeare 'in print' has been shaped by technological, educational and religious history, as well as editorial innovations and rivalries. This light-hearted, whirlwind tour through the history and editions of the last four hundred years brings to life the role of the editor, the changing face of Shakespeare's readers and the evolution of his textual legacy. See an original quarto and Folio up-close and get to know the colourful characters who have taken on the challenge of editing Shakespeare afresh. This session led by two members of the collections team lasts approximately an hour, including time for questions, browsing and discussion.

**From £11.90 per participant**

## **SBT Performance History Lecture**

An illustrated lecture drawing on our extensive archive of images covering the performance history of any of Shakespeare's plays. From original staging through 18th, 19th and 20th century productions. Please indicate choice of play at the time of booking.

**From £8.00 per participant**

### **SBT Shakespeare's Stages Talk**

This illustrated session considers the variation of stages on which Shakespeare's plays have been performed. From the stages available to Shakespeare in early modern England we trace the development of staging through to the present day.

**From £8.00 per participant**

### **SBT Sonnet Class**

A seminar offering a close reading of one or two of Shakespeare's sonnets, explore interpretation and experiment with reading aloud.

**From £8.00 per participant**

### **SBT Introductory Lecture on Any Play**

This session is suitable for two levels. It can take the form of a pre-performance lecture, setting up the group for the play to be seen, this will consider the dramatic challenges of the play, and consider taking the play from page to stage. The session will also give students an idea of what to look out for in the production. This lecture usually assumes some knowledge of the play unless you have requested otherwise.

We can also offer an introductory level lecture perfect for groups who are not already familiar with a play to be seen. This will cover plot, character, narrative and theme.

Please indicate your group's level of experience at the time of booking.

*"Very lively and engaging presentation. Helpful explanation of plot and character. Good interaction of speaker and audience, prompting impassioned debate."  
Memorial High School, Texas (Select Travel)*

**From £8.00 per participant**

### **RSC Voice Class**

Work with an RSC practitioner to explore vocal techniques used by actors and explore how you can use your own voice.

**From £12.75 per participant**

### **Wigs and Makeup Demonstration**

A highly entertaining and informative session showing you the secrets of the wigs and make-up department. From stage blood to hand made hair pieces. (Fake) injuries guaranteed! Subject to practitioner's availability.

**From £12.75 per participant**

## **Visits to the Historic Shakespeare Properties**

House Visits to some or all of our five historic properties help to set Shakespeare's work in context.

### **Shakespeare's Birthplace**

As the house where William Shakespeare was born and grew up, Shakespeare's Birthplace has been welcoming visitors for over 250 years. Shakespeare also spent the first five years of married life in this house with his new wife, Anne Hathaway.

For millions of Shakespeare enthusiasts worldwide, this house is a shrine. Here you will discover the world that shaped the man and find out what other famous writers thought when they visited here. Follow in the footsteps of not only Shakespeare, but other well-known visitors such as Charles Dickens, John Keats, Walter Scott and Thomas Hardy.

Shakespeare's Birthplace is a fascinating house that offers a tantalising glimpse into Shakespeare's early world.

### **Hall's Croft**

Wander through the elegant home of Susanna Shakespeare and her husband, Dr John Hall. Enjoy the luxurious rooms and beautiful decoration of this fascinating house, befitting a wealthy physician of Dr John Hall's status.

Relax in the beautiful gardens and breathe in the fragrant herbs as used by Dr Hall in his remedies.

### **Harvard House**

From November 2014 we are closing Nash's House and the Site of New Place for a major redevelopment project and essential conservation works. Whilst this work is underway the life of a wealthy Jacobean family can be explored at nearby Harvard House.

The redeveloped New Place site will re-open in July 2016.

### **Anne Hathaway's Cottage**

Discover where the young William Shakespeare courted his future bride Anne Hathaway at her picturesque family home.

Anne Hathaway's Cottage is a thatched farmhouse containing many original items of family furniture, including the Hathaway Bed. It is nestled within stunning grounds and gardens, overflowing with fragrant blooms and traditional shrubs.

The cottage is in the hamlet of Shottery, which is just over one mile from the town centre and can be accessed via a pleasant, well sign-posted footpath.

### **Mary Arden's Farm (open March to November)**

There is so much to see and do at Mary Arden's Farm! Step back in time for all the sights, smells and sounds of a real Tudor farm and explore the house where Shakespeare's mother, Mary Arden, grew up.

Experience for yourself the daily routine, skills and crafts that the young William would have known from visits to his grandparents in the 1570s.

**Prices vary but discounts apply when booking all five houses**

**Private evening tours of Shakespeare's Birthplace and Anne Hathaway's Cottage can be arranged**

### **Local Trips**

#### **Kenilworth Castle**

Originally a medieval fortress, the ruins are best known as the home of Robert Dudley, the great love of Queen Elizabeth I. Dudley created an ornate palace here to impress his beloved Queen in 1575.

#### **Warwick Castle**

Warwick Castle was built by William the Conqueror in 1068 within or adjacent to the Anglo-Saxon burh of Warwick. It was used as a fortification until the early 17<sup>th</sup> century, when Sir Fulke Greville converted it to a country house. Today it is a busy museum complete with a large range of family orientated activities and events.

#### **Blenheim Palace and Oxford**

Blenheim Palace is home to the 11<sup>th</sup> Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Set in 2100 acres of beautiful parkland landscaped by 'Capability' Brown, Blenheim Palace is a unique example of English Baroque architecture. Only a few miles from the historic town of Oxford take the opportunity to visit the town as well.

**Prices Vary**

## Lectures with Stanley Wells

Stanley Wells is one of the world's leading Shakespearian scholar as well as a former Chairman and now Honorary President of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. Stanley's lectures are insightful and expertly delivered. He speaks on a range of topics many of which reflect his publications. Choose from:

- 'What Makes a Great Shakespeare Actor?'
- The Genius of Shakespeare
- Shakespeare's Dramatic Language
- Shakespeare, Man of the European Renaissance
- Shakespeare's Fellows
- Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe
- Shakespeare and London
- Love and Sex in *Romeo & Juliet*
- The Fun of Sex in Shakespeare's Comedies
- Shakespeare, Sex and Love
- *Hamlet*: 'All the Rubbish of the Fifth Act' (David Garrick) - with Paul Edmondson
- Eight Decades with Shakespeare (In this illustrated talk Stanley Wells reflects upon the changes in the Shakespeare scene over the past 80 years, and his involvement with them).

More details on the individual topics available on request.

**From £8.00 per participant**

## Lectures with Paul Edmondson

Paul Edmondson is now Head of Research and Knowledge at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. Paul's exceedingly popular lectures are not only passionately delivered but are impeccably researched and full of fascinating detail. Choose from:

- Shakespeare in Performance
- Introduction to Shakespeare's sonnets
- Shakespeare and Spirituality
- Current Shakespearian Projects at the Shakespeare Centre
- Shakespeare and Venice.

More details on the individual topics available on request.

**From £8.00 per participant**

## Lectures with Roger Pringle

Now retired, Roger Pringle was the director of The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust for many years. An academic with a passion for the Shakespeare's heritage and cultural legacy. Roger's lectures are impeccably researched and showcase years of personal interest and experience. Choose from:

- Americans And Stratford-On-Avon
- Tudor Recreations & Shakespeare The Sportsman
- Stratford's Shakespeare Gardens
- Tudor Gardens
- Queen Elizabeth I
- Shakespeare's Early Reputation
- William Shakespeare And Stratford
- Shakespeare's Local Roots: Discoveries Of the Past Forty Years.

More details on the individual topics available on request.

**From £8.00 per participant**

### **Stage Combat Class**

Working with experienced deliverers this practical workshop will get you all involved in some combative moves and show how these are performed on stage.

**From £27.50 per participant**

### **Renaissance Dance Class**

Subject to availability, this practical workshop will get you all participating in some traditional Renaissance dances.

**From £17.00 per participant**