

Shakespeare in Stratford-upon-Avon

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RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL VISITS



“The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust provides a unique opportunity for students, and we have many times already overheard our students remark at how this experience is a dream come true.”

St Mary's College, Maryland

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Residential Shakespeare Study Courses

IN STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

For over 60 years the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust in Stratford-upon-Avon, the world's leading non-profit charity in promoting the works, life and times of William Shakespeare, has been welcoming educational study groups of all ages from around the world for residential courses.

Our courses take place at the Shakespeare Centre, located in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon, not only within easy travelling distance from London by train, coach or car, but also in the town where William Shakespeare was born, raised and was inspired to write his greatest works.

We offer bespoke courses for a range of interests and ages, welcoming Shakespeare students and enthusiasts from around the world. All of our residential courses can be tailored to specific interests, experience and language levels, and can last from a couple of days to several weeks.

It is also possible through consultation with our in-house Shakespeare experts, to devise courses around an individual play or any Shakespeare related topics and themes.

We look forward to sharing our passion for Shakespeare with you and welcoming you for your residential course here with us at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

Dr Nick Walton
and the Learning Team

"I recommend these courses without any reservation whatsoever." University of Delaware



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World-Class Learning



"A wonderful experience. Always a life-altering visit for our students."
Florida International University



All of our residential study courses, devised by Dr Nick Walton, offer you a unique Shakespeare-centred experience combining:

- **Inspiring educational lectures and workshops from experts in the field of Shakespeare studies.** Always encouraging open dialogue, our experts explore alternative interpretations of Shakespeare's works, and focus upon ways in which the plays have been staged in the past.
- The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust's educational programmes focus upon the plays in the Royal Shakespeare Company's repertoire, providing groups with the pleasures of **play going and the satisfaction of exploring a play in detail.** Through illustrated pre-performance talks, participants will learn about the critical and performance histories of the plays, and take part in group post-performance discussions. They can also put questions to a member of the RSC acting company, all of which are facilitated by our expert lecturers. Trips to the Globe Theatre in London and other cultural excursions can also be included in our courses.
- **Access to our outstanding Library and Archive Collections.** Documents from our outstanding Library and Archive help contextualise Shakespeare's works, and often inspire further student research.

- **Visits to the five Shakespeare Family Homes.** Explore the Birthplace, the house where Shakespeare was born and admire Hall's Croft the Jacobean home of his daughter Susanna and her husband Dr John Hall. Savour the history of Anne Hathaway's Cottage, explore the Tudor farm, home to his mother Mary Arden and walk in his footsteps at Shakespeare's New Place, the site of his family home.

For more information or to book contact our Learning Team:
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International high school residential courses

Devised to complement any literature, history or theatre-based study trip to the UK, our courses for international high school students range from a single day to several weeks.

From an intensive study day where students explore one of Shakespeare's plays through specialist talks and lectures complemented by a private archive display, to courses lasting several days or weeks. On these courses students can compare and contrast multiple plays, spend time researching in the archives, visit the five Shakespeare family homes in Stratford-upon-Avon and truly immerse themselves in Shakespeare's world.

Workshops can be added to any of our longer residential courses – including options such as **Voice & Movement, Stage Combat, Acting & Directing** and **Sonnet workshops**. These additional elements help to bring Shakespeare's work, life and times fully to life in a setting which Shakespeare would have been familiar with and in the town he knew and loved.



“This educational trip is well known to students coming up through the school as the ‘best’ trip. Thank you for all you do to ‘tailor-make’ the course to suit our needs.” Marymount International School, Paris

“This is my seventh year returning to the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust’s residential course. The course, delivered by experts, is illuminating, inspiring and life-changing.” Freespirit Acting Studio and St Michael’s School, Malta

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College and university residential courses

College and university students studying Shakespeare as part of their undergraduate degree are given a unique Shakespeare-centred experience combining the knowledge and interests already obtained in their classrooms with experiential learning opportunities in Shakespeare's hometown.

All of our courses are devised and tailored to the interests and focus of each group. They include element such as:



- Performance history lectures with materials, images and items from the world famous Shakespeare Birthplace Trust Library and Collections
- Insightful talks and lectures on special interest topics such as:
 - Shakespeare's Life and Legacy
 - Americans and Stratford-upon-Avon
 - The Acquisition of Shakespeare's Birthplace
 - Shakespeare in Translation
 - Shakespeare Today

- Shakespeare's Sonnets workshop
- Practical workshops with trained specialists and experienced drama professionals
- Stage combat class
- Voice class
- Drama workshop (based on a particular Shakespeare play)
- Renaissance Dance class
- Archive display featuring books Shakespeare used as sources for his plays, early modern museum items and maps, and theatre ephemera from the 18th Century to the present day, including items from the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company.

“As usual, organisation, logistics and hospitality were perfect.”
Groningen University, The Netherlands

“Great choices and expert sessions. Informative, accessible and fun!”
George Washington University, USA



Study courses

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust works closely with societies, theatre companies, alumni travel planners and cultural organisations. Anyone with an interest in history, literary studies or the Liberal Arts will be able to enjoy lectures regarding specific aspects of scholarship delivered in the environment which inspired Shakespeare.

Our experts deliver talks on a variety of areas of Shakespeare's legacy, from events and topics during his lifetime, to specialist talks on original paintings, sculptures or rare sourcebooks which we care for here within our Collections. Combined with guided visits to Shakespeare's Family Homes, these courses allow behind-the-scenes access and private views of items and areas at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust not usually available to visitors.

Private 'After-Hours' tours of the Shakespeare Family Homes, Champagne receptions in one of our beautiful gardens, meet and greets with our educational experts, archivists and gardeners are just a few of the unique elements which help to give our attendees that 'once in a lifetime' experience.



"We love the course and hope to be back next summer!"

Norwegian Shakespeare Society

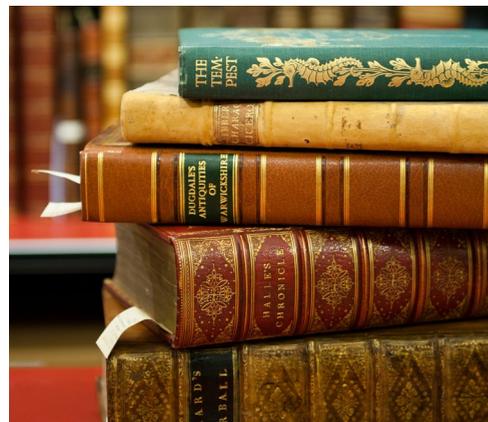
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The Shakespeare Collections and Archives

The Collections and Archives cared for by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust are the most significant Shakespeare library in Europe, including rare sourcebooks, production photos and one of a kind museum objects.

All of our residential courses include lectures and behind-the-scenes talks with our Shakespeare experts and members of our Collections team, further highlighting the unique learning opportunities provided as part of your visit with us.



Online resources and blogs

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust offers a variety of online teaching resources and informative blogs relating to the work carried out at the Shakespeare Centre in Stratford-upon-Avon. These include articles, video blogs, and insight into new scholarship and projects based on research around the items in our UNESCO listed Shakespeare Collections.

shakespeare.org.uk/blogs

bloggingshakespeare.com

findingshakespeare.co.uk

Course participants, teachers, and Shakespeare enthusiasts of all ages can access these materials free of charge online before and after they come to Stratford-upon-Avon.

Follow the links listed.

MOOCs

Throughout the year, the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust collaborates with cultural and educational partners across the UK and the world to offer free Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), focusing on Shakespeare's works, life and times.

To find out about upcoming and current projects, and how you can engage with our work before coming to see us in person, please email us and let us know more about your interests.

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About us

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust is the world's leading charity in promoting the works, life and times of William Shakespeare.

As an independent charity we receive no public subsidy or direct government funding. We depend entirely on income generated through our supporters; our visitors, our volunteers, our donors and Friends. Your support is greatly valued.



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