

## *8-Day Taste of Classic & Modern English Theatre*

### **Itinerary:**

#### **Day 1: Depart USA**

#### **Day 2: Arrive London, England**

Arrival at London Heathrow (or Gatwick) Airport where you will be met by our local guide & transferred to your hotel. Afternoon **Panoramic Sightseeing tour of London** – a lively introduction to the major sights and attractions in London.

The **West End** was long favoured by the rich elite as a place of residence, close to the royal seat of power at Westminster. Developed in the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, it was originally built as a series of palaces, expensive town houses, fashionable shops and places of entertainment. Today our tour will lead you past the **Royal Parks**, to **Marble Arch** and **Hyde Park Corner**, and continue towards **Buckingham Palace** and the City of Westminster, where you will see **Westminster Abbey** and “**Big Ben**”.

#### **Day 3: London**

**Walking tour of Theatreland:** Discover fascinating facts and amazing stories about London's most famous and important theatres. From ghost stories to love stories, the tour has something to suit everyone and is an essential guide to the history of the most famous theatre district in the world.

This afternoon you will visit one of the local theaters where you will get a chance to see the equipment first hand, and you will be able to spend some time with one of the directors. You will be able to ask questions etc.

Theatre performance: Tickets for the Open Air Theatre at Regents Park



#### **Day 4: London**

A morning on the **South Bank of the Thames**, including a visit to Shakespeare's Globe and the Tate Modern. **Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition** explores the life of Shakespeare, the London where he lived, and the theatre for which he wrote. A fascinating guided tour then takes you into the unique space.

The Globe Exhibition has now been refurbished with most exhibits re-presented to improve your journey through the history of Shakespeare and the Globe. Find out about extravagant Elizabethan costumes, Renaissance instruments and how they were used, and the dramatic stories of the first Globe crossing the Thames, and the new Globe being reconstructed on Bankside..

Throughout the year, a fascinating guided tour of the Globe Theatre is included in your visit to Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition. Let one of our guides bring this extraordinary space to life. Please note: During matinee performances in the theatre, when guided tours of the Globe are not possible, visitors will be taken to the nearby site of Bankside's first theatre: the Rose. The space for which Christopher Marlowe and Ben Jonson wrote their greatest plays and in which Shakespeare learned his trade, the Rose is the only Elizabethan playhouse that has been excavated on a large scale by archaeologists.

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**Day 5: London-Stratford****Full Day excursion to Stratford-upon-Avon & the Cotswolds**

Enjoy a scenic drive through the picturesque villages of the Cotswolds, en route for Stratford-upon-Avon, the small old Elizabethan market town on the River Avon, which enjoys worldwide fame as the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Visits included to Shakespeare's birthplace and Anne Hathaway's cottage.

*Evening Option: A performance at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford.*

Tonight you will stay overnight in Stratford.

**Day 6: Stratford-London**

You will have a free morning in Stratford. Then you will be transferred back to London.

**Day 7: London**

Full day at leisure for independent sightseeing or shopping

*OPTION: London Theatre Evening, including tickets to a hit West End Show (e.g. Hairspray)*

**Day 8: London-USA**

Transfer to Airport to check-in for return flight to the USA, with a lifetime of memories!

***This 8- Day Land Tour starting from:***

***\$1,983\*/per person USD- (dbl occ)***

***\$650 USD - Single Supplement***

*\*Based on minimum of 4 travelers.*

Price Includes: group Transfers, guides, 4-Star hotels, sights & admission as per the itinerary, breakfast at hotels.

Not Included: International flights, tips, airport tax, activities listed as option, independent or at own expense.

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