

Shakespeare Houses and Gardens

Stratford-upon-Avon

The Shakespeare Houses and Gardens are owned and cared for by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, an independent educational charity leading the world's enjoyment and understanding of Shakespeare's works, life and times.

There are five beautifully preserved Tudor homes and gardens, all directly linked with William Shakespeare and his family.

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust has a long and famous tradition of welcoming visitors to the Shakespeare Family Homes, each place with its own fascinating story to tell.

Enjoy a unique Shakespeare-centred experience with five wonderful homes all relating to Shakespeare and his family, outstanding archive and library Collections and an exciting programme of events.

Shakespeare's Five Family Homes - Available March to end of October

♣ Shakespeare's Birthplace – Stand where a genius was born!

The childhood home of William Shakespeare is a very special place that everyone should set foot at least once in their lives. Costumed guides will show you around the house, talk about the family's colourful history and answer all of your questions.

Watch Shakespeare Aloud! bring your favourite Shakespearian characters to life.

Visit 'Famous Beyond Words' exhibition which explores the extraordinary story of William Shakespeare, the boy from Stratford-upon-Avon who became a household name all over the world. Discover what sparked his imagination and how he continues to shape our lives today. Part of the audio visual exhibition at the beginning of the visit to Shakespeare's Birthplace is available in German, Spanish, Italian, French, Japanese, Chinese and Russian. There are also foreign language translation information sheets available at each of the Houses.

♣ Anne Hathaway's Cottage and Gardens - Family Home of Shakespeare's Wife

Discover where the young William Shakespeare courted his future bride at the most romantic of the Shakespeare Houses. Fall in love with this thatched Tudor gem nestling in nine acres of beautiful grounds including the award-winning cottage gardens and heritage orchards.

Stroll along the woodland walk, listen to Shakespearian verse in the sonnet arbour and tour the delightful cottage itself which still has some original family furniture. Experienced guides are on hand to conduct you through the 600-year old interior and tell the famous Hathaway/Shakespeare love story.

♣ Hall's Croft - Home of Shakespeare's Daughter

Admire the elegant Jacobean home of Susanna and her wealthy physician husband, Dr John Hall. With the help of experienced guides, take in the exquisite carved furniture and paintings all creating a fascinating showcase of 17th-century affluence and comfort.

Wander through the oak-beamed reception rooms and up the graceful staircase to the richly appointed bed chambers, including servants' quarters. Relax in the tranquil gardens and see the medicinal herbs as used by Dr John Hall in his remedies.

♣ **Shakespeare's New Place - his Family home**

The site of the only home Shakespeare ever bought and where he lived for 19 years. Reopened in 2016 for the 400th anniversary of his death, come and walk in his footsteps and trace the footprint of his family home in a contemporary landscape setting. Enjoy specially commissioned sculptures, beautiful gardens and see a new side of Shakespeare with an exhibition of his world.

♣ **Mary Arden's Farm-Family Home of Shakespeare's Mother** (open 16 March - 3 November 2019)

Step back in time with all the sights, sounds and smells of a real working Tudor farm. Meet the costumed residents as they go about their daily tasks of cooking, tending crops and feeding the rare breed animals.

Explore the farmyard with its centuries-old barns, outbuildings and original dove cote. See the house where Shakespeare's mother grew up and visit Palmer's Farm, the rustic Tudor home of Robert Palmer, a family friend and neighbour.

Watch falconry displays, roam the countryside and nature trails, and get 'hands-on' with rural crafts and traditional pastimes..

Locations

Shakespeare's Birthplace (CV37 6QW). The Shakespeare Centre is on Henley Street in the centre of Stratford upon Avon.

Anne Hathaway's Cottage (CV37 9HH) and **Mary Arden's Farm** (CV37 9UN), which both have on-site parking, are half a mile and three miles respectively from the town.

Shakespeare's New Place - his Family home - 22 Chapel Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6EP

Shakespeare's Birthplace is open daily except 25th December

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Anne Hathaway's Cottage is open daily throughout the year except Christmas Day and Boxing Day

Hall's Croft is open daily throughout the year except Christmas Day and Boxing Day

Mary Arden's Farm - 16th March 2019 - 3rd November 2019

For full details see www.Shakespeare.org.uk

Ticket Prices 2019/20

1st April 2019 - 31st March 2020 - Tickets are valid for one year from the date of the first visit

Tickets for entry to **Any Three Family Homes**

Adult: £16.50

Child (3 - 17 years): £11.00

Concession 60+, students in full time education £16.00

Family (2 adults, up to 4 ch) £44.00

Tickets for entry to **Shakespeare's Family Homes (16 March 2019 - 3rd November 2019)**

Adult: £19.00

Child (3 - 17 years): £12.00

Concession 60+, students in full time education £18.00

Family (2 adults, up to 4 ch) £52.00

Tickets for entry to **Winter Four Family Homes (4 November 2019 - Mid March 2020)**

Adult: £17.00

Child (3 - 17 years): £11.25

Concession 60+, students in full time education £16.50

Family (2 adults, up to 4 ch) £48.00

Shakespeare's Birthplace - So much more than the House itself

Shakespeare's New Place - The site of his final home

Anne Hathaway's Cottage - The most romantic Shakespeare House

Mary Arden's Farm - A real working Tudor farm (open 16 March - 3 November 2018)

Hall's Croft - The Jacobean Doctor's house

Any Three Family Homes

This entitles visits to up to three of the five houses*

Shakespeare's Five Family Homes

Entitles visits to all five of the Family homes. Available March to end of October

Winter Four Family Homes

Entitles visits to all of the houses except Mary Arden's Farm as it is closed during the winter.

*Four houses during the winter months when Mary Arden's Farm is closed

Orders

Orders can be placed by:

- sending a cheque to Staffordshire Police Federation Hearn Court, Rising Brook, Stafford ST17 9QN, (please enclose SAE to home address). Cheques should be payable to Staffordshire Police Federation
- telephone using debit/credit card on 01785 242215

Tickets are posted out to you direct from the Federation Office.