

Highlights of LIT 367 / HON 270 [ENGL 670]: British Theatre (taught in the UK in Winter Term 2017) by Dr. [Felicia Jean Steele](mailto:steele@tcnj.edu) and Prof. [Diane Vanner Steinberg](mailto:dsteinbe@tcnj.edu) of the [Dept of English](#) at [The College of New Jersey](#)

Wednesday, 28 December 2016 -- arrive in UK by that evening, either on the group flight to be arranged or on your own flight. Check into our London lodging for 11 nights (we are trying to book Passfield Hall at the London School of Economics in Bloomsbury). Breakfast included in lodging rate. On Sunday, 8 January, we'll head to Stratford-Upon-Avon via motorcoach for 5 nights there at the Falcon Inn. On Friday, 13 January, we will return to London and stay at the London Lodge Hotel in Kensington for 4 additional nights. On Tuesday, 17 January, we will return to Heathrow via motorcoach and fly back to the US. There will be a group flight from either Newark or Philadelphia, but students may select their own flights. All London lodging is on the Piccadilly tube line (a direct line to Heathrow Airport). Students travelling with the group will be taken by the group's motorcoach to and from Heathrow.

Tentative Day by Day OVERSEAS Schedule

- W 28 Dec -- arrive in London; check into [Passfield Hall at the LSE](#) for 11 nights in twin rooms with **full breakfasts each morning**; receive transportation passes and maps; students travelling with the group will be met at Heathrow by a CEPA guide and taken by motorcoach to Passfield Hall.
- R 29 Dec -- **full breakfast**; brief morning orientation session; boat tour on Thames River from Westminster Pier to [Greenwich](#); chance to walk around Greenwich and visit its museums and shops and sights; return to central London via Dockside Light Rail; **Welcome to London Group Dinner at a British Pub tba.**
- F 30 Dec -- **full breakfast**; morning tour of the [Museum of London](#) with a Blue Badge guide; mid-afternoon tour of [British Library](#); 7:30 performance of the [Royal Shakespeare Company's](#) production of William Shakespeare's *Loves Labours Lost* at the [Theatre Royal Haymarket](#) in the West End.
- Sa 31 Dec -- **full breakfast**; morning Tour of the [Tower of London](#); ~2:30 pm Blue Badge guided tour of St. Paul's Cathedral; 7:30 pm performance of [Royal Shakespeare Company's](#) production of William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing [Loves Labours Won]* at the [Theatre Royal Haymarket](#) in the West End. Your Royal Palaces ticket gives you 10% off all meals and souvenirs at the Tower. After the Tower, you may want to see the [Bank of England](#), the [Silver Vaults](#), or [All-Hallows](#) by the Tower (one of the few London buildings not destroyed by the 17th C Great Fire).
- Su 1 Jan -- **full breakfast**; unscheduled morning to sleep in, attend church services, or visit the [Tate Galleries](#) (not every museum is open on New Year's Day); afternoon visit to the [Imperial War Museum](#); unscheduled evening.
- M 2 Jan -- **full breakfast**; 10:00 [Globe Theatre](#) Tour and Costume Demonstration; 12:30 **Group Lunch George Inn in Southwark** (the George Inn is the only galleried 18th C inn remaining in London, and it is steps away from the no longer standing Tabard Inn of Chaucer's poetry; unscheduled afternoon: evening performance of James Graham's *This House* at the Garrick Theatre in the [National Theatre](#) complex on the South Bank. While you are in Southwark, you may want to check out the [Borough Market](#); you may also want to visit the [Tate Modern](#) and go to its top floor viewing area to see the city of London across the river (the Tate Modern is south of the river and by the Globe and the pedestrian millennial bridge. You will also be near the [London Eye](#)).
- T 3 Jan -- **full breakfast**; visit [Hampton Court Palace](#) via train from Waterloo Station; self-guided tour with costumed interpreters. Hampton Court was one of Henry's VIII's favorite palaces and

also one of George III's favorite palaces, so it is literally half Tudor and half Georgian architecture; we'll travel down together as a group on the train, but you will be able to select your own train to return to central London; unscheduled evening. Your Royal Palaces ticket gives you 10% off all meals and souvenirs. Hampton Court is about an hour south of London, and is also on the banks of the Thames River.

- W 4 Jan -- **full breakfast**; 10:00 Shakespeare Haunts of London Blue Badge [link](#) Walking Tour; [Southwark Cathedral](#) and the Shakespeare and Chaucer windows; 12:30 **Group lunch Middle Temple**; unscheduled afternoon; evening performance of Joel Horwood's adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Match Girl and Other Happier Tales* at the Sam Wanamaker Theatre at the [Globe Theatre](#).
- R 5 Jan -- **full breakfast**; 10:00 self-guided tour of the [Victoria and Albert Museum of Childhood](#).
- F 6 Jan -- **full breakfast**; 10:00 [British Museum](#) Treasures Gallery Tour with Blue Badge guide; unscheduled afternoon and evening to stay on at the British Museum (they open late on Fridays). Foodies may want to eat in the Great Court Restaurant (unhappily not inexpensive) with its locally sourced specials. The British Museum is simply amazing.
- Sa 7 Jan -- **full breakfast**; unscheduled morning; afternoon guided tour of the Houses of Parliament and a **Group Afternoon Tea** at the [Houses of Parliament](#); evening performance of a dramatic adaptation of Mark Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* at the [Gielgud Theatre](#) in the West End.

- Su 8 Jan -- **full breakfast**; leave Passfield Hall after breakfast; motorcoach to the [Harry Potter Studios Tour](#) in Leavesden; motorcoach will take us on to Stratford-upon-Avon, where we check in to the [Falcon Hotel](#) for 5 nights. The Falcon Hotel serves a full English breakfast. Literally everything we'll see in Stratford is walking distance, and many of the Shakespeare sites are steps away from our hotel and one another.
- M 9 Jan -- **full breakfast**; hand out [4 Houses Shakespeare tickets](#) and walk together to the Birthplace for a tour; afternoon [Behind the Scenes Tour](#) of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre; evening performance of Aphra Behn's *The Rover* at the Swan Theatre.
- T 10 Jan -- **full breakfast**; 10:00 am workshop with the Royal Shakespeare Company at the [Clore Learning Center](#); afternoon tour of the newly-renovated and opened to the public [Guildhall and Shakespeare's Schoolroom](#) (for the 400th anniversary); evening performance of William Shakespeare and John Fletcher's *Two Noble Kinsmen* at the Swan Theatre.
- W 11 Jan -- **full breakfast**; stroll together to Anne Hathaway's Cottage (about one mile); visit any of the Shakespeare Houses not yet toured: [Hall's Croft](#); [Nash House and New Place](#). Visit Holy Trinity Church (Shakespeare's Tomb) [link](#).
- R 12 Jan -- **full breakfast**; morning visit to [The Play's the Thing](#) Exhibit at the RSC; 2:00 pm workshop with the Royal Shakespeare Company at the [Clore Learning Center](#); evening performance of William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* at the main RSC theatre.

- F 13 Jan -- **full breakfast**; leave Stratford-upon-Avon to return to London and stay at the [London Lodge Hotel](#) in Kensington for 4 nights. The motorcoach will stop in [Oxford](#) for a few hours so students can explore the city and its colleges. The London Lodge hotel is a bit west of the city, near Kensington Park, and serves a generous continental breakfast.
- Sa 14 Jan -- **breakfast**; 10:00 Westminster Abbey [link](#) Blue Badge Guided Tour; ~ 2:30 pm: self-guided tour of [Kensington Palace](#) and its exhibits; 5:00 pm **Group High Tea at The Orangery at Kensington Palace**. Your Royal Palaces ticket gives you 10% off all meals and souvenirs.

- Su 15 Jan -- **breakfast**; 10:00 [Victoria and Albert Museum](#) and the highlights of its theatre collections.
- M 16 Jan -- **breakfast**; optional group trip to Windsor Castle -- details to follow; **Farewell Group Dinner**
- T 17 Jan -- **breakfast**; leave by motorcoach to Heathrow airport and our group flight back to the USA.

We will have unscheduled time in London, and students may visit:

- Natural History Museum [link](#) (free)
- Charles Dickens Museum [link](#) (inexpensive)
- King's Cross Railway Station and platform 9¾ [link](#) (free)
- Sherlock Holmes Museum at 221B Baker Street [link](#) (moderate)
- All Hallows by the Tower, London's oldest Church (675 AD) [link](#) (free)
- The London Eye [link](#) (expensive; pre-book the Eye!)
- National Gallery & nearby National Portrait Gallery [link](#) its 30 must-see paintings [link](#) (free)
- Jewel Tower [link](#) (moderate)
- walk along the Victoria Embankment [link](#) (free)
- Inns of Court (Inner Temple [link](#) and Lincoln's Inn [link](#) and Gray's Inn [link](#)) (free)
- Tate Britain and/or The Tate Modern [link](#) (free)
- Regents Park [link](#) (free) or Hyde Park [link](#) (free) or Green Park [link](#) (free) or St. James Park [link](#) (free)

We'll have some unscheduled time in Stratford-Upon-Avon, students will have time to see:

- Holy Trinity Church (Shakespeare's Tomb) [link](#) (ticket included)
- Hall's Croft [link](#) (ticket included)
- Nash's House and New Place [link](#) (ticket included)
- Strolling along the Avon River (free)
- John Harvard House [link](#) (free)

In London, we will tour these sights as a group:

- **Boat Tour of the Thames River**
- [Museum of the City of London](#) (Blue Badge guided tour)
- [St. Paul's Cathedral](#)
- [Imperial War Museum](#) (self-guided tour)
- [British Museum](#) "Highlights of the British Museum" (Blue Badge [link](#) guided tour)
- [Globe Theatre](#) Tour and demonstration lesson on Elizabethan costuming (guided tour)
- Blue Badge [link](#) Walking Tour of "Shakespeare's Haunts of London"
- [Westminster Abbey](#) Tour (Blue Badge guided tour)
- [Tower of London](#) Tour (guided tour by "Beefeater"; dress warmly!)
- [British Library](#) Treasures Gallery Tour (guided tour)
- [Victoria and Albert Museum](#) (self-guided tour)
- [Victoria and Albert Museum of Childhood](#)
- [Kensington Palace](#)

In Stratford-Upon-Avon, we'll tour these sights as a group

- **Shakespeare's Birthplace Trust** [link](#)
- **Anne Hathaway's Cottage** [link](#)
- The Royal Shakespeare Company workshops
- Behind the Scenes Tour of the Royal Shakespeare Company [link](#)

We'll have some special group dinners and lunches together included in the price.

Stratford-Upon-Avon's restaurants tend not to have online menus to which I can send you -- they are a little less up-to-date compared to London's.

- Welcome to London Group Dinner at a British Pub (typical pub fare)
- Group Lunch at The George Inn in Southwark (galleried coaching inn by site of Chaucer's Tabard Inn) [link](#)
- Group Lunch at Middle Temple medieval banquet hall (amazing place and home to first performance of *Twelfth Night*) [link](#)
- Gastro-Pub Farewell Dinner in London at Down the Well (amazing gastro-pub) [link](#)
- "High Tea" (really an entire meal!) at Kensington Palace in the Orangery
- Farewell Dinner in Stratford, perhaps at the Falcon hotel
- Afternoon Tea at the Houses of Parliament