

JUNE



THREE PLAYS

Stratford-on-Avon

THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE & THE SWAN THEATRES

Thursday 13 June- Sunday 16 June 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

Outstanding productions of three comic plays: *The Taming of the Shrew*, *As You Like It*, and *The Provoked Wife*, by Sir John Vanbrugh, playwright, architect and spy; private visit to moated 14c manor house, Badlesley Clinton, home of the eccentric Marmion Ferrers and the captivating Rebecca 'Dulcibella' Orpen, with three secret priest's holes; a private visit to Arbury Hall, 'Strawberry Hill Gothic' Warwickshire home of 18c poet Sir Roger Newdigate for an anniversary champagne toast to George Eliot born on the estate 200 years ago with readings from her 'Scenes from a Clerical Life'.

HOTEL

THE ARDEN

The Arden is Stratford's most beloved hotel, located directly opposite both theatres making interval breaks for fresh air and drinks convenient; all rooms are beautifully appointed, and the public walls covered in photographs of the great actors and actresses.

All lectures, tuition and pastoral care, three plays, private visits and transportation during the tour, three nights with breakfast, all lunches and dinners with wine, all coffees and teas: £1425 members, £1475 non-members, £150 single room supplement, a £250 deposit (NB : the deposit must be received by 1 January 2018, thank you.) Please note that this cost excludes train tickets to and from Stratford.

THURSDAY 13 JUNE

- 10.10 Suggested train departs London Marylebone, change Solihull
- 12.06 Arrive Stratford station for minibus transport to Hotel
- 1.00 Opening Drinks reception and Lunch in Arden Hotel
- 2.30 NF Lecture 'Sexism and Comeuppance in The Taming of the Shrew'
- 4.00 Tea and rest in Hotel
- 5.45 Pre-Theatre group dinner in Hotel
- 7.15 Shakespeare's '*Taming of the Shrew*' in the Royal Shakespeare Theatre

FRIDAY 14 JUNE

- 10.30 Coffee in Hotel
- 11.00 NF Lecture 'Romantic Mockery in *As You Like It*'
- 12.00 Lunch in hotel
- 1.30 Leave for visit to Arbury Hall
- 2.15 Private visit to Arbury
- 3.30 Tea in Arbury
- 4.00 Leave for Hotel
- 5.45 Pre-Theatre dinner in hotel
- 7.15 Shakespeare's '*As You Like It*' in the Royal Shakespeare Theatre

SATURDAY 15 JUNE

- 09.15 Leave for Baddesley Clinton
- 10.00 Private visit Baddesley Clinton
- 11.30 Leave Baddesley Clinton
- 12.30 Lunch in hotel
- 2.00 NF Lecture 'Sir John Vanbrugh: Playwright, Architect and Spy'
- 3.30 Rest
- 5.45 Pre-Theatre dinner
- 7.30 Vanbrugh's '*The Provoked Wife*' in the Swan Theatre

SUNDAY 16 JUNE

CHECKOUT PLEASE

- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 Discussion session on the three plays
- 12.30 Closing Lunch in hotel
- 2.15 Minibus to Stratford Station
- 2.46 Suggested train from Stratford to London, change at Leamington Spa
- 4.40 Arrive London Marylebone