

Shakespeare's Macbeth

Wednesday 29th - Friday 31st August 2018

Wednesday. Depart Bradford 09.30 with a stop enroute at Denby Pottery Visitor Centre, with time for a browse of the Denby products, kitchen shop and refreshments if desired. Then to get us into the Shakespeare mood, we visit Shakespeare's mothers house,- Mary Arden's House. It is located in the village of Wilmcote, approximately three miles from Stratford-upon-Avon. The house was a fully functioning farmhouse until the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust purchased it in the 1930's. Visitors will experience life in the 1570's first hand, observing the daily routine and skills required to run a farmhouse in this time period.



Thursday. From our centrally located hotel the day is to be spent in Stratford. You are free to do as you please until 1.15pm when you are required to take your seat for the matinee performance of the play that shall not be named – "Macbeth". Returning home from battle, the victorious Macbeth meets three witches on the heath. Driven by their disturbing prophecies, he sets out on the path to murder. Shakespeare's darkest psychological thriller marks both *Christopher Eccleston's RSC debut and the return of *Niamh Cusack to the Company. (*as programmed at present)



Friday. Today we take in the magic of Baddesley Clinton, an atmospheric moated manor house that has been a sanctuary since the 15th century. We discover Baddesley's history from hiding Catholics in its Priest Holes, and the Ferrers family who lived there for over 500 years. The peaceful gardens include fish pools, walked garden and a lakeside walk if you fancy a tranquil stroll. From here we travel home arriving early evening.



The Hotel

This splendid Stratford Upon Avon hotel is a grade II listed Georgian building. Our hotel accommodation is steeped in its own history and close to 180 years old. Best Western Grosvenor Hotel Stratford offers intimate lounges and individually decorated modern bedrooms. Yet is just a 3 minute walk from the main tourist attractions and the centre of the town. Hotel guests can enjoy a warm and friendly welcome.



Complemented by impeccable service, the hotel offers superb food from our extensive restaurant, lounge and room service menu. Fresh, local produce is paramount to the quality they offer throughout the hotel.

Hotel Best Western Grosvenor Hotel, Stratford U Avon, CV37 6YT. 01789-269213

This 3 day Tour Includes

- Visit to Denby Pottery
- Mary Ardens House
- Tickets to Macbeth
- Visit to Baddesley Clinton
- 2 nights Dinner Bed and Breakfast

Prices

Per person in twin/double	£255.00
Per person in single	£315.00
NT Discount	- £10.00

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New Years Eve in Scotland

Sunday 30th December to Wednesday 2nd January 2019



Sunday. Depart Bradford 08.00 with a stop en route, to visit **New Lanark Mills World Heritage Site**. Included is a **guided tour** to set the scene of this 18th century cotton mill village sitting in a beautiful location by the River Clyde. There are exhibitions, retail outlets to enjoy at this UNESCO World Heritage site, On then to our hotel to enjoy a welcoming Afternoon Tea on arrival. Prior to dinner there will be a "Welcome Drink" with the management team, and there will be entertainment after dinner.



Monday. New Years Eve. Following a hearty breakfast we take a scenic drive through **The Trossachs**, sometimes known as "The Scottish Highlands in Miniature". Situated on the physical boundary between the **Highlands and the Lowlands of Scotland**. Steeped in Scottish History, Legend and Myth and a landscape of Lochs, Glens and Mountains, the area is as popular a destination today as it was over 100 years ago when **Queen Victoria** and **Sir Walter Scott** came to the Trossachs and started a trend that has continued ever since. We will call at the woollen mill at Kilmahog, before our return to the hotel for a light buffet lunch. Then time to relax before preparing for the nights Gala Dinner, with dancing until late, and a glass of bubbly to see in the New Year.



Tuesday. New Years Day. After a leisurely start to allow time to recover from the night before, we will take a gentle drive to see the worlds' largest equine sculptures – **The Kelpies** – these 30m high sculptures of horses heads are truly breathtaking. We return to the hotel for a light lunch, and time to relax before dinner, and some evening entertainment.



Wednesday. Another leisurely start, before its time to head south and home. Before we cross the border into England we will call at the **Gretna Gateway Outlet Village**. A chance to grab some early January Sale items at the many outlets, and relieve your purse of unwanted Scottish banknotes! With a further comfort stop en route, we arrive home early evening.

Gretna Gateway
Outlet Village



The Hotel

Built in 1891 as the private home for a member of a famous Scottish steel dynasty, the beautiful main building was later extended and upgraded for commercial use. The hotel's new look interior is one of understated timeless refinement. The surroundings are undeniably chic but the vibe is unpretentious, verging on homely. All rooms are en-suite with everything you would expect from a hotel of this calibre and the service is first class. There is a homely bar, restaurant, and free Wi Fi in the hotel.



Hotel. Best Western Moorings Hotel, 114 Hamilton Road, Motherwell, Renfrew ML1 3DG. 01698-258131

This 4 day Tour Includes

- Visit to New Lanark Mills world Heritage Site and The Kelpies
- Scenic drive through The Trossachs
- 3 nights Dinner Bed and Breakfast

Prices

Per person in twin/double	£339.00
Per person in single	£459.00

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