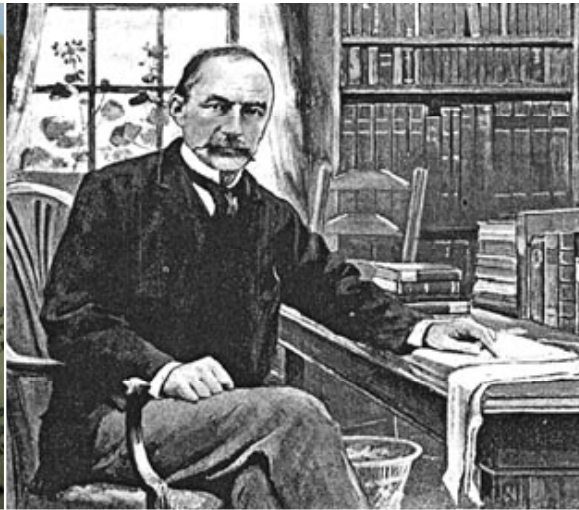
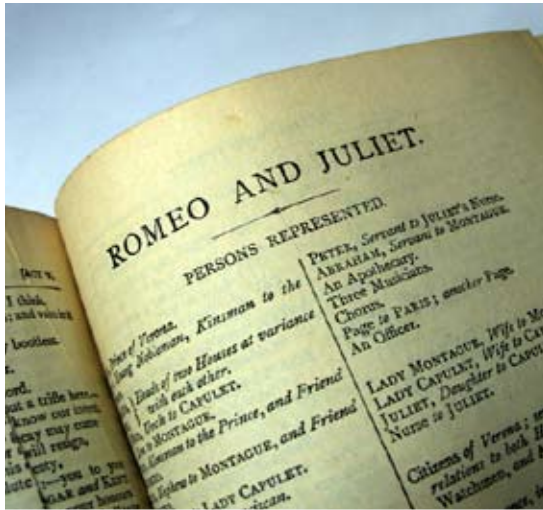


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Day 1 ARRIVAL

On arrival enjoy a short sightseeing tour of London en-route to your hotel. The tour today will take you to familiar address such as Westminster, Big Ben, Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus. The rest of the day is at own discretion. Overnight in London.

Day 2 LONDON WRITERS

London has inspired many writers and today's tour will bring alive a few of the famous writers – Oscar Wilde, Charles Dickens & Shakespeare. We start with that wonderful boat ride – downstream and back down the centuries: from the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and Elizabethan London.

Today you have the opportunity to see some of the areas and landmarks which inspired these famous London writers.

Overnight in London.

Day 3 JANE AUSTEN

Today we will follow the footsteps of Jane Austen, who has long been renowned as one of England's finest novelists, not least because she celebrates a romantic and nostalgic England of manor houses encircled by green lawns, afternoon teas, balls, officers in regimentals and



ladies in ethereal lace. This idyllic backdrop is enhanced by Austen's own fine-tuned brand of refined wit, comedy of manners and intelligent insight into the characters she drew from her own experiences. In the afternoon you will travel to Winchester. Visit the famous Winchester Cathedral, Jane Austen is buried here and you will be able to see her name mentioned in the cathedral.

Dinner and overnight in Winchester Area.

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Day 4 THOMAS HARDY

Thomas Hardy is a renowned celebrant of a unique brand of Englishness, and one which we invite you to discover and share. You will have the opportunity to visit to Max Gate, the house which Hardy designed in 1885 and had built by his brother, followed by a guided walking-tour around Dorchester, the inspiration for Hardy's Casterbridge in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.

An opportunity to see sites which feature in *Far from the Madding Crowd*, *The Trumpet-Major* and *Under the Greenwood Tree* and the Hardy memorial statue. Return to Winchester Area for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 BATH AND JANE AUSTEN

We leave Winchester in the morning and travel to Bath.

We enjoy a walking tour of the places where Jane lived, walked, visited, and shopped. Places made famous in her Bath novels; "Northanger Abbey" and "Persuasion".

We see all the main sights of Bath and the places relating to Jane Austen's life and novels. Visits to the Assembly Rooms, Museum of Costume and the Jane Austen Centre, and the Roman Baths followed by tea in The Pump Rooms. A fascinating day after which you will understand and remember Bath. Jane Austen knew Bath as a thriving spa resort, popular with fashionable society.

Overnight and dinner in Bath.

Day 6 SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY

William Shakespeare was born, lived and lies buried in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Today there are five Shakespeare Houses linked to him and his family, each offering a unique insight into his life and times.

Overnight and dinner in Stratford upon Avon.

Day 7 DEPARTURE

Free time in Stratford upon Avon until transfer to Heathrow Airport.