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# STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Stratford-upon-Avon is a picturesque town beautifully situated on The River Avon with a wealth of black and white timber framed buildings.



It is, of course, most famous for being the birthplace of the English playwright

William Shakespeare.

*Shakespeare.*







SMITH'S VARIETY STORE GOLDEN BEE



GUILD CHAPEL AND SCHOOL WHITE SWAN HOTEL



MEMORIAL THEATRE



COWARD MONUMENT



ANN HATHAWAY'S COTTAGE



SHAKESPEARE HOTEL



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



MARIE CORELLI'S HOUSE



THE CLOFTON BRIDGE



MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN



VIEW FROM TOWER OF THEATRE



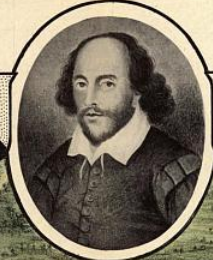
THE BIRTH ROOM



SHAKESPEARE BIRTHPLACE



HARVARD HOUSE



# Stratford on Avon

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| A Shakespeare's Birth Place.               | F The Golden Bee Restaurant. | 1 The Vicarage.                    |
| B Holy Trinity Church, Shakespeare's Tomb. | G Guild Chapel and School.   | 2 Marie Corelli's Residence.       |
| C Shakespeare's House, New Place.          | H Memorial Theatre.          | 3 Golden Bee Restaurant.           |
| D Harvard House.                           | I Ann Hathaway's Cottage.    | 4 White Swan Hotel.                |
| E Shakespeare's Inn and Five Gables.       |                              | 5 Fountain Restaurant.             |
|  |                              | 6 Swan's Nest Hotel Heating House. |
|  |                              | 7 Glince Cottage, Aden St.         |



# General information



Stratford-upon Avon is a market town and civil parish in south Warwickshire, England. It lies on the River Avon, 22 miles 35 km south

east of Birmingham and 13 km south west of Warwick.

It is the largest and most populous town of the non-metropolitan district Stratford-on-Avon.



# History

Stratford has Anglo-Saxon origins, and grew up as a market town in medieval times. The original charters of the town were granted in 1196, making Stratford officially over 800 years old. The name is a fusion of the Old English *strǣt*, meaning "street", and *ford*, meaning that a Roman road forded the River Avon at the site of the town.

# Geography. Destinations

Redditch, Birmingham		Sutton Coldfield, Solihull		Warwick, Coventry
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Alcester, Worcester, Droitwich	←	<b>Stratford Upon Avon</b>	→	Southam, Daventry
		↓		
Evesham, Tewkesbury, Gloucester		Chipping Norton, Witney, Cirencester, Swindon		London, Oxford, Banbury, Reading



# Geography. River Anon

It's a river that flows through the counties of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire in the Midlands of England. It's also known as the "Warwickshire Avon" or "Shakespeare's Avon", it has been divided since 1719 into the Lower Avon, below Evesham, and the Upper Avon, from Evesham to above Stratford-upon-Avon.





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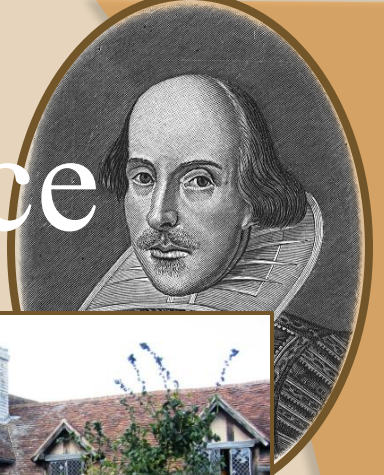


# 10 things to do in Stratford

Stratford is drenched in rich history and heritage and offers much to explore both within the town centre and further afield.

1. Visit the world's most famous playwright at the Shakespeare's Birthplace
2. Watch a production at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre
3. Visit Shakespeare's last residence – New Place
4. Visit one of the five Shakespearean properties – Nash house
5. Discover this history of the town with a guided walk around Stratford town centre
6. Visit Holy trinity church
7. Visit Hall's croft
8. Enjoy a romantic afternoon sailing along the River Avon on one of the many boat tours
9. Visit the world famous Anne Hathaway's Cottage
10. Explore Mary Arden's House in Wilmcote, with its countryside museum, 2 historic farms and more!

# Shakespeare's Birthplace



This building is located in Henley Street and it's the house where it is believed that William Shakespeare was born in 1564 and spent his childhood years.

It has been restored in the 16th century and now it's a small museum open to visitors. Moreover the State owns it since 1847.



The building is not outstanding architecturally and typical of the times was constructed in wattle and daub around a wooden frame. In the house everyone can see a lot of work objects of Shakespeare's dad, John, who was a glove maker and wood dealer. There's also the first William's work.

# Royal Shakespeare Theatre

It is the famous theatre dedicated to the poet and playwright William Shakespeare. It was opened on 23rd April 1932 and stood on the same area, where once there were the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre (it was destroyed on 19th April 1879 because of a fire).

This new theatre, besides being an incredible tribute to this poet, it's also an important building: in fact it is considered the first edifice built in this country by a woman (Elisabeth Scott). Moreover, the Royal Shakespeare Company stage inside the theatre many plays.

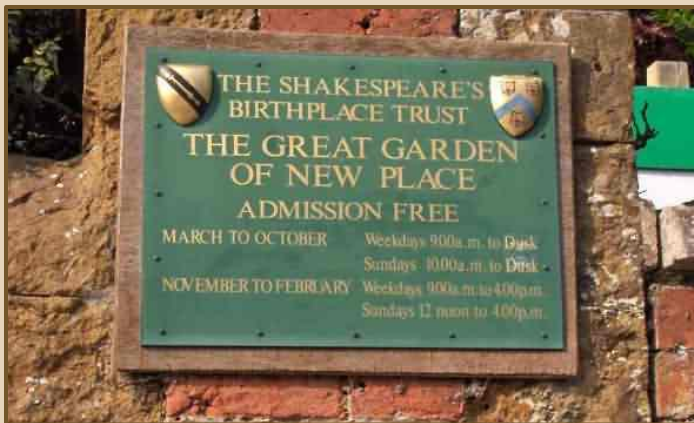


# New Place

New Place was Shakespeare's last residence before his death in 1616. Built in 1483 by Hugh Clampton, the future Mayor of London, it was the second biggest dwelling of London and it had a lot of owners. The first was the famous English poet William Shakespeare: he bought it in 1597, but he didn't move into until 1610.



After his death, the house passed to his daughter Susan Hall, and then to his granddaughter Elizabeth Hall respectively. Afterwards during 18 TH century it passed to Reverend Francis Gastrell, who decided to demolish it in 1759 and finally in 1891 the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust bought the property.



# Nash house

At the end of Chapel Street, next to New Place, you can find Nash House. This house belonged to Thomas Nash, who in 1626 married Elizabeth Hall, Shakespeare's granddaughter.



This house is one of the five Shakespearean properties and now is in use as a museum. Inside you can see many beautiful pieces of antique furniture, contemporary to the period of the building (17th century).

# Holy trinity church

In this wonderful church is preserved Shakespeare's grave but you can also see the parish registers that recorded his birth and his death.

Apart from its association with Shakespeare the church is well worth a visit, containing as it does architectural features that date back to the early 13th century. It is located in a lovely location on the banks of the River Avon, a short walk from most of the major Shakespeare sites in the town centre.





Church







# Hall's croft

This building is located close to Holy Trinity church and it's a timber-framed house. It was owned by William Shakespeare's daughter, Susanna Hall, and her husband Dr John Hall.

Now it contains a collection of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century painting sand furniture. There is also an exhibition about Doctor John Hall and the obscure medical practices of the Tudor period. A small walled garden stands beside the house, which contains many plant varieties that were used in medical treatments in the late Elizabethan age. Then when Shakespeare died, the couple moved to New Place.





**Anne Hathaway's Cottage**





## Mary Arden's House





# Famous people

- ◉ William Shakespeare, English poet.
- ◉ Sarah Douglas, actress, best known for her film and TV career, was born and raised in the town.
- ◉ Simon Pegg, actor, studied at Stratford-upon-Avon College
- ◉ David Bradley, actor
  
- ◉ Labour MP and actor Andrew Faulds lived in Old Town, Stratford, until his death in 2000, aged 77
- ◉ Marc Elliot, actor



# Other famous people

- Adrian Newey, famous Formula 1 engineer.
- George Macaulay Trevelyan, historian
- J. B. Priestley died here.
- Arthur C. Clarke, writer
- John Profumo, former Secretary of State for War
- Marie Corelli (real name Minnie Mackay), the romantic novelist
- Dion Dublin, footballer
- Simon Gilbert & Neil Codling of the band Suede
- Klaxons and Pull Tiger Tail, members of indie bands
  
- W. W. Quatremain, local landscape painter
- Gordon Ramsay, noted celebrity chef, and star of several cooking related shows
- Brad Moran, Australian Rules Footballer
- Andrew Pozzi, 110m hurdler
- Julia Suzuki, author
- Annie Sanders, author
- John Krasinski, actor

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