



ENGLAND'S
LITERARY
GREATS

Legendary tales for a modern-day adventure

Warwickshire



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England's literary heritage has produced a wealth of authors, books and characters that are known and adored throughout the world. The celebrated works of England's literary greats are endless and over the years both the stories and their authors have attracted an abundance of visitors to the country.

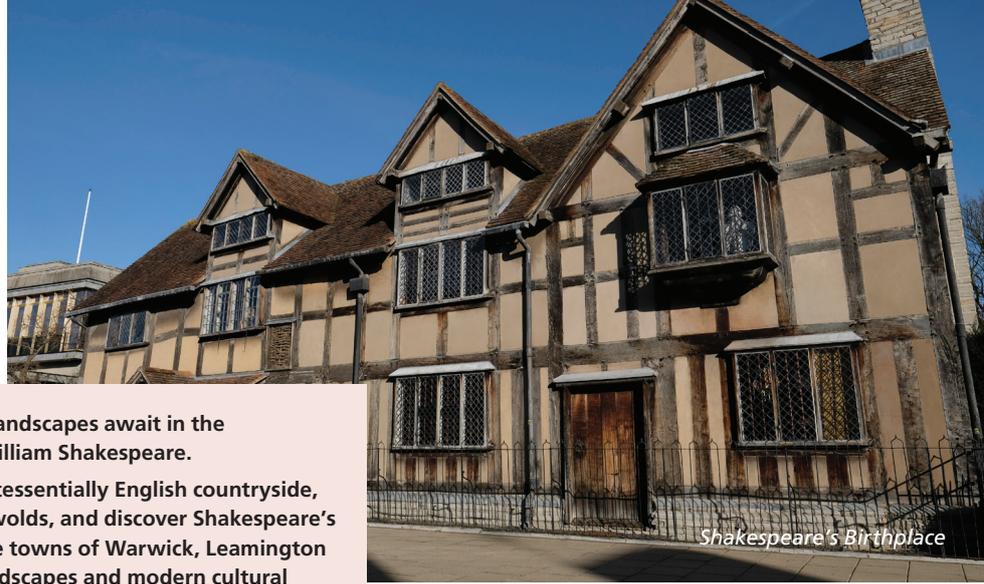
The origins of the world's greatest playwrights lie in Shakespeare's England, and to inspire your next visit, England's Literary Greats presents you Warwickshire's official visitor pass – the Explorer Pass.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Warwickshire's Explorer Pass
- Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon
- Stoneleigh Abbey
- Warwick Castle



Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Guildhall



Shakespeare's Birthplace

World renowned literature and picture-perfect landscapes await in the historic county of Warwickshire, birthplace of William Shakespeare.

A haven for visitors looking to discover the quintessentially English countryside, explore idyllic villages, roam the gorgeous Cotswolds, and discover Shakespeare's home in Stratford-upon-Avon. Visit the boutique towns of Warwick, Leamington Spa and Kenilworth to find a blend of quaint landscapes and modern cultural centres. Brimming with unspoiled historical beauty and ancient castles, Warwickshire meets every desire of the international visitor to England.

Shakespeare's England Explorer Pass

With just one ticket, the Explorer Pass provides the flexibility to discover the many unspoiled beauty spots, ancient castles and legendary tales that Warwickshire has to offer. With great benefits, the pass is available as one, two, or three-day options.

- Savings of over 45%* on attraction entrance fees
- Entry to 18 attractions in Warwickshire and beyond
- Exclusive pass holder discounts at participating shops, restaurants and hotels
- Free attraction and discount guidebook
- Free entry for children aged 0-5yrs

*Saving compared to individual walk-up ticket prices.



HOW DOES THE EXPLORER PASS WORK?

1. The Explorer Pass is bookable online
2. An e-voucher will be automatically emailed upon booking
3. The Explorer Pass can be posted* or exchanged for the e-voucher at the Stratford-upon-Avon tourist information centre
4. The Explorer Pass will activate the first time it's used at the first attraction
5. Valid for 1, 2 or 3 consecutive days

*Postage charges apply.

EXPLORER PASS PRICES

- One-day: £39.00
- Two-day: £50.00
- Three-day: £60.00



Stoneleigh Abbey Library



Stoneleigh Abbey

Explorer Pass itinerary example



DAY ONE

MORNING

- Shakespeare's Birthplace Museum
- Shakespeare's New Place Museum
- Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Guildhall
- Hall's Croft

Spend the morning exploring the life and times of Shakespeare in the beautiful market town of Stratford-upon-Avon, with several key locations relating England's most famous playwright all in a short walking distance. Take in Shakespeare's Birthplace Museum, the Schoolroom and Guildhall in which he was taught, the elegant home of his sister at Hall's Croft and Shakespeare's New Place, a modern manicured garden featuring a fascinating new exhibition dedicated to the great bard.

AFTERNOON

- Anne Hathaway's Cottage

After a leisurely 30-minute walk outside of Stratford, discover the home of Shakespeare's wife Anne Hathaway. This 500-year-old cottage features timber framed walls, a thatched roof and original furniture, with informative guides bringing the story of Shakespeare's true love to life. Within nine acres of delightful gardens you can find a sculpture trail with artworks inspired by Shakespeare and stop for refreshments in the cottage café.

DAY TWO

MORNING

- Mary Arden's Farm

Continuing the Shakespeare story, discover the childhood home of Shakespeare's mother at Mary Arden's Farm. This quaint estate features the sights, smells and sounds of an authentic Tudor farm, with costumed guides working throughout. Plenty of activities are available to delight both adults and children alike, and visitors can try their hand at rural crafts, learn about Tudor table manners, or watch stunning falconry displays.

AFTERNOON

- Stoneleigh Abbey

Lunch at the Farm or head straight to Stoneleigh Abbey to enjoy afternoon tea in The Orangery. An exceptional country house and park, Stoneleigh features some areas dating back to the 12th century. Visitors can enjoy impressive sights such as the grand Saloon and the baroque West Wing, take a guided tour explaining Jane Austen's connections to the house, or wander the grounds freely enjoying the stately atmosphere.

EXPLORER PASS SAVINGS

Three-day Explorer Pass cost: £60.00

Our three-day itinerary example attraction fees: £114.40*

Total saving: £54.40*

**Prices based on individual walk-up attraction entrance fees at time of print*



DAY THREE

MORNING

- British Motor Museum

This family friendly museum brings together the exciting history of Britain's motor industry and the largest collection of historic British cars. From stylish vintage vehicles to slick modern day motors, see a huge range of displays from manufacturers McLaren and Aston Martin to Jaguar and Landover. Explore Time Road and uncover the ground-breaking advancements of motoring, hear from knowledgeable guides, and get up close to some of the most famous cars in history.

AFTERNOON

- Warwick Castle

Take just a 10-mile journey to Warwick and head to one of England's finest medieval fortresses at the stunning Warwick Castle. Capturing the imagination of each and every visitor, its astounding 1100-year history is explained with interactive exhibitions and adventurous walk-throughs. Explore the battlements, turrets, towers and dungeons, or take a leisurely walk in the glorious gardens and grounds.

Warwick Castle



Anne Hathaway's Cottage



Holy Trinity Church, Shakespeare's Burial Site

ATTRACTIONS AVAILABLE WITH THE EXPLORER PASS

- The five Shakespeare family homes:
 - Shakespeare's Birthplace
 - Shakespeare's New Place
 - Hall's Croft
 - Anne Hathaway's Cottage
 - Mary Arden's Farm
- Warwick Castle
- Compton Verney
- Kenilworth Castle
- St Mary's Church
- Lord Leycester Hospital
- Stoneleigh Abbey
- Hill Close Gardens
- British Motor Museum
- The MAD Museum
- Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Guildhall
- Avon Boating
- The Play's The Thing Exhibition at Royal Shakespeare Company



HOW TO BOOK

The Explorer Pass is available to book directly at:

shakespeares-england.co.uk
visitbritainshop.com

More information about the included attractions and money-saving discounts can also be found on these sites.

Trade enquiries

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TOUR DISTANCES AND DRIVE TIMES

Stratford-upon-Avon – Stoneleigh
 16 miles | 25 mins

Stratford-upon-Avon – Leamington Spa
 12 miles | 23 mins

Stratford-upon-Avon – Warwick
 9 miles | 19 mins

DISTANCES AND JOURNEY TIMES TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

London
 100 miles | 2 hrs by rail | 2 hrs 15 mins by road

Oxford
 53 miles | 90 mins by rail | 1 hr 10 mins by road

York
 150 miles | 3 hrs 40 mins by rail | 3 hrs by road

Bath
 95 miles | 3 hrs 20 mins by rail | 2 hrs by road

