

EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE

CANADIAN THEATRE FESTIVALS

AUGUST 14-20, 2012

Join our excursion to ONTARIO, CANADA and its spectacular summer theatre festivals. The SHAW FESTIVAL in NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE began in 1962 as a venue for plays by George Bernard Shaw and his contemporaries and has expanded to include plays written during the period of Shaw's lifetime (1856-1950). With William Shakespeare as its foundation, the SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL in STRATFORD aims to set the standard for classical and contemporary theatre in North America. We have included six plays as well as optional selections at both festivals. There will be time to enjoy the galleries, gardens, boutiques and restaurants that enhance these two charming towns. In addition we will enjoy the splendid countryside of New York State with stops in CORNING, ITHACA, and beautiful LAKE CANANDAIGUA.

SHAW FESTIVAL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14 - Depart the Philadelphia area and enjoy a box lunch en route to ITHACA, NEW YORK. We have planned a visit to the JOHNSON MUSEUM OF ART designed by I.M. Pei & Partners in 1968 on the campus of CORNELL UNIVERSITY. By late afternoon we will arrive in charming NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE where we will check in at the QUEEN'S LANDING HOTEL for a three-night stay. Dinner is included this evening.

OPTIONAL EVENING PERFORMANCE - RAGTIME, the powerful musical about turn-of-the-century America based on the book by E. L. Doctorow

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 - The morning is free for you to enjoy the ambiance of NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, an exceptionally pretty town known for its abundance of flowers, boutiques, galleries and restaurants. You can enjoy an optional lunchtime performance of

TRouble IN TAHITI a musical look at America in the 1950s with music and libretto by Leonard Bernstein.

AFTERNOON INCLUDED PERFORMANCE – PRESENT LAUGHTER by Noel Coward, reported to be one of the highlights of the 2012 Shaw Festival Season.

OPTIONAL PLANS WILL BE MADE FOR DINNER EACH EVENING WHEN IT IS NOT INCLUDED.

EVENING INCLUDED PERFORMANCE – George Bernard Shaw's comedy, THE MILLIONAIRESS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16 - This morning you can enjoy a backstage tour at the FESTIVAL THEATRE or a visit to a nearby winery. Or you may wish to attend an

OPTIONAL AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE - COME BACK, LITTLE SHEBA, William Inge's American drama directed by Jackie Maxwell, artistic director of the SHAW FESTIVAL.

INCLUDED EVENING PERFORMANCE – Henrik Ibsen's HEDDA GABLER a new version by British theatre and film director Richard Eyre

STRATFORD SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17 – Depart NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE for STRATFORD and enjoy an historic tour of the town before checking in at the ARDEN PARK HOTEL. Relax this afternoon or attend

OPTIONAL AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE: – William Shakespeare's HENRY V

INCLUDED EVENING PERFORMANCE - William Shakespeare's MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 – Options available this morning are a backstage tour of the FESTIVAL THEATRE and a lecture by Canadian prize-winning author MARGARET ATWOOD. It is an event of the Shakespeare Festival's CELEBRATED WRITERS SERIES 2012.

INCLUDED AFTERNOON PERFORMACE - A WORD OR TWO, a one man show written, arranged and performed by CHRISTOPHER PLUMME, a journey through literature that has stirred the classical actor's imagination.

OPTIONAL EVENING PERFORMANCE – WANDERLUST, a musical play written and directed by Canadian Morris Panych, based on poems by Robert Service, aka "the bard of the Yukon"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 – Departing Stratford this morning, we will stop to see NIAGARA FALLS. Then cross the border and travel south to the magnificent FINGER LAKES, where we will spend the night at CANANDAIGUA'S INN ON THE LAKE. Lunch and dinner are included.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20 – On our homeward drive we will visit the CORNING MUSEUM OF GLASS, whose collections are the most celebrated in the world. We estimate arrival in the Philadelphia area to be about 9 PM.

TOUR COST: \$2750 per person in a double. The single supplement is **\$635**. We will make every effort to find you a roommate if you are interested. Flights can be arranged to Toronto or Buffalo if you are traveling from a different city,

INCLUDED FEATURES: six nights accommodations as described in the itinerary including tax and portorage; three dinners, two lunches, three full breakfasts; all transportation by deluxe motor coach from the Philadelphia area; admission costs for included sightseeing; five theatre tickets. The trip will be escorted by a representative from Excursions from the Square.

SPACE IS LIMITED to 34 participants. Please complete the coupon below and mail it with a deposit of \$600 to Excursions from the Square, P.O. Box 2189, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Final payment is due no later than Wednesday, May 16, 2012. We accept checks as well as **VISA, MASTERCARD** and **AMERICAN EXPRESS** for payment. Discounts are available for early booking and payment by check. Refunds may be made up to May 16 less an administrative fee of \$600. Thereafter, the cost of the trip is non-refundable unless a replacement is found. Trip cancellation insurance is available from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**. Costs are based upon a minimum of fifteen participants and an exchange rate of \$1.00US = \$1.00 Canadian.

See your travel agent or call Excursions from the Square at 215/732-8487 * www.squaretrips.com

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