

CANADIAN THEATRE FESTIVALS AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 5, 2016

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 the plays of WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE as its foundation, the STRATFORD FESTIVAL 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. Feel free to check each festival's website listed below to determine if you would like to make changes or additions according to your interests. There will be time to enjoy the galleries, gardens, boutiques and restaurants that enhance these two charming towns. We will enjoy the splendid countryside of New York State with stops in SENECA FALLS, ROCHESTER and CORNING as well as a brief stop at NIAGARA FALLS.

SHAW FESTIVAL

www.shawfest.com

MONDAY, AUGUST 29 - Depart the Philadelphia area this morning and travel north to the breathtaking FINGER LAKES area of New York State. Lunch is included in SENECA FALLS, site of the first Woman's Convention in 1848. Continuing on to ONTARIO, CANADA, we will check in at the beautiful QUEEN'S LANDING HOTEL, in NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE for a three-night stay. Dinner is included this evening at the hotel. (L,D)

<u>TUESDAY, AUGUST 30</u> - The morning is free for you to enjoy the exquisite ambiance of **NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**, a town full of flowers, boutiques, galleries and restaurants. We are including

2 PM included performance of Thornton Wilder's classic OUR TOWN

8 PM optional performance of ENGAGED by WS Gilbert

ANOTHER OPTION FOR THIS EVENING

Gourmet dinner at one of Niagara-on-the-Lake's spectacular wineries.

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31 – An optional tour of the FESTIVAL THEATRE is planned for this morning.

11.30 AM optional lunchtime performance THE ADVENTURES OF A BLACK GIRL IN HER SEARCH FOR GOD adapted from a story by George Bernard Shaw

2 PM included performance of MRS. WARREN'S PROFESSION by George Bernard Shaw

8 PM included performance of A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE by Oscar Wilde

STRATFORD FESTIVAL

www.stratfordfestival.ca

<u>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1</u> – Depart **NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE** this morning for **STRATFORD** and check in at the **ARDEN PARK HOTEL. (D)** Lunch is on your own at the hotel before

2 PM optional performance of JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN by Henrik Ibsen

8 PM Included evening performance of MACBETH by William Shakespeare

Dinner is included this evening in STRATFORD. Breakfast is included daily in STRATFORD.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 – Enjoy an historic tour of STRATFORD this morning before a

2 PM optional performance of AS YOU LIKE IT by William Shakespeare

8 PM Included performance of THE HYPOCHONDRIAC by MOLIERE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 – The morning is free. We are offering an optional tour of the FESTIVAL THEATRE

2 PM included performance of A CHORUS LINE with music by Marvin Hamlisch

8 PM Optional performance of HENRY IV Part 2 and Henry V by William Shakespeare

<u>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4</u> - Depart Stratford this morning and enjoy a brief stop at **NIAGARA FALLS**. Enjoy an included box lunch as we cross the border back into the **USA**. Continue driving along **LAKE ONTARIO** to **ROCHESTER NY** where we will visit the **MEMORIAL ART GALLERY** and spend the night. Dinner is included this evening. **(B,D)**

<u>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5</u> – Today is **LABOR DAY.** We will make a stop at the **CORNING MUSEUM OF GLASS** in **CORNING, NY** on our return trip to the **PHILADELPHIA** area.

<u>TOUR COST</u>: **\$2950** per person double occupancy. The single supplement is **\$560**. We will make every effort to find you a roommate if interested. <u>INCLUDED FEATURES</u>: Seven nights' accommodations including tax and porterage; three dinners, two lunches, four breakfasts; transportation throughout by deluxe motor coach from the Philadelphia area; museum admission costs; six theatre tickets. The trip will be escorted by a representative from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**. Please note that a valid passport is required for travel to and from Canada. **SAVE \$150 IF YOU RESERVE BY APRIL 15**.

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 Tuesday, May 31, 2016. We accept VISA, MASTERCARD and AMERICAN EXPRESS for an additional fee. Full refund may be made up to May 31 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.