



AUTHENTIC WALKING AND HIKING TOURS SINCE 1985

Walking the Shakespeare Way

Self Guided



HIGHLIGHTS

- Stratford - on - Avon
- Cotswolds
- Blenheim Palace
- Oxford

TOUR DATES

April to September

ACCOMMODATIONS

Quaint and Authentic English Inn's and B&B's

COST INCLUDES

- All Accommodations
- Luggage transfers
- Trail maps and trail notes
- Local emergency contact

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The Shakespeare Way follows a route that the great poet and playwright may have taken when he left his birthplace, Stratford-on-Avon, for London sometime between 1585 and 1588. We cannot know the exact route that he took but we know that he had connections in Oxford with his friend and inn-keeper, John Davenant, while he was of course familiar with the countryside of Warwickshire and probably of the Cotswolds, which feature in Richard II. The Shakespeare Way passes through some beautiful places and beside notable landmarks, including the Rollright Stones, Chipping Norton, Woodstock (close to Blenheim Palace and the burial place of Sir Winston Churchill at Bladon), Oxford, Marlow, Cookham, and Kew, before finishing at the recreation of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in Southwark, London. The route can be followed in either direction and taken on in sections.

Section 1 Stratford-on-Avon to Chipping Norton

Day 1: Arrive Stratford-on-Avon for overnight.

Day 2: Stratford to Alderminster (7 miles)

Day 3: Alderminster to Shipston-on-Stour (10 miles)

Day 4: Shipston to Chipping Norton (14 miles)

Day 5: Departure

Section 2 Chipping Norton to Oxford

Day 1: Arrive Chipping Norton for overnight

Day 2: Chipping Norton to Woodstock (16 miles)

Day 3: Woodstock to Oxford (11 miles)

Day 4: Departure

Section 3 Oxford to Marlow

Day 1: Arrive Oxford for overnight

Day 2: Oxford to Chiselhampton (10 miles) or Stadhampton (11 miles) or Chalgrove (13 miles)

Day 3: To Cookley Green, Upper Maidensgrove, or Pishill (up to 15 miles)

Day 4: To Hambleton (up to 9 miles) or to Marlow (up to 20 miles)

Day 5: Departure or continue to Marlow for overnight

Section 4 Marlow to London

Day 1: Arrive Marlow for overnight

Day 2: Marlow to Farnham Common (11 miles)

Day 3: Farnham Common to Iver (9 miles)

Day 4: Iver to Kew/Chiswick (14/15 miles)

Day 5: Kew/Chiswick to Southwark (16/15 miles)

Day 6: Depart