

# LITERARY LEGENDS BY SEA AND BY LAND



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## Overview and Itinerary

This hosted trip consists of a seven day transatlantic crossing from New York City to Southampton aboard Cunard's iconic Queen Mary 2 followed by a six day land excursion to Stratford-on-Avon and London. The group would spend three nights at each destination with the option to extend the visit in London.

Queen Mary II will depart New York City on May 16, 2014 and during the crossing, Dr. Graham Roebuck, internationally respected scholar of literary history, will be conducting talks and informal discussions focussing on the Golden Age of English, the era of Shakespeare, Donne, Jonson and Milton. Enrich your travel with the inexhaustible treasures of the great minds of the English Renaissance, and other greats, ancient and modern. Upon arrival in Southampton the group will board a luxury, air-conditioned coach accompanied by a professional Tour Director (provided by Trafalgar Tours of Canada. The Tour Director will accompany the group for the duration of the land excursion.) and travel to Stratford-on-Avon. Highlights of this portion of the trip include sites rich with historical and literary associations such as Stonehenge and Oxford en route to Stratford, and while in Stratford, guided trips to Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Shakespeare's birthplace, Hall's Croft (home of Shakespeare's daughter) and New Place (the home where Shakespeare died). The group will see two plays at the Royal Shakespearean Theatre and it is also hoped that a tour of the theatre can be arranged. Throughout the visit, Dr. Roebuck will be providing insights and commentary regarding the sites which are viewed and the plays seen. After three nights in Stratford the group will travel to London via Bladon and the Cotswolds. Excursions in London include a half-day tour of the city as well as the opportunity to see at least one show. Dr. Roebuck also hopes to conduct a walking tour of Elizabethan London and a tour of the Globe Theatre. (Please note that the exact itinerary will be announced closer to the departure date.) After three nights in London, the group will depart on May 29.

## Special Offers

- 1) Shipboard credit of \$25.00 - \$50.00 USD per person depending on category of cabin booked. An inside/oceanview cabin would receive the lower amount while a balcony category or above would receive the latter amount.
- 2) One or two bottles of wine (determined by category of cabin booked)
- 3) Chocolate covered strawberries (or equivalent)
- 4) One day transit pass in London

## Fare

\*Cruise fare starting from: \$1214 Inside | \$1423 Oceanview | \$1566 Balcony

\*Land fare starting from: \$2175

\* Pricing is in Canadian Funds, per person based on double occupancy. With regard to the cruise pricing, taxes of approximately \$52.00 are not included. Transportation to New York and return from London is not included but can be arranged. The cruise and land excursion may be booked separately. A minimum of 25 guests is required in order for the trip to be accompanied by Dr. Roebuck.

Included in the land pricing are the following:

- 6 nights' accommodation in double rooms in 4-star category hotels
- English Breakfast daily, plus 1 lunch and 2 set menu local dinners, including a Farewell dinner in London on May 28, 2014, as indicated in the itinerary. Beverages except water, tea and coffee are not included with lunch or dinners.
- All hotel service charges, local taxes, hotel baggage handling (One bag per person) and gratuities for driver(s), guides and tour assistant (if applicable)
- Travel by 49 seat luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and onboard facilities May 23 - 26, 2014
- Local coach services for half day sightseeing in London on May 2, for return theatre transfer on May 27 and return dinner transfer May 28
- Licensed local half-day Guide in London
- Theatre tickets (2) for RSC Theatre in Stratford and one (1) theatre ticket in London (per person)
- Sightseeing as per itinerary

## Our Host

Graham Roebuck, Ph.D. University College, London, winner of the highest award for teaching excellence at his university, is Professor Emeritus, McMaster University. He is currently Director of the McMaster Stratford Seminars on Shakespeare and the Theatre (since 1986), past President of the John Donne Society, past President of the Toronto Renaissance and Reformation Colloquium and visiting Research Fellow at the Center for Renaissance Studies, University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He has published widely and lectured in many scholarly settings, on early modern literature, science (especially the development of mathematical navigation), theology and historiography. Please visit his website at: <http://www.grahamroebuck.com/>.

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