

STRATFORD GETAWAY

Featuring the Elm Hurst Inn

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July 18-19, 2024

Price per Person \$469 Double | \$549 Single

Tour Highlights & Inclusions

- Romeo & Juliet at the Festival Theatre
- Stay at the Elm Hurst Inn & Spa
- Downtown
 Shopping
- Shakespearean Gardens
- High Tea at Marcanda Tea Room & Gifts
- Motorcoach Transportation
- 3 Included Meals



A Theatre & Shopping Destination

Stratford is one of Ontario's premier arts destinations for live theatre, music, museums and galleries. Every year, theatre lovers flock to Stratford for the annual Stratford Festival, a world-class celebration of all things Shakespeare.

The town is also known for its historic Victorian streets lined with cafés, bistros and unique shops. Stratford's Shakespearean Gardens is home to varieties of herbs, flowers and shrubs that feature in the Bard's plays.



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Day 1: Thursday, July 18: (D)

Depart Southgate, MI for Stratford, Ontario. You will have an independent lunch at one of the boutique restaurants in Downtown Stratford. Arrive at the **Festival Theatre** for a special production of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Tickets will be in the A+ seating (best in the house!) You will have a choice between main floor and balcony seating.

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After the performance, we will head to Ingersoll for our overnight stay at the **Elm Hurst Inn & Spa**. A southwestern Ontario landmark, the Elm Hurst Inn & Spa combines historic charm and scenic beauty with the modern amenities today's travelers have come to expect from a premier boutique hotel. The Elm Hurst mansion was built in 1872 as the personal residence of James Harris and family. A fine example of the Gothic Revival style, it remained a stately family home for more than a century.

An exquisite dinner is planned this evening at the hotel with their renowned chef, Phillippe, who has worked in Michelin restaurants in France with Chef Guy Savoy.

Day 2: Friday, July 19: (B,L)

After an included breakfast, head back to Downtown Stratford for a visit to the **Shakespearean Gardens.** The gardens are beautiful and are prizewinning gardens. The Perth County Courthouse is surrounded by a pergola, as well as the oldest double-arch stone bridge in Ontario. The gardens have 60 varieties of herbs, flowers, and shrubs which are all Shakespeare's contemporaries and are mentioned in his plays. All these beautiful blooms are framed by thrift and boxwood with fragrant roses over the stone walls. Near the gardens, there is a river that flows to the east where you will find the beautiful cenotaph, which is an inspiring monument dedicated to the fallen soldiers. Guests are encouraged to sit on the benches of this beautiful oasis and think of those that have made sacrifices during times of war.

You will have **free time for shopping** the many local stores of Stratford, including specialty shops and bakeries that are a part of Stratford's chocolate trail.

Lunch today is an exquisite **afternoon high tea at Marcanda Tea Room** before returning home. The theatre will not hold any tickets after May 3 for our group. Please register by then to avoid a price increase and for assured availability.

\$50 Deposit Due With Registration Final Payment Due: May 3 Please fill in this form and return with your **\$50 deposit per person** to Custom Holidays to hold your space. **Final payment due May 3. \$25 cancellation fee if canceled by May 3.** If you **cancel May 4 or after, there is no refund.** Reservations made after final payment date are based on availability. Make checks payable to Custom Holidays. *All Credit Card payments are subject to a non-refundable 2% surcharge*

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