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LONDON ON STAGE

August 13th - 20th 2023

In May 1989, following my second year of teaching at Dickinson, I received the wonderful opportunity to travel to London for the first time. I was co-teaching with a diligent and thorough visiting professor of history named Alan Lessoff, and for just under six weeks—and in the company of an adventurous and energetic student cohort—we had a most exhilarating time in one of the world's truly great cities.

Simply put: I love London, and I am so looking forward to leading yet another group to London. If there is any experience that could possibly match the fun and festivity of sharing London with our students, it might be sharing it all with our alumni! And if this trip will be your first visit to London, or would reacquaint you with a wonderful city, the journey we have created has one unifying goal for everyone—to experience, explore and celebrate London and all the riches it has to offer.



From our hotel, the whole of London's West End lies at our feet, with an only slightly longer walk across the river to the vibrant National Theatre and South Bank Centre. We will savor all that London has to offer now, with an eye also on the city's rich

performance history. We'll take in productions at the recreation of Shakespeare's 16th-century Globe Theatre and explore the varied 19th-century heritage of the West End and the 20th century's development of the National Theatre.

And for those interested in broadening your English experience, the optional extension to Stratford-Upon-Avon is the ideal complement. This bustling market town was home to a young William Shakespeare and is now home to many and moving memorials, including a fascinating museum using the house in which he grew up and his final resting place in the charming Trinity Church. But perhaps the most vital memorial to Shakespeare is the Royal Shakespeare Company and its world-class productions. To see his plays performed steps from his birthplace and in the shadow of his resting place will be a unique experience indeed.

I'd love to have you join us for what I am confident will be an extraordinary time in an extraordinary place, with extraordinary people.

Todd Wronski, Professor of Theatre

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The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy is:

LA	ND ONLY:	\$4780
SIN	\$1250	
THE FOLLO	WING SERVICES ARE INCLUDE	D:
HOTELS:	6 nights' accommodation in a	first class hotel includin

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	all hotel taxes and service charges, and porterage of one		
	large suitcase per person		
COACHING:	All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary		
MEALS:	Breakfast daily, 1 afternoon tea, and 4 dinners		
GUIDES:	Dickinson Professor Todd Wronski and Discover Europe		
	tour guide throughout		
GUESTS:	1 theatre critic, 1 member of the government and at least		
	1 actor/director		
ENTRANCES:	Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary		
TICKETS:	Best seats to 4 major productions		
TRANSFERS:	Airport transfers included to and from London Heathrow		

Optional Stratford-Upon-Avon Extension: The cost of the extension is \$2,140 per person for double occupancy (single supplement: \$380). This includes 3 nights' accommodation, breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, Discover Europe tour guide throughout, best seats to 2 major productions and entrance tickets to all sites listed in the itinerary.

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.





SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. OVERNIGHT: PLANE

MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH - Your tour guide will be at the hotel this morning greeting various arrivals (airport arrival transfers are included). This afternoon we will gather for a reception and briefing to look at the itinerary in greater detail, and all other aspects of the tour - from extra performances and major exhibitions, to recommended restaurants and shopping, followed by an introductory lecture by Professor Wronski, and a welcome dinner at the hotel. **(D) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH - We spend this morning at the Globe Theatre on the south bank of the River Thames in Southwark, taking a guided tour of the museum exhibits and the theatre starting at 10:30 am. Built as an almost exact replica of Shakespeare's London base, it is close to the site of the

original building. Our tour will be followed by a workshop conducted by the theatre staff giving an insight into how plays were staged in Elizabethan times. The afternoon is free. This evening begins with a second lecture from Professor Wronski, followed by a theatre performance - probably at the Globe (schedule permitting). **(B) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH - This morning we will gather in a meeting room and be joined by Michael Billington (subject to availability), recently retired theatre critic from the *Guardian* newspaper. He will lead a discussion on the state of London theatre in general and on the performances you are about to see. After a break for lunch, we will have a tour (subject to confirmation) of the Royal Albert Hall, London's most prestigious concert venue. This evening we will enjoy best seats for another included theatre performance. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17^m - This morning we visit the newly-refurbished Courtauld Gallery (re-opened Nov 19, 2021). Located in magnificent Somerset House, a neoclassical palace, built to house governement and public offices in the late 18th century, the Courtauld contains one the most important art collections in the world. After free time for lunch, we will gather again at the National Theatre on London's South Bank for a private backstage tour. This will be followed by supper at the theatre restaurant, where we will hopefully be joined by one of the theatre staff, and then by a performance at one of the theatres that make up the National Theatre complex. (B, D) **OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH - We begin the day with a meeting with Lord Lexden for a discussion of major issues of the day for both the UK

and USA. Lord Lexden is a member of the House of Lords, a major government advisor and the official historian of the Conservative Party. Early this evening, we gather at the hotel to enjoy the third lecture from Professor Wronski. The rest of the evening is free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

TRINITY CHURCH, STRATFORD

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19^m - A final free day in the city. We'll meet back at the hotel for High Tea and this evening, we attend our final theatre performance. After the performance we will gather for a farewell drink in the hotel bar. **(B, T) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH - Morning transfers to London's Heathrow Airport for returning flights to the U.S., or, alternatively, you can stay on and visit Stratford-upon-Avon. (B) OVERNIGHT: HOME

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON EXTENSION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH - This morning, we drive to Stratford-upon-Avon, pausing to view the Rollright Stones, and passing through the village of Shipston. From here we head into the heart of the Cotswolds and stop for lunch in the picture-perfect village of Bourton-on-the-Water. We continue on through the beauty of the Cotswold Hills and arrive in Stratford in time to check in and unpack before dinner (included) at the hotel this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: STRATFORD-UPON-AVON**

MONDAY, AUGUST 21^{sr} - This morning we will have a backstage tour of the main theatre and then meet with one of the senior theatre staff for a lecture/discussion on the work of the Royal Shake-

speare Company in the modern day. We will adjourn for lunch at the Dirty Duck (actually named the Black Swan!), just along the road from the theatre and a favorite drinking spot for the actors (but only after the performance, of course). This afternoon we'll explore the town with visits included to the Trinity Church (where Shakespeare was christened and is buried) and to the Shakespeare Birthplace Museum. Here we will have a special presentation on the history of performance of one of the plays that we will be attending while in town. You will have time to find an early pub supper before we attend a performance at the main theatre of the RST complex. (B, L) **OVERNIGHT: STRATFORD-UPON-AVON**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND - This morning we'll drive the short distance to Kenilworth for a visit to the castle. Kenilworth is one of the most romantic ruined castles in the country and had its heyday in Elizabethan times, when Shakespeare was at the height of his inspiration. We'll stop for lunch in a country pub before returning to Stratford for a free afternoon. We'll enjoy a farewell dinner at the hotel this evening before attending a final performance at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. (B, L, D) **OVERNIGHT: STRATFORD-UPON-AVON**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD - Morning transfer to Heathrow Airport for returning afternoon flights to the US (return flights should not be booked departing before 1:00 pm). (B) OVERNIGHT: HOME

Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **L** - lunch, **T** - Afternoon Tea, **D** - dinner

Your Host: Todd Wronski

Todd, a professor of theatre, has served on the Dickinson faculty for the past 35 years. He served as the director of the Dickinson humanities program in England for four years and has taught or co-taught 10 summer-session study-abroad programs based in London, including "England: City-Country, Mind-Body," "Place and Performance, Religious and Theatrical" and "London: The Political Arts." Before coming to Dickinson, Todd was active in professional regional theatre, with credits including work with the Guthrie Theater, the Dallas Theater Center and others. As a director and producer, Todd's productions have been presented at international venues including Randolph Studio (Edinburgh, Scotland), the Berliner Arbeiter Theatre (Berlin, Germany), the UEA Studio Theatre (Norwich, England), and the Teatro Bicchieraia (Arezzo, Italy). Todd's recent performances include playing Mark Twain opposite British actor Tom Watson in *Dickens and Twain: A Special Relationship* in England, Scotland and the U.S., and reviving his one-man play based on the life and writings of William Saroyan (to mark the centenary of Saroyan's birth), which was performed in San Francisco, Fresno, New York City and Yerevan, Armenia. He holds an MFA degree from Trinity University and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.



Registration Form

General Instructions

- 1. Please type or print.
- 2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
- 3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on this form.
- 4. Complete both sides of this form.
- 5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person, if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

- **NAME(S).** Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Please also include your "Known As" or preferred name, if applicable.
- **PASSPORT DETAILS.** This information is required by airlines and having it helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
- ADDRESS. If you have a temporary address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
- **DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.** Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
- **HEALTH INFORMATION**. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

TRIP DETAILS

Please fill in the name of the trip you wish to register for, the departure and return dates and your departure airport or city.

Emergency Contact

This information is essential.

INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

- 1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour, or if you wish to deviate from the group flights, Discover Europe will be happy to make your flight arrangements for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
- 2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost. It is essential that we receive your complete flight information <u>at least</u> 90 days prior to your trip departure.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

- A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please use this section to let us know your preference. We will always book non-smoking rooms when available.
- If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.

PAYMENT PROTECTION PLAN

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

- 1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
- 2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
- 3. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
- 4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., Dickinson College, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
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- 6. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and laws of the countries in your itinerary, including local health and safety regulations, and following the directions of the tour guide. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your health, condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- 1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form (if it has not already been paid).
- 2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure. A late fee of \$100 per person may be added to balances still outstanding 60 days prior to departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

Emergency Contact Information

Name: ______

Primary Telephone: (_____)

FLIGHT INFORMATION (Please check one)

Departure Airport or City: _

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: DYes DNo

If self-arranged, please provide us with the full details by mail or email **at least** 90 days prior to departure.

EXTENSION INFORMATION

I/we plan on extending before or after the tour: □Yes □No If yes, I would like to extend to: _____

- 1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
- 2. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.
- 3. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 15-20 participants. Should we end up with less than 15 people, we will determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
- 4. Late registrations (received within 60 days of departure) may also incur extra fees and charges as discounted rates for hotels and airfares may no longer be available so close to departure. Participants will be made aware of any such charges before their registration is accepted.

REFUND POLICY

- 1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty per person*.
- 2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
 - 90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person*
 - 60 days trip departure: no refund (unless traveler has insurance)
- 3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the payment schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
- 4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
- 5. Trip cancellation insurance is *not* included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you upon registration.
- 6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
- 7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
- 8. Your place on this tour is not transferable.
- * Unless enrolled in our payment protection plan

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

 \Box I will be sharing with: _____

- 1. All inclusions are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
- 2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS (Please check one)

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□ I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

We would like a □double □twin-bedded room

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.

I would like to enroll in the Payment Protection Plan.

SIGNATURES

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

SIGNATURE: ____

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