

Come celebrate the 66th season at the Stratford Festival of Canada.

In 1952 three visionary people had a unique idea - to establish a festival of Shakespearean theatre in the small southwestern Ontario city of Stratford. They were journalist Tom Patterson, stage director Tyrone Guthrie, and designer Tanya Moiseiwitsch. Their dream came true on the night of July 13, 1953 when actor Alec Guinness stepped onto the stage to speak the opening words of *Richard III*. An extraordinary adventure in Canadian cultural life had begun.

In the years since, internationally acclaimed performers such as Hume Cronyn, Colm Feore, Lorne Greene, Julie Harris, Christopher Plummer, William Shatner, Maggie Smith and Jessica Tandy have graced the stages at the Stratford Festival.

Today the Festival employs more than 840 people (460 year-round) features more than 650 performances over a 28-week season in three theatres.

Stratford and surrounding Perth County are filled with history and natural beauty. It is an area made rich by the talents of artists and farmers, tradespeople and professionals all working together to build a friendly and active community in Southwestern Ontario.

Deposit: \$125 deposit per person is required to confirm your reservations.

Final payment is due May 20, 2019

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We experience a **Costume Warehouse Tour** with an opportunity to try on! For a moment in time, become a member of the company! With over 25,000 costumes and pieces your imagination can take you anywhere.

Our accommodations are two nights at **Best Western Plus the Arden Park Hotel** located on Ontario Street just a 20-minute walk from downtown. All rooms feature hairdryers, coffee makers, a mini refrigerator, iron and ironing board. There is an indoor heated pool and in-ground whirlpool to pamper yourself.

Enhance your visit to Stratford with a stroll in the charming downtown area with landscaped gardens and irresistible shops.

The following three plays will enlighten us through the diverse theater performances:

Mother's Daughter

By Kate Hennig

World premiere, commissioned by Stratford Festival

This play is a world premiere, commissioned by the Stratford Festival. Upon the death of Edward VI, the princess Mary – daughter of Henry VIII and Kathrine of Aragon – easily wrests the throne from Edward's official heir. But Mary remains haunted by her mother's ghost, urging her toward the course that will earn her the nickname of Bloody Mary. Following *The Last Wife* and *The Virgin Trial*, the exploration of women, power and the nature of leadership concludes Kate Hennig's brilliant Queenmaker Trilogy.

Private Lives

By Noel Coward

Divorced for five years, Elyot and Amanda are reunited by chance – while honeymooning with their new spouses. Succumbing to raging ex appeal, they run off together to Paris, only to discover all over again – hilariously that there's more than one way to drive each other crazy.

Billy Elliot the Musical

Book & Lyrics by Lee Hall

Music by Elton John

Dreams don't come easy in the mining town, riven by a bitter national strike, where 11-year-old Billy lives with his bereaved family. But Billy's discovery of his talent for dance awakens in him a passion that will transform his life and win the hearts of his whole community. With its inspirational story, breathtaking dance numbers and music by pop legend Elton John, this award-winning show will appeal to all.

Wednesday, June 26 (D)

- Depart Big Rapids at 7AM
- 8 AM Grand Rapids pick-up at the AMC movie theatre Alpine Ave
- Port Huron Border - Blue Water Bridge –Welcome Center in Canada
- Masonville Place Mall - London, Ontario Canada (Lunch on own)
- Dinner at the Best Western Plus the Arden Park Hotel Stratford Ontario
- 8:00 PM show *Mother's Daughter* at Studio Theatre in Stratford Ontario

Thursday, June 27 (B)

- Hot/Cold Breakfast Buffet at Hotel
- Costume Warehouse Tour
- Free time to explore Stratford
- 2 PM performance of *Private Lives* at AVON Theatre in Stratford Ontario
- 8:00 PM show *Billy Elliot the Musical* at Festival Theatre in Stratford Ontario

Friday, June 28 (B, L)

- Hot/Cold Breakfast at the Hotel
- Stop at the Canadian Duty-Free Shop
- Cross Blue Water Bridge and enjoy a group lunch at Atrium in Port Huron MI
- Return Grand Rapids approximately 4 PM and Big Rapids approx. 5:15 PM

Trip Insurance:

Trip cancellation insurance is an option available on multiple day tours. Please check the appropriate box on the reservation form and the insurance form will be mailed with your confirmation letter. The insurance provider is Travelex Insurance Services.

Disclaimer:

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TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

- **TRANSPORTATION:** via deluxe motorcoach
- **ACCOMMODATIONS:**
 - 2 nights at Best Western Plus the Arden Park Hotel in Stratford Ontario
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING:** 1 bag per person
- **ADMISSIONS & SIGHTSEEING** featuring:
 - *Mother's Daughter* – World Premiere - Studio Theatre
 - *Private Lives* - Avon Theatre
 - *Billy Elliot the Musical* - Festival Theatre
 - Costume Warehouse Tour
- **FOUR MEALS:**
 - 2-B / 1-L / 1-D – as listed in itinerary
- **TAXES AND GRATUITIES:**
 - for all group functions included
- **JUICE AND SWEETROLLS:**
 - on June 26 enroute to Canada
- **ESCORTED** by MJ Keating, Tour Director

Tour Cost:

\$860 single occupancy

\$685 per person/double occupancy



**STRATFORD
FESTIVAL
66th SEASON
Stratford, Ontario, Canada**

June 26-28, 2019
(Wednesday – Friday)



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\$685 per person/double occ.
\$125 deposit required to reserve
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