

Come celebrate the 67th 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 10, 2020

Please make checks payable to: MJ TOURS



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:

Here's What It Takes

Book by Daniel MacIvor
World premiere, commissioned by Stratford Festival
Director and Choreographer Donna Feore

With an original score by Canadian Music Hall of Famer Steven Page, this brand new musical charts the journey of fictional rock duo Walker and Rhodes, from their start as children's entertainers through their reign as pop stars of the nineties, to their eventual decline and breakup. It's a roller coaster ride of creative highs, living the life lows – and great music.

CHICAGO

Music by John Kander, Lyrics by Fred Ebb
Director and Choreographer Donna Feore

Aspiring chorus girl Roxie Hart and vaudeville star Velma Kelly compete for the skills of shady lawyer Billy Flynn and the media numbers he has promised them both. With its killer score and knock-em-dead dance numbers, this deliciously lurid tale of murder, greed, adultery – and all that jazz – packs some serious heat.

All's Well That Ends Well

By William Shakespeare
Director Scott Wentworth

Having worked a seemingly miraculous cure on the painfully afflicted King of France, Helena, an orphaned doctor's daughter, claims as her reward the hand of Bertram, the young lord she adores. But he so despises her that she'd need another miracle to win his heart. Helena's no quitter, and she knows a trick or two to get what she wants.

Tuesday, June 23 (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 *Here's What It Takes* at the new Tom Patterson Theatre in Stratford Ontario

Wednesday, June 24 (B)

- Hot/Cold Breakfast Buffet at the Hotel
- Free time to explore Stratford
- 2 PM performance of *CHICAGO* at Festival Theatre in Stratford Ontario
- 8:00 PM show *All's Well That Ends Well* at Tom Patterson Theatre in Stratford Ontario

Thursday, June 25 (B, L)

- Hot/Cold Breakfast at the Hotel
- Stop at the Canadian Duty-Free Shop
- Cross Blue Water Bridge and enjoy a group lunch in Port Huron MI
- Return Grand Rapids approximately 4 PM and Big Rapids approx. 5:30 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:

MJ Tours LLC does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services or accommodations for your tour. As a result, MJ Tours LLC is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such supplier or of any other third party over whom MJ Tours LLC has no control.

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

- **TRANSPORTATION:** via deluxe motorcoach
- **ACCOMMODATIONS:**
- 2 nights at Best Western Plus the Arden Park Hotel in Stratford Ontario
- **ADMISSIONS & SIGHTSEEING** featuring:
- *Here's What It Takes* – World Premiere – Tom Patterson Theatre
- *Alls Well That Ends Well* - Tom Patterson Theatre
- *CHICAGO the Musical* - Festival Theatre
- **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 23 enroute to Canada
- **ESCORTED** by MJ Keating, Tour Director

Tour Cost:

\$895 single occupancy

\$715 per person/double occupancy

\$665 per person/triple occupancy



**STRATFORD
FESTIVAL
67th SEASON
Stratford, Ontario, Canada**

June 23-25, 2020
(Tuesday – Thursday)



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