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## **DISCOVER STRATFORD-UPON-AVON IN 72 HOURS**

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*Explore the unique history of Stratford with a weekend in Shakespeare's England. Enjoy beautiful parks, fantastic food and the home of the greatest playwright of all time .*

*Journey to the heart of England*  
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# WELCOME TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Based in either Stratford-upon -Avon, Warwick or Royal Leamington Spa, visit Britain's ultimate Castle, Warwick Castle, or take a taste of the new Shakespeare Gin. Explore the unique history of the region and the greatest playwright of all time William Shakespeare at The Shakespeare's Birthplace or one of the other historic houses. Enjoy beautiful parks and fantastic food. The Heart of England has a lot to offer!

Please see our day activity itineraries below for inspiration and ideas for visits to Stratford.



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# SAMPLE PROGRAMME FOR EXPLORING STRATFORD

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## Day 1

### Morning

Experience a fun day out at [Warwick Castle](#). Have an epic adventure with all the family surrounded by jaw-dropping history, magic and myth! Stunning scenery, inside and out, Eagle shows, Knights' performances, Trebuchet Show and much more.

### Afternoon

Explore the [British Motor Museum](#) - the world's largest collection of historic British cars - take part in themed trails, experience touch screen exhibits and understand how a car works in the Interactive Zone.



## Day 2

### Morning

Visit [Shakespeare's Birthplace](#) to walk in Shakespeare's footsteps and explore the house where he was born and grew up. Hear tales of Shakespeare's family life, enjoy live theatre on demand and get up close to rare artefacts from the Trust's world class collections. Visit [Shakespeare's Schoolroom](#) to see where William Shakespeare spent his schooldays and first experienced live theatre.

### Afternoon

Enjoy [Afternoon Tea](#) in [Hathaway Tea Rooms](#) situated at number nineteen, High Street, Stratford upon Avon, in one of the town's most historic buildings and enjoy their famous scones.

Or pay a visit the new [Shakespeare Distillery](#), an artesian small batch spirit producer in Stratford-upon-Avon, serving Gin with a twist of history. The Tudor period in which Shakespeare lived, was a significant time for spirit production. The monasteries had a stranglehold on distillation and its primary purpose in their hands was medicinal.

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## Day 2 Continued

The Tudor period became a time of great discovery and experimentation within the world of spirit production as people soon discovered it could be a very nice recreational drink too. At Shakespeare Distillery the aim is to recapture this period of innovation by fusing traditional and in some cases forgotten ingredients with modern techniques to create exciting new spirits.

If time allows, spend an hour at [Stratford-upon-Avon's Butterfly Farm](#) and discover many of the world's most beautiful butterflies in an exotic environment of tropical blossom.

## Day 3 Morning

Explore the ruins of [Kenilworth Castle](#) best known as the home of Robert Dudley, the great love of Queen Elizabeth I. Dudley created an ornate palace here to impress his Queen in 1575. You can follow in the footsteps of Queen Elizabeth I in the authentically recreated Elizabethan Garden. Lost to the world for over 400 years, it is now open to visitors.

## Afternoon

Visit [Royal Leamington Spa](#), with its wide boulevards, stunning architecture, award-winning parks it is a delightful Regency town to explore – often described as ‘the best bits of London within a 10 minute walk’. Visit [Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum](#), grab your drinks and homemade delights in the [Royal Pump Rooms Café](#) in the same building on [The Parade](#) and cross the road for a stroll at beautiful and inspiring [Jephson Gardens](#) listed as Grade II on the English Heritage register of historic parks and gardens.



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## Accommodation options

Stratford-Upon-Avon offers a great selection of both hotel and small independent accommodation:

- [Avonlea B&B](#) in Stratford-upon-Avon
- [DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel](#) in Stratford-upon-Avon
- [Macdonald Alveston Manor Hotel](#) in Stratford-upon-Avon
- [Hallmark Hotel The Welcombe](#) in Stratford-upon-Avon
- [Stratford Manor Hotel](#) in Stratford-upon-Avon
- [The Globe](#) in Warwick
- [The Mallory Court Country House Hotel & SPA](#) in Royal Leamington Spa



For more information about days out in Stratford-upon-Avon, please visit:

<https://shakespeares-england.co.uk/>