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WELCOME TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON!

Dominated by one man's legacy, Stratford is a pretty, historic market town, a place of wobbly old houses... the home of poet and playwright, William Shakespeare! There's a multitude of Shakespeare-related attractions in here – from his Birthplace to one of the world's best known theatre companies. This along with the town's other attractions means that you won't be bored today!

Did you know... Shakespeare invented lots of words – over 1700! They include such common expressions as: fashionable, lonely, gossip, worthless, elbow, bedroom, excitement, compromise, negotiate, torture, skim milk....

Attractions

Harvard House (6) - This beautiful house dating from 1596 was home of the mother of John Harvard, who founded Harvard University in 1638.

⌚ See it from outside.

Butterfly Farm (7) - The UK's largest tropical butterfly paradise! Enjoy the unique pleasure of watching hundreds of the world's most colourful butterflies flying all around in the tropical greenhouse. You can even spot some parrots and iguana! ⌚ 10:00-16:00 (last entry). Adult: £6.25, concession £5.75.

Try something outside of the box... **MAD Museum (8)** - This Mechanical Art & Design museum offers a wonderful collection of machines and extravaganza of visual entertainment! It also includes outside garden with wind and water powered features and sculptures to blow you away! ⌚ 11:00-17:00. Adult: £6.80, concession £5.50.

Anne Hathaway's Cottage (9) - Discover where the young Shakespeare courted his future bride Anne Hathaway at her picturesque thatched farmhouse with stunning gardens. ⌚ Sep-Oct 09:00-17:00, Nov-Dec 10:00-16:00. Adult: £9, concession £8. Located 1.3 mile from town - 30 mins walk via a pleasant, well sign-posted footpath.

Avon Boat Hire (10) - For something different hire out a rowing boat on the River Avon. ⌚ Mar-Oct 09:00 til dusk. Cost: £5 per person per hour (min. 2 people).

Best Viewpoint

The best place to see Stratford from a different perspective is the **Royal Shakespeare Theatre Tower (5, see below)**. It rises over 36 metres above the River Avon, and offers fantastic views of the surroundings.

⌚ Open daily. Cost: £2.50.

BE CAREFULL Use your common sense, don't flash cash, stick together with a friend and beware of pickpockets! **In an emergency call 999 or 112 from a mobile.**

Your contact is

Mobile Number

Orientation

Stratford-upon-Avon is a very small town, which makes it really easy to visit. You can get pretty much everywhere on foot. The city is bordered by the River Avon to the east – only the Butterfly Farm and Boat Hire are located on the other side. The Holy Trinity Church is as far south as you'd need to go.

Eat & Drink

Try family-run **Vesuvio Café (11)** with a choice of coffees, or the 1940s themed **Fourteas Tea Room (12)** with a selection of teas, both serving meals as well. For a more traditional British meal go to the **Old Thatch Tavern (13)** serving pub classics as well as more varied seasonal options, or **Emporium Tea Room (14)** renowned for their excellent salads. You can also try **Edward Moon (15)** restaurant for great lunch deals.

1 Shakespeare's Birthplace

This is where the young Shakespeare was born and grew up, and where he began to raise a family. This house has been a tourist attraction for over 250 years and is a shrine for Shakespeare lovers!

⌚ Sep-Oct 09:00-17:00, Nov-Dec 10:00-16:00. Adult: £11.50, concession £10.50.

2 Nash's House

The well-preserved home of Thomas Nash, husband of Shakespeare's grand-daughter Elizabeth, and the remains of **New Place**, Shakespeare's home in later life and where he died on his 52nd birthday in 1616. You can watch the archaeological dig happening there and even take part! ⌚ Sep-Oct 10:00-17:00, Nov-Dec 11:00-16:00. Adult: £6, concession £5.

3 Hall's Croft

Another fantastically preserved old house, this time belonging to Shakespeare's daughter Susannah and her husband, Dr John Hall. It has a fascinating display of doctor's equipment from 350 years ago and lovely gardens to explore.

⌚ Sep-Oct 10:00-17:00, Nov-Dec 11:00-16:00. Adult: £6, concession £5.

4 Holy Trinity Church

This church by the River Avon is where you can find Shakespeare's tomb of 1616 and the north aisle font where he was christened in 1564. Make sure you read what's written on the grave!

⌚ Mon-Sat 09:00-16:00 (Oct 17:00), Sun 12:30-17:00. Cost: donation of £2/£1/£0.50.

5 Royal Shakespeare Theatre

While there's not enough time to see a performance by this one of the world's best known theatre companies, you can take a tour of the theatre or get a great view of the town by taking the lift up the tower.

⌚ Theatre tours from £7.50; Tower £2.50.

Note: Save money and get the Shakespeare Birthplace Pass to visit attractions 1-4 above for less! Adult: £14.95, concession: £13.95.



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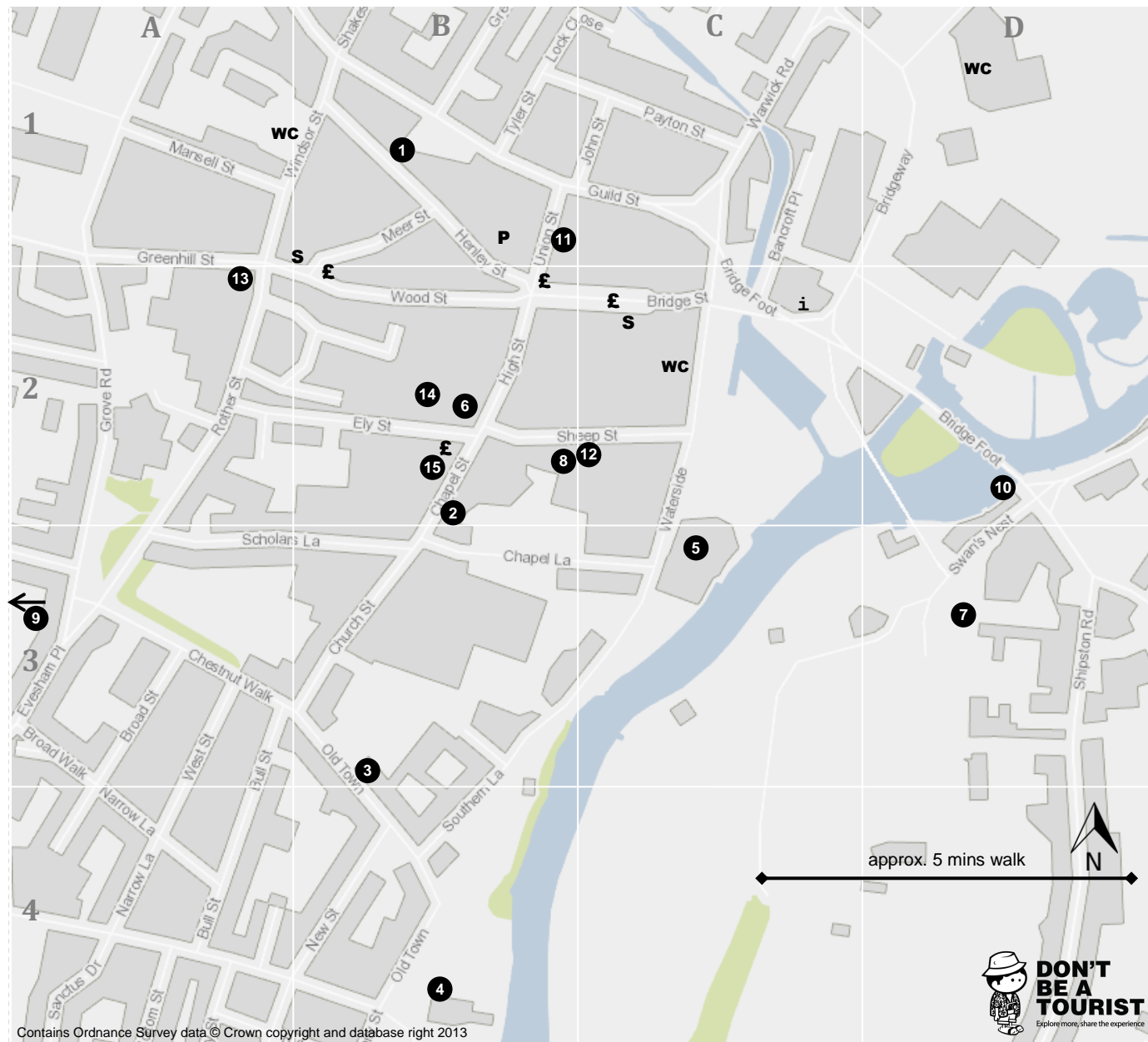
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Pick-up / Drop-off

Time:

Place:

Bus Company:



TOP 5

- 1 Shakespeare's Birthplace (D2)
- 2 Nash's House (C1)
- 3 Hall's Croft (D4)
- 4 Holy Trinity Church (C3)
- 5 Royal Shakespeare Theatre ()

ATTRACTIONS

- 6 Harvard House (A4)
- 7 Butterfly Farm (D3)
- 8 MAD Museum (B2)
- 9 Anne Hathaway's Cottage (1 mile from A3)
- 10 Avon Boat Hire (D2)

EAT & DRINK

- 11 Vesuvio Café (B1)
- 12 Fourteas Tea Room (C2)
- 13 Old Thatch Tavern (A2)
- 14 Emporium Tea Room (B2)
- 15 Edward Moon (B2)

WC Toilets

- P Post Office
- S Supermarket
- £ Cash machine (free)
- i Tourist information

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