## **TOUR HOST**



Professor Christopher Highley, Department of English, arrived at Ohio State in 1991 after earning his PhD at Stanford University. He teaches classes on Shakespeare, his contemporaries and his world. Highley's books include Catholics Writing the Nation in

Early Modern Britain and Ireland (Oxford University Press, 2008) and Shakespeare, Spenser, and the Crisis in Ireland (Cambridge University Press, 1997). He is currently writing a book called Blackfriars: Theater, Church, and Neighborhood in Shakespeare's London. In 2015 he received the Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching and spent a year doing research at the Folger Shakespeare Library, the world's largest repository of Shakespeare materials, in Washington, D.C. He regularly leads groups of Ohio State students to England.

## Tentative Highlights:

- Enjoy a production of a Shakespeare play at the Globe Theatre in London
- Come face to face with the age of Shakespeare at the National Portrait Gallery
- Take a rivertaxi from the Tower of London to Greenwich, birthplace of the Virgin Queen
- See Shakespeare performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-upon-Avon
- Walk in Shakespeare's footsteps around his hometown of Stratford and visit his grave in Holy Trinity Church
- Visit an Elizabethan country estate near Stratford and dine in fine local hostelries.





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Shakepeare's Globe, a historically faithful reconstruction of the original Globe Theatre from Shakespeare's time.

## Shakespeare's England • June 23 – July 2, 2017

Join other lovers of Shakespeare and the age of Elizabeth I on this 10-day visit to London and Stratford-upon-Avon. With the expert guidance of Ohio State English Professor Chris Highley, a specialist in Renaissance literature, history and culture, participants will delve into the world of William Shakespeare and Elizabeth I, the "Virgin Queen" and last Tudor monarch.

The tour will include educational and cultural activities, as well as time for participants to explore on their own. We will attend plays at the famous replica of Shakespeare's Globe theatre on the bankside, London,

and in the two recently remodeled Royal Shakespeare Company playhouses in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Through informal talks and discussion, Professor Highley will lead the group through Westminster Abbey, the Banqueting House and the National Portrait Gallery in London. We will also spend time in historic Greenwich before heading north to Stratford. There, we will see the plays, go behind the scenes at the theatre and visit Shakespeare's birthplace, family home and grave. We will also explore the countryside around Stratford, including Charlecote house and gardens where a young Shakespeare was allegedly caught poaching!

The transformed **Royal Shakespeare Theatre** in the Bard's hometown is a 1,040-plus seat thrust stage theatre where actors are surrounded by the audience on three sides. It opened in late 2010 after a \$178 million construction project.