

# Theatrical London: Playing Across the Pond

## Gustavus Adolphus College Alumni & Friends Study Tour

September 21-30, 2019



Photo: London's Globe Theatre

Hosted by  
**Gustavus Faculty Leader**  
**Dr. Rob Gardner**

## Study Tour Highlights

**Experience** the enrichment and education as part of a traveling community under the leadership, teaching and hospitality of Dr. Rob Gardner.

**Be immersed** in the rich theatrical world of London and Stratford-Upon-Avon attending six theatre performances plus behind the scenes theatre tours, faculty lectures and contact with the local theatre community.

**Be inspired** visiting Stratford-upon-Avon for two nights and London six nights with the services throughout of English-speaking tour manager/guide and use of audio headset system for touring.

**Travel** on flights from Minneapolis/St. Paul on Delta Air Lines including current taxes and surcharges.

**Stay** in select Four-Star accommodations for eight nights, based on sharing a room in hotels described in the itinerary. Shared occupancy rooms at London hotel in Premium class category.

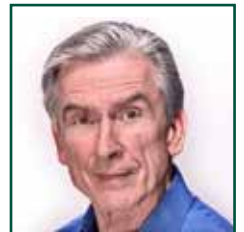
**Journey** in private, deluxe motorcoaches for transfers and touring along with handling of one piece of baggage in/out hotels. One day in London transport using included Underground travel card.

**Enjoy** 13 meals included: English buffet breakfast daily, four dinners and one lunch.

**Feel the ease and comfort** of knowing theatre tickets, entrance fees for inside visits and activities described in itinerary are included along with the gratuities for British tour manager, motorcoach drivers, restaurant and hotel staff plus group travel insurance.

**Dr. Rob Gardner** is Emeritus Professor of Theatre at Gustavus Adolphus College where, for thirty-six years, he directed plays and taught courses in acting, directing and theatre history. Besides his activity in the Department of Theatre and Dance where he often collaborated with colleagues in other departments, he worked with many outstanding students, taught courses in Curriculum II, and in 2003 was honored with the Carlson Award for outstanding teaching.

Rob's Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley focused on directing and dramatic literature, particularly the plays of Shakespeare, Chekhov, and "the fervent years" of American drama in the 1930's.



During the latter part of his career at GAC, he returned to early passions—acting and Russian theatre. He resumed his study of the Russian language and made three trips to Moscow/St. Petersburg where he lived with Russian families and studied at the storied Moscow Art Theatre. Further studies in acting led him into an exploration of the Michael Chekhov technique, a creative approach to acting that he shared with his students and used himself as he returned to the stage.

Since retiring in 2007, Rob has acted with companies in the Twin Cities, Wisconsin, and Iowa. Among his favorite roles are Hector Nations in *Foxfire*, Roy Cohn in *Angels in America*, and the title character in *King Lear*, which he has performed twice, most recently as a guest artist at GAC.

Rob and his wife Judy have been to London many times (most recently this past summer) and he twice led student groups on J-Term explorations of theatre in England. He is excited to experience with you the richness of London and its theatrical offerings!

# Customized Program Itinerary

**Saturday, September 21 MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL DEPARTURE.** Late afternoon flight departure from Minneapolis-St. Paul on Delta Air Lines non-stop flight to London.

**Sunday, September 22 LONDON ARRIVAL/STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.** Flight arrives this morning into London Heathrow Airport where a British tour manager provides a welcome along with an awaiting private touring motorcoach for the drive to Stratford-upon-Avon. Enjoy a break in Woodstock for a light lunch before arriving in Stratford. Visit [Anne Hathaway's Cottage](#), the childhood home of William Shakespeare's wife. Arrive at the [Crowne Plaza](#) to get settled for a two-night stay. Welcome dinner at the hotel. (L,D)



**Monday, September 23 STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.** A morning walking tour of Stratford includes [Holy Trinity Church](#) where Shakespeare is buried and a walk along the River Avon. Visit Shakespeare's birthplace house and museum. Some free time for lunch until late afternoon. Discover both the public and private areas of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre on a "behind the scenes" tour including the current production and an exhibit of costumes and props from the archives. Early dinner in the rooftop restaurant of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre before evening performance. Overnight in Stratford. (B,D)

**Tuesday, September 24 STRATFORD-UPON-AVON/OXFORD/LONDON.** After breakfast, lecture at hotel by faculty leader or member of the local theatre community. Leave for Oxford to enjoy a walking tour featuring a visit of Christ Church College. Break for lunch. Continue into London and arrive mid-afternoon at [Melia White House Hotel](#) with time to get settled for a six-night stay. Early dinner this evening on own at one of the many nearby restaurants. Evening performance at a West End theatre with round-trip private transfers. (B)

**Wednesday, September 25 LONDON.** Morning tour of London's West End including [Westminster Abbey](#) followed by break for lunch on own. Matinee performance at a West End theatre



with return transfers to hotel. Private room at hotel for late afternoon presentation by either Gustavus faculty or a member of the London theatre community. Dinner at a local restaurant with round-trip transportation. (B,D)

**Thursday, September 26 LONDON.** Morning guided tour of historic City of London featuring the [Tower of London](#) and St. Paul's Cathedral including crypt and galleries. Enjoy some free time for lunch on own. The afternoon features "behind the scenes" exploration of the National Theatre on a backstage guided tour. Time for dinner on own at one of the many restaurants and pubs in the area by the river. Evening performance at the National Theatre. Transfer back to hotel. (B)

**Friday, September 27 LONDON.** This morning, discover [Hampton Court Palace](#) and gardens on a morning guided tour. Afternoon is at leisure for lunch and individual exploration. Time for early dinner on own before evening theatre performance. Round-trip transportation to theatre from hotel. (B)

**Saturday, September 28 LONDON.** Experience travel on the London Underground this morning to the South Bank for a guided tour of [Globe Theatre](#) and exhibition. Free time for lunch in a nearby cafe or pub and perhaps a walk across the Millennium Bridge. Matinee performance at the Globe Theatre. Return to hotel on the Tube to enjoy a free evening with dinner on own. (B)



**Sunday, September 29 LONDON.** Entire day at leisure until farewell dinner this evening. Hotel is located walking distance to Regent's Park and the British Museum, and the Underground Station Great Portland Street is about a block away. (B,D)

**Monday, September 30 LONDON DEPARTURE/ MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL RETURN.** Breakfast at hotel and transfer to Heathrow Airport with assistance. Depart on a non-stop Delta Air Lines flight arriving into Minneapolis-St. Paul late afternoon. (B)

*Included meals: B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner  
Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling.  
[Click hotel names or other sites in blue for website link.](#)*

**Note about theatre tickets:** Over a year in advance of travel dates, theatre performance schedules are not available. Based on final theatre schedule, there could be adjustments to the daily itinerary.



# Passport, Health, Insurance and Travel Information

U.S. citizens need a passport valid at least six months beyond the tour return date. Passport applications are available at the [U.S. Department of State website](#). There are no vaccination or visa requirements for U.S. citizens to enter England. Consult your physician and utilize information on Travelers' Health on the [Centers for Disease Control website](#) for precautions.

Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for their own passport and any visa requirements for the countries visited and must travel with a permanent resident card or other documentation to re-enter the U.S. Without proper documents, entry could be denied at participant's expense.

For international travel information, including country specific background, travel advisories and alerts [click here](#).

Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) group insurance included in cost covers evacuation and major medical as described in Statement of Conditions. **Cancellation insurance and coverage for pre-existing medical conditions is not included and highly recommended for health situations that may prevent you from traveling or interrupt your travels.**

Travel Guard is recommended for travel cancellation insurance. Access insurance options using this link to [Travel Guard](#) and completing a worksheet with your personal details. For coverage questions, Call Travel Guard at 800-826-4919 and use Seminars International referral number 14847980. Purchasing travel insurance within 15 days of enrollment may waive pre-existing medical conditions. **It is possible to purchase coverage in installments based on the deposit and payment schedule. Inquire about this option with Travel Guard.**

Travelers are required to walk significant distances including uneven surfaces, steps and inclines during parts of the itinerary. This itinerary is not wheelchair, scooter or walker accessible. Consult with Seminars International or your tour leadership if you have questions about the walking and mobility required to fully participate. Seminars International, in consensus with tour hosts and destination partner, reserves the right to not accept or withdraw any participant whose ability to participate in the tour or whose conduct is incompatible with the operation of the tour or the interests of the group as a whole.

For travel and destination information, click website link: [London • Stratford-Upon-Avon](#)

## Further Information

Cassandra Nelson  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
507-933-7577 • [cnelson2@gustavus.edu](mailto:cnelson2@gustavus.edu)



## Registration

To secure registration, you must complete the enrollment form **and** pay the required deposit. You need passport details (unless applying for a passport) and emergency contact information to properly fill out the enrollment form.

**Step 1: \$850** deposit due immediately to secure registration. Make check payable and mail to Seminars International, 55 E. Monroe, Suite 2870, Chicago, IL 60603. Please add **Tour# T5163** to the memo portion of your check

Payment is available by credit card at <http://www.semint.com/payments.html> or by calling 800.541.7506.

A 3% service fee is added to all credit card transactions.

**Step 2:** If this is an electronic brochure, click below to fill out one enrollment form per person. The **T# is 5163**. A printed copy of the enrollment form is also available by contacting Jeaneen Lincoln at 800-541-7506 or [jeaneen@semint.com](mailto:jeaneen@semint.com). Deposit payment must be received within 10 days of completing enrollment form to maintain your registration. **A letter of confirmation is emailed after receipt of both the deposit and the enrollment form.** If program is full upon submitting enrollment form, you will be notified.

**Passport Name:** Complete this form with your **full name exactly as it appears on your passport**. Include your middle name or initial plus any suffix (Jr., Sr., or III) exactly as printed on your passport. If you do not have a passport at this time, enter your name exactly as it will appear on the passport. There may be a fee for any name changes.

[If this is an electronic brochure, click here for link to enrollment form.](#)

**Note:** If you need an electronic brochure, email [travel@semint.com](mailto:travel@semint.com) and reference T# 5163.

## Program Cost

**\$5,450 from Minneapolis/St. Paul**

**Supplement for single accommodations - \$870**

Limited availability of single accommodations.

This comprehensive cost includes airline ticket taxes/fuel surcharge of \$575, gratuities and CISI group insurance (approx. \$75 value).

These costs are often not packaged into other travel programs and instead listed as additional costs in the fine print.

Program cost based on a group size of 27 and will increase if group size is smaller.

Savings of approx. \$160 per participant if group size reaches 32.

**Registration deadline is March 15, 2019 as long as space is still available. This deadline is required to purchase theatre tickets.**

# Statement of Conditions

**Program cost and minimum number group size:** \$5,450.00 based on a group size of 27-31. **\$5,290.00**, based on a group size of 32 participants. Program cost will increase if group size is smaller. *Program cost based on exchange rates and tariffs in effect as of July 2018 subject to change in the event that there is a fluctuation of more than 4%.*

**Air transportation included in cost:** From Minneapolis-St. Paul to London round-trip on Delta Air Lines using current flight schedules and confirmed airfare, subject to restrictions and cancellation penalties by the airline; current taxes and surcharges of \$575.00 are included and subject to change until ticketed.

**Surface travel and transfers:** By private, deluxe motorcoach for all transfers and touring plus handling of one piece of baggage in/out of hotels.

**Accommodations and meals:** Shared occupancy at hotels listed in itinerary or similar as hotels subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Single accommodations supplement is \$870 and limited; single rooms at London hotel are in Classic room category. English buffet breakfast daily, one lunch and four dinners for a total of 13 meals as indicated in the itinerary. Upon request, Seminars International and sponsor/host(s) will try to pair participants traveling as a single with a roommate. There is no guarantee of a roommate and if one is not available, the single supplement is assessed at time of invoice. Some hotels provide a smaller room size for single occupancy.

**Program arrangements:** English-speaking professional Blue-Badge tour manager who travels with the group throughout the itinerary, except on London free day; six theatre tickets to performances as described in itinerary or similar as performance schedule not available at time of brochure printing; use of audio headsets for tours; inside visits described in itinerary include entrance fees as needed; gratuities for tour manager/guides, motorcoach drivers, and hotel/restaurant wait staff. **Note:** Participants with special needs may incur surcharges for additional services. Accessibility for people with disabilities varies significantly from country to country. Be advised the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States, and facilities outside the United States, such as ramps, elevators and hand railings may be limited. This itinerary is not wheelchair, scooter or walker accessible.

**Deposit and payment schedule:** \$850 per participant due to secure enrollment no later than **March 15, 2019 as long as space is available.** A waiting list is maintained when registrations exceed 34. **Full payment due June 19, 2019.** Upon receipt of enrollment and deposit, a confirmation of registration is sent by Seminars International via email. Any payments by credit card incur an additional 3% to cover merchant fees. Invoices are sent in advance of final payment.

**Group insurance:** The following Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) group insurance coverage is included for each participant. **This insurance does not include individual trip cancellation and pre-existing medical condition coverage, additional insurance is highly recommended.**

Schedule of Benefits Policy # GLM N0496486A

Coverage and Services Maximum Limits:

- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Per Insured Person \$10,000.
- Medical expenses (per Covered Accident or Sickness).
- Deductible zero.
- Basic Medical \$100,000 at 100%.
- Home Country Coverage Limit \$10,000.
- Emergency Medical Reunion \$3,000.
- Team Assist Plan (TAP): 24/7 medical, travel, technical assistance.
- Emergency Medical Evacuation 100% of Covered Expenses.
- Repatriation/Return of Mortal Remains 100% of Covered Expenses.
- Security Evacuation (Comprehensive) \$100,000.
- Trip delay of \$100 per day to a maximum of \$500/5 days if delayed more than 12 hours.

**Click here** to access further information on travel insurance.

**Trip delay:** In the unforeseen circumstance your program experiences travel delays and unexpected expenses are incurred, Seminars International will invoice participants for any additional costs associated with the delay minus the \$100 per day CISI trip delay coverage, if qualified. Obtaining additional travel insurance as recommended on page three may offset these expenses.

**Cancellation and refund policy:** Should cancellation occur prior to

**March 15, 2019**, the initial deposit will be refunded less a \$100 fee per person. In addition to airline penalties, **March 15-June 19** = loss of full deposit; **June 20-August 19** = 50% of program price; **cancellations received after August 19 will receive no refund.** **Cancellations must be submitted in writing; the date such notification is received by Seminars International, Inc. is the cancellation date.** **Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. It is possible to purchase supplemental insurance from Travel Guard making payment installments for the premium and not have to pay the entire premium cost at time of registration. Participants will be provided the details for this option at time of registration.**

**Leadership:** The person(s) identified as the leader/host is subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Seminars International. In the unlikelyhood of a change in leadership, a qualified replacement will be selected by the sponsoring organization or previous leader. Seminars International will operate the program as planned and is not responsible for the change in leadership. The cancellation and refund policy remain as stated.

**Exclusions:** Items not listed above, including but not limited to meals other than those indicated; beverages except at breakfast; baggage handling at airports; optional entertainment and excursions; any baggage charges; all personal items, such as telephone calls, laundry expenses, individual room service; cancellation insurance; non-tour related gratuities; passport fees; increases in air ticket taxes or fuel surcharge; increases in VAT or city/hotel taxes.

**Management and responsibility:** Seminars International (SI) acts only as an agent and neither SI nor any employee or appointee nor any other person, party or organization or agency collaborating with it is or shall be responsible or liable for any injury or loss, accident or damage, delay or deviation or curtailment, howsoever caused or arising or the consequences thereof, which may occur during any part of the travel or program or during such free time as the members may elect to spend independently on the program. The airlines or commercial carriers concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The passage contracts in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, will constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of this program and/or passenger.

**Deviations policy:** Some participants may wish to extend their stay, originate or deplane from different cities or purchase the land program only. Early flight departure on group airfare is not permitted. Every effort will be made to assist program participants within the rules of the group air contract for a \$100 per person service charge, plus any additional charges levied by the airline or other supplier. Once the deviation has been booked, any changes may incur additional costs. Please note you are purchasing a group program and any deviation from the program arrangements requires staff time not calculated in the program cost. No refund may be granted to participants who wish to omit portions of the itinerary. **All deviation requests must be submitted in writing by May 31, 2019; requests made after this date incur additional fees or may be unavailable.**

## Seminars International

Seminars International, with fifty years of experience crafting faith-based, educational, performing arts and special interest programs on seven continents, is proud of a proven record in providing attention to detail, safety, security, creativity and value. Our services allow leaders to focus on the purpose and goals of their program while we take care of the travel logistics, providing peace of mind from beginning to end.

**Custom Design** - We design customized international programs sensitive to the needs and interests of a group while focusing on value and affordability.

**Pre-Departure** - Our services include customized travel e-packets and tour literature focusing on being prepared and responsible travelers.

**While Abroad** - Along with our Chicago-based team, our network of on-the-ground international partners and CISI Team Assist are prepared 24/7 to provide support and assistance, particularly with an emergency situation.

**Program Evaluation** - Upon return we invite you to complete an evaluation to share feedback on how we may enhance your experience in the future.