

British Culture 8 - Visit England (Part 2)

Stratford-upon-Avon



Stratford-upon-Avon is a picturesque town in south Warwickshire, England. It is known around the world as William Shakespeare's birthplace. William Shakespeare's father was a glover (= a person who makes gloves).

People can visit 5 Shakespeare family homes in Stratford-upon-Avon: Shakespeare's birthplace, Mary Arden's Farm (Mary Arden was William Shakespeare's mother), Nash's House (Thomas Nash was the first husband of William Shakespeare's granddaughter), Hall's Croft (the home of Susanna, William Shakespeare's daughter), and Ann Hathaway's Cottage. Ann Hathaway's Cottage is often considered the most romantic of the five Shakespeare family homes. Ann Hathaway was William Shakespeare's wife. At least 26 million people have visited these homes.

Oxford



Oxford, also known as 'the City of Dreaming Spires', is a city in central southern England. It is about 50 miles (80 km) north-west of London. Oxford is known around the world for its university. The first university was founded in 1167 by King Henry II. Oxford University is the second-oldest surviving university in the world and the oldest in the English-speaking world. Six historic kings, twenty-six Prime Ministers and over forty Nobel Prize winners studied at Oxford University. Oxford is also famous for two other things: books and boating. The two renowned libraries in Oxford are the Bodleian Library (built in 1602) and the Radcliffe Camera (the first rotunda library built in England in 1748). Oxford's favourite pastime in the summer is punting on the river. A punt is a long shallow boat with a flat bottom and square ends which is moved by pushing the end of a long pole against the bottom of a river.

Cambridge



Cambridge is a university town located in the East of England, about 80 km north of London. Cambridge University was founded in 1209. It is the second-oldest university in both the United Kingdom and the English-speaking world (after Oxford University). There are over 30 colleges. Many poets, writers, leading scientists such as Darwin, Newton and Stephen Hawking, studied at Cambridge University. One of the most striking buildings is King's College Chapel which took more than 100 years to build. Trinity College was founded by King Henry VIII in 1546.

Liverpool



Liverpool is a city located in the North West of England. It was founded in 1207. In 2008 Liverpool was elected European Capital of Culture. Liverpudlians (= the inhabitants of Liverpool) are known for being dynamic and creative, as well as for their sense of humor.

Liverpool has always been a major port. From the 1700s to 1807, 40% of Europe's commerce in slaves passed through the city. The *Titanic* was also registered in Liverpool.

Last but not least, Liverpool is famous around the world as the birthplace of the Beatles.

Manchester

Manchester is England's third largest city after London and Birmingham. It is known as the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution and earned the nicknames of 'Cottonopolis' and 'the Warehouse City' in the 19th century. In 1996 Manchester was bombed by the IRA

