

Announcing the Spring 2022 GWCS Staunton Shakespeare Trip

April 29 – May 1, 2022

So, here's the deal. I have been to hundreds of theatre events in my lifetime. I have seen Shakespeare performed on stages from Los Angeles to London. I am an aficionado. I may not be the best judge, but I say this in all sincerity: [The Blackfriars Theatre](#) at the American Shakespeare Center in Staunton Virginia is the home of the finest productions of classical theatre that I have ever seen. There. I said it.

In addition to performing theatre arts at the highest possible level, it should also be noted that this is a traditional performance troupe. That means that all of their plays are performed by the SAME TEN PEOPLE! Under normal conditions, there are four plays performed each season. For their current reopening, the Blackfriars' troupe will be performing two plays. Regardless, it is a mind-boggling experience! They also pick popular songs from the last fifty years that are reflective of the themes of the plays and then sing and play music LIVE before each show and at the intermission!

We will stay at [Hotel 24 South](#) (previously known as Stonewall Jackson Hotel), a five-star hotel (4.5 on [Expedia.com](#)) attached to the Blackfriars Theatre, two blocks away from downtown Staunton. Breakfast is included with the room, and the meals in town are included in the package!

We will depart GWCS at around 10:00 am, on Friday, April 29th and stay in Staunton long enough to see two shows, participate in a workshop, tour the theater, listen to a lecture, visit the Frontier Culture Museum, as well as eat and sleep and eat and sleep!

On Friday afternoon we will learn how to wield a sword Shakespeare style in the '**Fatal Foes**' workshop and then attend a graduate lecture that's part of the '**Friday Nights Lights On**' series followed by ice cream in town at [The Split Banana](#). On Saturday we will have time in the morning to roam the town shops and then after lunch we will see [Romeo and Juliet](#) then we will laugh off our dinner watching [A Comedy of Errors](#) again, followed by ice cream in town. On Sunday morning we will pack up, grab breakfast, and stop at [The Frontier Culture Museum](#) on our way home. Two Shakespearean plays (and a side trip to the Frontier Culture Museum), how could you possibly want more?

If you like live theatre, this is just about the coolest weekend you could possibly experience! With two students to a room, two tickets to the theatre, one workshop, one lecture, two dinners out, two lunches, two breakfasts at the hotel, two strolls into town to enjoy handmade ice-cream (gelato), and a tour of the Blackfriars Theatre, this trip will be amazing! The entire trip will cost \$495.00 per student. The experience, of course, will be priceless!

GWCS Spring 2022 Staunton Shakespeare Trip *Tentative* Schedule:

Friday 4.29.2022

- 8:00 am – Go to gym as normal
- 9:40 am - Pack up the van and cars & depart school (grab lunch along the way – included)
- 2:30 pm - ‘Fatal Foes’ Combat Workshop at [Blackfriars Theater](#)
- 5:00 PM - ‘Friday Nights Lights On’ Lecture on Herbalism
- 7:00 pm - Go to dinner downtown at [Baja Bean & Company](#)
- 8:30 pm - Walk to [The Split Banana](#) for a nightcap (gelato)
- 9:00 pm - Return to the hotel

Saturday 4.30.2022

- 9:00 am - Breakfast at the hotel
- 10:00 am – Opportunity to Explore [Historic Downtown Staunton](#) and visit the shops
- 12:00 pm - Lunch at [Shenandoah Pizza](#)
- 1:30 pm - See [A Comedy of Errors](#)
- 4:30 pm - Relax at the hotel for a few minutes (there is a pool)
- 5:00 pm - Walk to dinner at the [Mill Street Grill](#) (ALT: [Depot Grille](#))
- 7:00 pm - See [Romeo and Juliet](#)
- 10:00 pm - Walk to [The Split Banana](#) for gelato!
- 11:00 pm - Crash at hotel

Sunday 5.1.2022

- 8:00 am - Breakfast in hotel
- 9:00 am - Check-out (all gear in cars)
- 10:00 am – Tour of Blackfriars Theater
- 12:00 pm - Lunch (TBD – Depending on Length of Tour and Weather)
- 2:00 pm - See [Frontier Culture Museum](#) (Weather Permitting.) Option-2 is [Skyline Caverns](#)
- 4:00 pm - Leave for school
- 7:00 pm - Arrive at school

There are a limited number of spaces reserved for GWCS at the hotel and the theatre. If you want to be included on this trip, please bring a check for \$495.00 (made out to GWCS) and give it to Ms. N-O or [CLICK HERE](#) to pay online by credit card. In previous years the spots were all filled quickly. You do not need to bring any other cash on the trip: Every tax, tip, and trip to the snack cart is included!

Please Read: [Health & Safety Precautions at the American Shakespeare Center](#)



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