The Globe was one of several playhouses operating here on Bankside during Shakespeare’s Lifetime. Our Shakespeare’s Southwark and Sam Wanamaker Playhouse Tours offer groups the chance discover more about Elizabethan performance and history.

**SHAKESPEARE’S SOUTHWARK TOUR**

Our Shakespeare’s Southwark tour delves into the history of Bankside as a theatre district. Your tour guide will transport you back to Elizabethan London highlighting interesting historical landmarks of the area. This includes The Rose Playhouse which was built in 1587, 12 years before Shakespeare’s original Globe. It is believed that some of Shakespeare’s earliest plays, including Titus Andronicus, were first performed here, and the site still inspires writers and actors today! Thameside ferrymen and the blood-thirsty sports of bear- and bull-baiting also feature in this tour, making it the perfect way to immerse guests in the Bankside Shakespeare would have known! Groups of 30 or more will be split across multiple tours, with an itinerary agreed at the point of booking. Tours last up to one hour.

**SAM WANAMAKER PLAYHOUSE TOUR**

As the winter months drew in over London, Shakespeare’s company of players moved indoors to a more intimate theatrical space: The Blackfriars Playhouse. Our Sam Wanamaker Playhouse Tour offers visitors the opportunity to follow in their footsteps, visiting our reconstruction of an archetypal Jacobean indoor theatre. Opened in 2014, and named after our founder, the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse, is a beautiful, candlelit space, filled with painstakingly researched details from Tudor and Jacobean Houses. Learn about the craftsmanship involved in bringing this wonderful building to life and how the indoor theatre space influenced Shakespeare’s writing. Groups of 20 or more will be split across multiple tours with an itinerary agreed at the point of booking. Tours last 45 minutes.

**PRICES**

Our Sam Wanamaker Playhouse and Shakespeare’s Southwark are the following additional cost per person, per tour:

- Adults - £12.50
- Children (aged 5-15) - £8.50
- Students - £10
- Seniors (aged 60+) – £11.50

Every 16th person free

**DISCOVER TICKET**

Are you visiting as part of a school or student group? Our Discover Ticket allows under 18s to add a Sam Wanamaker Playhouse or Shakespeare’s Southwark Tour to their Globe Theatre Tour booking for just £5.50 per person! Our normal admission and complimentary ticket rules apply for any group members aged 19+.

‘Turning the accomplishment of many years
Into an hour-glass:
for the which supply,
Admit me Chorus to this history’

Henry V, Prologue

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‘O this learning, what a thing it is!’
*The Taming of the Shrew, Act I, scene 1*

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**Live Demonstrations**

Our live, interactive, demonstrations offer visitors the opportunity to explore different aspects of performance, and put your group at the heart of the action, learning more about stage fighting, Elizabethan clothing and printing on a traditional-style press.

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**Shakespeare’s Use of Stage Fighting**

Shakespeare’s Plays are infamous for their battles and deaths! Watch an exciting demonstration of Elizabethan combat techniques to see how they would have appeared on stage! This demonstration includes an explanation of the stage combat techniques that would have been taught in London, and across Europe at that time and how these were used by Shakespeare and his contemporaries. There will also be an opportunity for the group to ask questions, and to feel the weight of the swords used in the demonstration, which are replicas of weapons from the period. Please note, flash photography and video recording are not permitted during this demonstration.

**Elizabethan Dressing**

Do you know the origin of the phrases ‘straight-laced’, ‘loose women’ or ‘pin money’? And what did Shakespeare’s contemporaries use as a stain remover? Find out the answer to these questions, and many more, as we dress a volunteer from your group as a character from one of Shakespeare’s plays. Using clothes from the Globe Theatre wardrobe, we will explore the sorts of clothing Shakespeare and his contemporaries, from all walks of life, would have worn on and off the stage.

**Printing the Plays**

Hardly anything written in Shakespeare’s hand survives today: we have his plays and poems only because they were printed as books. Using a full-size recreation of a 17th century printing press, we’ll show you the amazingly sophisticated methods behind making books. Discover the remarkable and precarious journey of playwrights’ words from the stage to the page. Along the way you will learn the origin of the phrase ‘upper and lower case’ and a volunteer will have chance to print a page of Shakespearean text themselves to take home!

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**Prices**

- Shakespeare’s Use of Stage Fighting: £130
- Elizabethan Dressing: £130
- Printing the Plays: £65

**Demonstration Timings and Group Sizes**

- **Shakespeare’s Use of Stage Fighting**
  - Duration: 45 minutes
  - Maximum Party size: 45 people
- **Elizabethan Dressing**
  - Duration: 30 minutes
  - Maximum Party size: 45 people
- **Printing the Plays**
  - Duration: 30 minutes
  - Maximum Party size: 25 people
OPTIONALExtras

These extra options are a great way to ensure your group have the ultimate Shakespeare day out! From group dining, to souvenirs and performances, these optional extras will make the visit an experience the group will never forget!

GROUP DINING
Offering stunning views of the Thames and St. Paul’s Cathedral, The Swan Bar is The Globe’s on-site restaurant. Relax at the end of your tour, or to take a break and re-fuel as part of a larger itinerary with one of our group dining options:

CREAM TEA - delicious scones, jam and clotted cream served with tea and coffee.

TEA AND BISCUITS - freshly made cookies, served with tea and coffee.

LUNCH - A buffet-style lunch with a selection of sandwiches (including a vegetarian option), tart of the day, salad and chips, served on sharing tables. The buffet will be followed by tea and coffee.

AFTERNOON TEA - For a special treat, choose our A Midsummer Night’s Dream Afternoon Tea, inspired by scenes of the play. The tea will be made up of a collection of sweet and savoury delights. To make your experience extra special, your tea is accompanied by a glass of Prosecco.

GUIDEBOOKS
Our beautifully illustrated guidebook makes the perfect souvenir to remind you of your visit! Guidebooks will be available for collection on the day.

ADDITIONAL GUIDE
Our tours are available for groups of up to 45 people. However, if you have fewer than 45 people in your party, but would like to split them into smaller groups, we can offer additional guides to facilitate this. This is a great way to allow separate teaching groups to have their own tour, or to ensure members of your party have a more personal experience!

prepare for mirth, for mirth becomes a feast’
Pericles, Act II, scene 3

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Tea and Biscuits £5 per person
Cream Tea £8 per person
Lunch £13 per person
Afternoon Tea £31.50 per person
Guide Book £5 each
Additional Guide £65

additional information
Group Dining options are not available in December. During our Globe performance season we will have limited availability in The Swan bar between 1.00pm and 2.30pm

Our maximum group size for all dining options is 40 people. Larger groups will be split across multiple time slots, with an itinerary agreed at the point of booking.

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