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SHAW FESTIVAL

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario



September 22 – 26, 2025



Join theatre experts Debra Freeberg and Gary Schmidt on a five-day adventure to beautiful Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada!



Attend four expertly selected and crafted theatre performances, along with a lively concert of jazz and blues classics.

Daily discussions, a backstage tour, free time between shows, excursions to Niagara Falls and a winery, and convivial group dinners round out our immersive theatre experience.

Enjoy accommodations at the exquisite Pillar and Post Hotel, a 19th-century building rich in history that has all the modern comforts and amenities.

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Tour Cost

\$2,145 USD per person from Grand Rapids, land only, based on double occupancy Single supplement is \$470 USD

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Debra Freeberg, professor of theatre emerita, and Gary Schmidt, professor of English emeritus, have led multiple Calvin tours to the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario. They're looking forward to exploring new theaters with you at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake!

September 2025

Monday, September 22 Departure from Grand Rapids > Niagara-on-the-Lake

The day of departure has arrived! We meet at Calvin University's Prince Conference Center and board our motorcoach for the drive to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. Along the way, make stops for the border crossing as well as for an independent lunch and rest stops. Upon arrival, check in at the Pillar and Post Hotel & Spa for a fournight stay. After a chance to get settled in and freshen up, enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Tuesday, September 23 Niagara-on-the-Lake

After breakfast and a morning discussion with Debra and Gary, there will be some time to start exploring Niagara-on-the-Lake and have an independent lunch. This picturesque town is a delight for visitors with its historic downtown and quaint shops. Then, the festival begins! Our first performance is a matinee of *Anything Goes* at 1:00 p.m. at the Festival Theatre, followed by a post-show chat. After some free time, we reconvene for dinner and an evening performance of *Wait Until Dark* at 7:00 p.m., also at the Festival Theatre. (B, D)

Wednesday, September 24 Niagara-on-the-Lake

Take a backstage tour at 10:00 a.m. for a behind-the-scenes experience of the Shaw Festival, followed by time for an independent lunch. We attend a matinee of *Blues for an Alabama Sky* at 1:00 p.m. at the Jackie Maxwell Studio Theatre, with a post-show chat afterward. Then head to one of Niagara-on-the-Lake's renowned wineries, where we enjoy a guided tasting of a few of the premium wines produced in this area. Local Calvin alumni may join us for dinner at a restaurant at the winery or nearby. (B, D)

Thursday, September 25 Niagara-on-the-Lake > Niagara Falls > Niagara-on-the-Lake

Debra and Gary will lead a discussion this morning. Then, Niagara Falls awaits! Enjoy a boat tour of the stunning falls for an up-close view of the powerful cascades and visit the lovely Queen Victoria Park for a leisurely stroll and photo opportunities. Upon return to Niagara-on-the-Lake, have a chance to freshen up before dinner and an evening performance of *Major Barbara*, which takes place at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal George Theatre. (B, D)

Friday, September 26 Niagara-on-the-Lake > Return to Grand Rapids

Our last day in Niagara-on-the-Lake starts with breakfast and another group discussion of the plays. At 11:00 a.m., attend *Ella and Louis*, a concert of jazz and blues classics, at the Spiegeltent. Afterwards, we begin our journey home, with boxed lunches to have on our way. Stops will be made for the border crossing, restroom breaks, and an independent dinner. We are sure to return to Grand Rapids with many wonderful memories of our time together in Niagara-on-the-Lake! (B, L)

- Festival Theatre, courtesy https://www.shawfest.com/
- 2 Local vineyard
- Horseshoe Falls, Niagara Falls
- **9** Royal George Theatre, courtesy https://www.shawfest.com/Cover: Niagara-on-the-Lake









PLANNED PERFORMANCES



Anything Goes

Set sail on the *S.S. American*! This dazzling production breathes new life into Cole Porter's timeless tale of romance, intrigue, and high-seas hijinks. Follow the delightful antics of Reno Sweeney, a spirited nightclub singer, as she navigates love triangles, mistaken identities, and comical misunderstandings on a transatlantic voyage. Featuring beloved songs like "It's De-Lovely," "You're the Top" and the showstopping title number "Anything Goes," this fresh revival brims with spectacular dance numbers and non-stop laughter.



Wait Until Dark

Darkness and light face off in this suspensefilled thriller. In a New York apartment, the recently blinded Susan becomes the target of a ruthless gang of criminals. As night falls, she must use all her wits to survive in a high-stakes game of cat and mouse. Love a good mystery? This heart-stopping production is guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat.



Blues for an Alabama Sky

New York City, 1930. Angel, a struggling singer who has recently been fired from her gig at the Cotton Club, and her friends try to hold fast to their dreams amid social upheaval in Pearl Cleage's stunning *Blues for an Alabama Sky*. This exhilarating drama follows five richly drawn characters as they grapple with love, loss, and ambition. It is a dynamic story of hardship and lost hopes that captures the true essence of Harlem during that transformative era. Note: Mature Content.



Major Barbara

Idealism and reality crash headlong into each other in Bernard Shaw's *Major Barbara*. Barbara Undershaft could not be more different from her estranged father: She is a Salvation Army officer, and he, a wealthy arms manufacturer. As their worlds collide, she finds all her beliefs about wealth, poverty, and redemption tested to the breaking point. More provocative than ever, this play raises questions of justice, morality, and the truth of human nature, all with Shaw's inimitable wit and incisive dialogue.



Physical activity and hearing devices:

A motorcoach will be provided for transfers to and from the theatres, but walking is required to explore Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls on foot. Passengers who require a mobility device must be accompanied by a physically able companion to assist them. If taxis are needed to "catch up" to the group, they are at the passenger's expense.

All Shaw Festival theatres are equipped with Sennheiser Infrared Assistive Listening Systems. Assisted listening devices can be booked in advance, so please request this when you register for the tour. A voluntary donation at time of pick-up is greatly appreciated for repair and replacement of these devices.



Ella and Louis

Alana Bridgewater and Jeremiah Sparks perform a concert of jazz and blues classics, including music made famous by two legends, Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong.



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Meals. Breakfast daily, one lunch, and four dinners. Dinners include a basic nonalcoholic beverage.

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Sightseeing and admission fees in accordance with the itinerary.

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Baggage & Personal Effects	
Baggage Delay (12 hours)	
Sporting Equipment Delay (8 hours)	
Emergency Medical Expense***	
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Deposit of \$450 USD per person with Registration Form by. Early registration is encouraged.

Payment of \$750 USD per person by June 1, 2025

Balance due on receipt of final invoice sent approximately 30 days prior to departure

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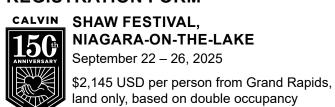
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