Shakespeare And The Bawdy Court Of Stratford

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Stratford-upon-Avon, a small and historic Elizabethan market town on the River Avon in Warwickshire, enjoys worldwide fame as the birthplace of William Shakespeare. The town center dates extensively from the 16th and 17th centuries, surrounded by areas of greenery and charming sections of riverbank, as well as the historic Stratford-upon-Avon Canal. Many attractive rows of half-timbered houses have been preserved, including Shakespeare's home, where visitors can still follow in the footsteps of the world's most famous playwright. Stratford-upon-Avon was also an important halt for stage coaches between London, Oxford and the North. In medieval times, the Avon was spanned by a wooden bridge. This was replaced in the 15th century by the Clopton Bridge, a much-photographed stone bridge still in use today. The Clopton Bridge was named for the wealthy Stratford merchant, Hugh Clopton, who financed its construction and who later went on to become Lord Mayor of London. Stratford entrances with its natural scenic beauty, its graceful swans, weeping willow trees and shady riverside walks. Above all, it is a town permeated by the Stratford-upon-Avon is the town where William Shakespeare was born and is buried. Every year, millions of people celebrate his life and work by visiting the town. You'll find Shakespeare's home town in the heart of England, on the banks of the river Avon. We recommend planning your visit to Shakespeare's home town with the Shakespeare's England website - it's full of ideas for day trips around the area including Warwick, Leamington Spa and Kenilworth. Mary Arden's House and the adjacent Palmer's Farm demonstrate life on a Tudor working farm - they're both open from March through to November. Anne Hathaway's Cottage. Before her marriage to William Shakespeare, Anne Hathaway lived in Shottery, a small village that you'll find about a mile away from Stratford.