



**A Shakespearean Day in Virginia!
with LifeLong Learning Society
Saturday – March 1, 2025**

Lifelong Learning Society presents this SignaTours trip as an opportunity for members to travel together



Beat the winter blues and join us as we venture west to the one of the most popular towns in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley: Staunton, Virginia. Recently named one of the “Best Small Towns in America,” Staunton is also one of five US cities that won the prestigious Great American Main Street Awards by The National Trust for Historic Preservation – recognizing towns for their commercial district revitalization efforts. Staunton is also home to a rare theatre, one of its kind in the United States!

Start your day with a tour of the birthplace of the 28th president of the United States, the **Woodrow Wilson Presidential Museum and Library**. Tour guides will take you back to 1856, when Wilson was born, and discuss his family, upbringing, and the lifestyle of the period. The house has been restored to its appearance when Reverend Joseph Wilson and his family lived there, with twelve recreated rooms in the former president’s home

containing many items belonging to the Wilsons. The museum also features the President’s original 1919 Pierce-Arrow limousine and a recreated World War I trench complete with lights and sound.

A buffet lunch is included today at the popular, **Mrs. Rowe’s Restaurant and Bakery**, followed by an afternoon of entertainment at the **American Shakespeare Center’s Blackfriars Playhouse**. This intimate theatre is the world’s first recreation of Shakespeare’s original indoor Blackfriars Theatre in London, featuring all-natural light. Today’s matinee is **King Lear**. Watch as family ties unravel and power takes a dark turn in this Shakespeare classic. When Lear’s decision to divide his kingdom spirals into betrayal and madness, father and daughters are pitted against each other in a story of loyalty, loss, and redemption. This gripping tragedy will leave you reflecting on the fragile bonds that hold families together.

Your Tour Cost Includes:

Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation ♦ Admission to the Woodrow Wilson Museum ♦ Lunch at Mrs. Rowe’s Restaurant ♦ King Lear show ticket at Blackfriars Playhouse ♦ Tax & Gratuity on Inclusions ♦ Refreshments on coach ♦ Driver/Guide Gratuity

Motorcoach departs Yoder Barn at 6:30 AM - Returns approx. 8:00 PM

Reservation Form for 3/1/25 - Please return below form with payment

Name (s): _____

Address: _____ Cell: _____

Total Cost Per Person: ___\$260.00 for LLS Members or ___\$280.00 for Non-members

Please Note: Registration deadline is due February 12th (payments non-refundable 7 days prior to departure)

Please make check payable to SignaTours and Mail to:

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(for LLS Office only: Date check received: _____)