

# DESTINATION STRATFORD

## ARTS THE ARTS ARE WHAT WE ARE

# GROUP ITINERARY - SPRING VISIT



## MORNING

### 9 AM - MORNING ARRIVAL

Bus drop off at Market Square / City Hall. Daytime bus parking is available free of charge in the Downie Parking Lot. Pop into Destination Stratford's Welcome Centre (47 Downie St.). Use the washrooms, and grab brochures, maps, and insider tips from our friendly destination ambassadors. Pick up your culinary trails passes here. \*Contact us in advance for group discounts.



### 9:30 AM - SPRING BLOOMS WALK & SHAKESPEAREAN GARDENS

Begin your visit with a refreshing walk through the Shakespearean Gardens, where tulips, lilacs, and spring blossoms set the scene. Continue along the Avon River to Tom Patterson Island for serene views, friendly swans, and great group photo opportunities. Check out Stratford's popular Art in the Park (May - October). Consider exploring our self-guided Audio Tours with themes such as: Gardens, Tom Patterson, Bronze Stars and more.



### 10:30 AM - CULINARY TRAILS OR DOWNTOWN DISCOVERY

Choose a self-guided culinary adventure designed to showcase Stratford's makers and flavour:

- Chocolate Trail (available year-round)
- Bacon & Ale Trail (available year-round)
- Savour & Sip (May 1 - Oct 31)

Prefer browsing local shops? Enjoy Stratford's specialty boutiques, artisan makers, and charming retailers, all within easy walking distance.

## AFTERNOON

### 12:30 PM - LUNCH

Settle in at one of Stratford's cafés, bistros, or farm-to-table restaurants offering fresh spring ingredients, or enjoy lunch on a patio or Al Fresco dining as the weather warms or dine inside at one of our cozy establishments.

### 2:00 PM - AFTERNOON EXPERIENCE

Catch an early Stratford Festival matinee (spring performances often begin in April) or choose a cultural stop at our museum or gallery.

### 2:30 PM - STRATFORD PERTH MUSEUM OR GALLERY STRATFORD

Immerse your group in Stratford's artistic and historical offerings:

#### Stratford Perth Museum

- Local stories, rotating exhibits, and engaging artifacts.
- The Justin Bieber Steps to Stardom exhibit remains a visitor favourite.

#### Gallery Stratford

- Contemporary Canadian art displayed in a heritage gallery setting.
- Outdoor sculpture garden perfect for spring wandering.

### 4:00 PM - CHECK-IN AT ACCOMMODATION

Relax and refresh at one of Stratford's group-friendly hotels, inns, or B&Bs.

## EVENING

### 5:30 PM - GROUP DINNER

Dine together at one of Stratford's acclaimed restaurants, featuring seasonal farm-to-table menus and local specialties. Consider a private dining room for your group and toast the season with signature cocktails or local craft beer.

### 8:00 PM - STRATFORD FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE OR HERE FOR NOW THEATRE

If you didn't catch a matinee, spend your evening at a world-class show by the Stratford Festival. Spring productions include Shakespeare, classics, comedy, and musicals performed by some of Canada's finest performers.

If you prefer a more intimate setting, see what's on stage at Here for Now Theatre. Make time to explore Stratford After Dark—post-show cocktails, dessert stops, live music and more!

## DAY 2

### 9:00 AM - BREAKFAST

Start your morning with a hot breakfast at your accommodation or stroll downtown to a local café or brunch spot. Fresh baked goods, locally roasted coffee, and seasonal dishes await.

### 10:00 AM - GUIDED WALKING TOUR, THE BOATHOUSE, FREE TIME AND MORE!

- Book a private themed walking tour with Stratford Walking Tours; options include history, architecture, or even Stratford's ghostly past and present.
- Enjoy paddleboats, kayaks, or a guided river tour from The Boathouse. Perfect for groups to relax on the water.
- Take a guided group tour and tasting at Stratford's only distillery - Junction 56
- OR enjoy some relaxed time to explore downtown shops, continue on our culinary trails, pick up souvenirs, or sip a beverage on a café patio.



### QUICK TRIPS FROM STRATFORD:

#### 11:30AM CANADIAN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME (ST. MARYS)

Take a short scenic 20-minute drive to St. Marys. Explore exhibits celebrating Canada's baseball heritage, Hall of Fame inductees, rare artifacts, and interactive displays. Group tours available with advance booking.

Depart around 1:30PM for lunch back in Stratford or continue to Baden (Castle Kilbride) or adventures in Perth County

#### Option #1: CASTLE KILBRIDE (BADEN)

- Discover this National Historic Site, a beautifully preserved 19th-century mansion with elaborate ceilings and Victorian décor. Tours can be arranged for groups, and the gardens offer great spring photo opportunities.

#### Option #2: Embark on an adventure in Perth County such as:

- TLC Alpaca Walks
- Goat Socials at The Perth Farmhouse
- Huckleberry Farms Bee Tours

**Disclaimer:** This itinerary is provided as a sample only and is intended to be used as a general planning guide. Times, availability, and programming may vary and are subject to change. If someone in your group has accessibility needs or dietary restrictions, please contact the locations in advance to ensure they can accommodate. We strongly encourage groups to plan ahead, contact individual businesses directly, and stay informed by visiting our website and event calendar for the most up-to-date information. [visitstratford.ca](http://visitstratford.ca)