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Stratford-upon-Avon is a market town in the Cotswolds, Warwickshire, England, on the River Avon. It is best known as the birthplace of William Shakespeare and a popular tourist destination.

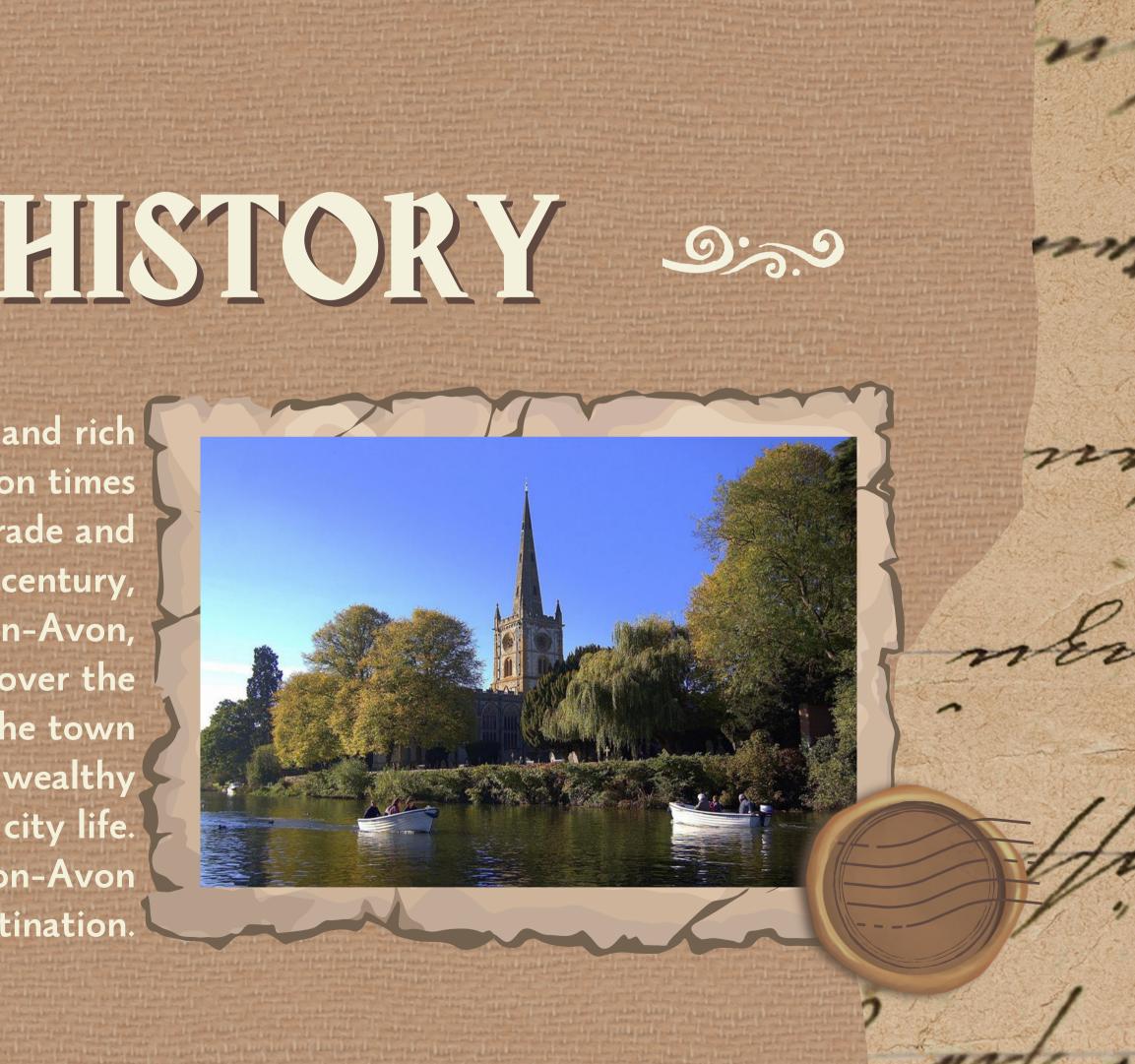
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Stratford-upon-Avon has a long and rich history. It was founded in the Saxon times and was an important centre of trade and commerce for centuries. In the 13th century, a bridge was built in Stratford-upon-Avon, which was an important crossing over the River Avon. In the 17th century, the town became a popular place for wealthy Londoners seeking an escape from city life. In the 19th century, Stratford-upon-Avon became a popular tourist destination.



William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon in 1564. He is considered to be the greatest English playwright of all time. Shakespeare wrote 39 plays, 154 sonnets, and two long narrative poems. His plays have been translated into every major living language and are performed more often than those of any other playwright.



Shakespeare's Birthplace is the house where William Shakespeare was born. It is now a museum that is open to the public. Visitors can see the rooms where Shakespeare was born and raised and learn about his life and work. The museum also has a collection of Shakespeare memorabilia, including his first folio, his death mask, and his christening gown.

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## Royal Shakespeare Theatre

The Royal Shakespeare Theatre is a theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon that is home to the Royal Shakespeare Company. It is one of the most famous theatres in the world and produces a variety of plays, including Shakespeare's plays, other classic plays, and new plays. The theatre was first built in 1879 and was rebuilt in 1929 after a fire. Some of Shakespeare's most famous plays include Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth, and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

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In addition to the exhibits on Shakespeare's life, Shakespeare's Birthplace also offers a variety of educational programs and events. These programs and events are designed to help visitors learn more about Shakespeare an his world. For example, the museum offers workshops on Shakespearean acting, playwriting, and history. The museum also hosts a number of special events throughout the year, such as lectures, concerts, and readings.





There are many things to do in Stratford-upon-Avon. Visitors can visit Shakespeare's Birthplace, see a play at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, visit the Shakespeare Centre, take a walk on the Bancroft Gardens, go punting on the River Avon, visit Holy Trinity Church, see the Guild Chapel, visit the Madbak Theatre, and go shopping in the town centre.



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