

THE PLAY'S THE THING

THE LONDON DEBUT OF GAVIN MILLER'S LATEST PLAY MARCH 20th - 25th 2019

Gavin Miller is one of our most popular tour guides here at Discover Europe - he is also (as many of you know) an accomplished playwright. We are delighted to offer this special long weekend trip to support Gavin at the London debut of his play *Carl's Story* at the Tabard Theatre in Chiswick.

The play, set against a backdrop of journalistic misinformation and broken morals, is the story of how journalist, Annie, and divorcee, Beth, have their friendship put to the ultimate test when Annie encourages Beth to embark on an affair with her husband, Carl. When Beth's ex-husband, John, appears, the surfacing of a dark secret puts Annie's plans in jeopardy. As pressure mounts, both women are forced to face up to the past, a past in which they have been nothing less than loose with the truth.

BAFTA nominated British film and TV director Jules Williamson's review states: "Powerful and thought provoking, *Carl's Story* holds a mirror up to the audience asking what they think Truth really is. In this world of Fake News, it draws a clever parallel between our own personal truth, how we deceive ourselves and others, and the part the media plays in bending the facts. Both

funny and moving, the play is beautifully written. Writer and director Gavin Miller has created a Tour De Force!"



Produced and developed originally by the Isla Theatre Project, based in Palma, Mallorca, Miller sets out to find actors who can bring life experience to their roles. His accomplished cast features Jenny Whiffen and Emma Bernbach, who Williamson describes as: "Wonderful to see two strong female parts being played with such relish by the two very talented female leads. Jenny Whiffen at times reminded me of Patricia Hodge in Harold Pinter's *Betrayal*, their rapport was clearly a joy to play, and for us to watch."

We will spend time with Gavin before the show and meet the actors for a post-show talk back. In addition to this, we have added in a few things to the itinerary to round out the weekend (look at the day-by-day for details), and also left time for you to explore on your own.

Join us this March for this special celebration of Gavin Miller and his success, hosted by Discover Europe President, Michael Induni.



THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

Boston or New York Departure: \$2150* Land Only: \$1490 Single supplement: \$640

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

AIRFARE: Economy class ticket from Boston or New York on British

Airways*, including all airport taxes, baggage charges, and

customs fees

HOTELS: 4 nights' accommodation in a first-class hotel, including all hotel

taxes and service charges

COACHING: All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary

Breakfast daily, 3 dinners

GUIDES: DISCOVER EUROPE tour guide throughout
EXPENSES: Porterage of one large suitcase per person
ENTRANCES: Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

TICKETS: Best seats for Gavin's play

* Cost based on airfares currently available. These are subject to change.

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed on receipt of deposit.





MEALS:



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH - Departure from your chosen US gateway city.
Overnight: Plane

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST - Upon arrival at London's Heathrow Airport, you will be met and transported to our hotel in Bloomsbury. Depending on your arrival time, you may not be able to check straight in to your room. Your guide will be there to make suggestions for lunch and places to visit. After checking in, there will be time to unpack and relax before we gather this evening for a welcome dinner at the hotel. (D) Overnight: London

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND - The day begins with a sightseeing tour of London designed to give newcomers an overview of this great city and reacquaint returning travelers with its many charms. We'll view many of London's major monuments, from the Albert Memorial to St. Paul's Cathedral to Trafalgar Square, touring the city from Chelsea to Bloomsbury.

The afternoon is free to make your own plans. Perhaps a stroll along the South Bank, past the Globe Theatre to the Tate Modern. Late this afternoon we will meet up and travel together to meet with Gavin Miller at the Tabard Theatre, we will have dinner in the neighborhood before we see *Carl's Story*. After the show we will have a talk-back session with the actors before we return to our hotel. **(B, D) Overnight: London**

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD - A free day. There are so many great productions on in London at the moment that we hesitate to choose one for you, but you have the opportunity to see shows



in the afternoon and evening today. You could wait until you are in the city and then go to the half-price ticket booth in Leicester Square to get tickets for a show that day, or, if there is something that you particularly have your heart set on seeing, then let us know as soon as you can and we will get tickets for you ahead of time. My family and I are going to have the honour of escorting Gavin's daughter, Ygraine, to a performance of *Pepperland* by the Mark Morris Dance Company at the Sadler's Wells Theatre – you'd be very welcome to join us! **(B) Overnight: London**

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH - A final free day in the capital. I will be available to make suggestions, give directions and assist generally with any plans that you might want to make. Just be back by 6.00 pm this evening because we have a very special farewell dinner planned for you! (B, D) Overnight: London

MONDAY, MARCH 25TH - You may have time this morning for a little last-minute shopping before your transfer back to Heathrow Airport for your return flight to the U.S. (B) Overnight: Home

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner

