

1. 阅读理解

National Theatre Backstage Tours

The National Theatre is a working building, producing over 20 new productions every year. Preparations for the shows all happen on site. No two tours are ever the same, so come and see what's happening behind the scenes today.

◆ Schedules

Running Time: 75 minutes

Tours run Monday — Saturday, exploring the unseen areas of the theatre and stepping into the backstage world.

◆ Tickets

Individuals: £10

Entry Pass Members: £5 (not available (可购得的) to book online — Please email tours@nationaltheatre.org.uk to book)

Groups of 8 or more: £8.75 each (not available to book online — Please email tours@nationaltheatre.org.uk to book)

◆ Access

For those unable to hear well (including hearing aid users), the Contego system, an easy-to-use wireless listening device (装置), is now available for use on Backstage Tours. Please inform us at the time of booking if you would like to use the Contego system, or if you have any additional access requirements.

For further information on tour times, availability and group bookings, email nationaltheatre.org.uk.

◆ Comments

See what people think of theatre tours at NT below:

Lucy

Lucy @ scampmedia

Really enjoyed myself this morning!

Funny, easy-going and some interesting facts

George

George @ georgenewsome

Really enjoyed the backstage tour of National Theatre today.

Very interesting, highly recommend

Ells

Ells @ EllieTidyxo

Had such an amazing time at National Theatre today.

Amazing to see how much work is done behind the scenes. Outdoor sights in London are my favorites. A little bit boring to experience the backstage.

Alice

Alice @ NationalTheatre

London has the best sights. Thank you!

【1】How much will a group of 10 tourists pay to explore the backstage?

- A. £50. B. £87.5.
C. £95. D. £100.

【2】What does the National Theatre do for Backstage Tour?

- A. Present a 75-minute show to tourists.
B. Offer listening devices to the disabled.
C. Produce over 30 new productions every year.
D. Keep the theatre open to tourists every day.

【3】Who might feel disappointed at the Backstage Tour?

- A. Alice. B. Ells.
C. Lucy. D. George.

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Grandmothers don't always have common sense in the ways of social media, but an Arizona woman's wrong-way text has made her an Internet star.

Wanda Dench thought she was texting a Thanksgiving invitation to her grandson, but the person who received it was a total stranger, Jamal Hilton, a college student. He was having lunch earlier this week when the invitation showed up on his cellphone. He didn't recognize the phone number, so he wrote back asking who sent it.

"Your grandma," Dench wrote back. "Grandma?" Hilton replied, "Can I have a picture?"

"That's strange," Dench thought. But she dutifully took a selfie (自拍) of herself at work and texted it.

"You are not my grandma," Hilton said, "Can I still get a plate there?" Dench was embarrassed at her mistake, but quickly recovered.

Of course you can," she wrote back. "That's what grandmas do... feed everyone."

Dench is white. Hilton is African American. The student took a screenshot (屏幕截图) of the conversation and posted it on Twitter, where it's been retweeted (转发) more than 150,000 times.

Dench didn't know that Hilton had posted their exchange online. Then her phone blew up. In just a few days, she received more than 600 text messages and lots of voicemail because her phone number was included in the screenshot.

"At first I thought, 'Well, this is annoying,' until I started reading some of the people's texts," she said. Strangers wrote, "Thank you so much. You're such a kind person to let this young man into your home." She said, "I think this may be a little more important than what I thought it was because of the racial tension that's in the country."

Dench and Hilton met in person on Wednesday night at her home. She formally invited him and his family to Thanksgiving dinner. He accepted.

【1】What was Hilton doing when he received the invitation?

- A. He was having lunch.
B. He was having class.
C. He was watching movies on his mobile phone.
D. He was doing some exercises in the classroom.

【2】How did Dench find she had sent the invitation to a wrong number?

- A. She found it by herself.
B. She received a call from Hilton.
C. Hilton wrote back to tell her.