

literati

a tour of great authors' homes



california

WILL ROGERS // Los Angeles // A prolific writer, popular humorist and actor, Rogers loved his Western ranch for relaxing and savoring his favorite pastimes of horseback riding and roping. Now a state park and museum commemorating his life and untimely death in a plane crash in 1935, his recently restored 31-room home and surrounding 186 acres includes a stable, corrals, riding ring, roping arena, polo field and hiking trails. The spread overlooks the ocean in L.A.'s Pacific Palisades — not bad for a one-time cowhand.

connecticut

MARK TWAIN // Hartford // Whimsically idiosyncratic, Mark Twain's 19-room

red brick Victorian mansion was, by the author's own account, the site of his happiest and most productive years. Completed in 1874 and designed for Twain, wife Livy and their three daughters, the house is topped by asymmetrical chimneys, gables and towers. Much like the author's writing, it is experimental and modern, both outside and in. Among its progressive features: seven bathrooms with flush toilets and one of the first telephones installed in a private home.

florida

ERNEST HEMINGWAY // Key West // Hemingway moved into this Spanish Colonial house with his second wife, Pauline, in 1931. Two sons were raised

here, even after his 1939 divorce and journey to Cuba. Today, nearly five decades after his death, the home remains chock full of his furniture and other possessions, offering vibrant insight into the great American author who penned such classics here as *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*. Some 60 cats roam the lushly landscaped gardens, and Papa's Royal typewriter and Cuban cigar-maker's chair still sit in his studio.

russia

LEO TOLSTOY // Moscow // One of the few wooden buildings to survive the invasion of Napoleon, Tolstoy's 16-room winter retreat is filled with accoutrements of an active family with 13 children. Purchased by the legendary author in 1882 on the outskirts of the city center, the house has a country feel. Visitors will see a dining table set

for soup, a full closet of party dresses, black boots Tolstoy cobbled himself and the writing desk where Tolstoy worked even as his eyesight was failing him.

united kingdom

BRONTË SISTERS // Haworth, England // The Brontë sisters resided in this charming Yorkshire village several hours north of London. Their home, a rent-free church parsonage, was where Charlotte penned *Jane Eyre*, Emily wrote *Wuthering Heights* and Anne completed *Agnes Grey* — all in the mid-1840s. The carefully restored Haworth Parsonage, a museum since 1928, is a mecca for both Brontë lovers and other anglophiles hungry to steep themselves in all things British. Just the spot for a garden stroll and a fine cup of tea.

Above, left to right: The homes of Mark Twain, Ernest Hemingway, Leo Tolstoy and the Brontë sisters.



boxed in

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