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Music, art and architecture

The best UK cultural holidays in autumn 2020 and spring 2021

[Victorian Renaissance](#)

Pre-Raphaelite art in British collections in Liverpool, Oxford, Birmingham and Manchester

22–26 September 2020

The mid-19th century in Britain saw an extraordinary artistic flowering, with arts of all kinds flourishing, which were seen as an expression of national culture. The Pre-Raphaelite brotherhood – Millais, Holman Hunt, Rosetti - were leading figures in this movement, and were joined by a classical revival movement in the mid-1860s, which came to be known as the Aesthetic Movement. Many of the finest works of Pre-Raphaelite and Aesthetic art are in British museums visited on this tour.

From £1,590pp (two sharing) includes private coach travel, hotel accommodation, most meals with drinks, the services of the lecturer and tour manager, all tips and taxes.

[Modern Art in Sussex](#)

Paintings and sculpture, artists and houses

29 September–4 October 2020

An exceptional collection of modernist art in award-winning galleries and museums in Sussex where the sea, towns and landscapes have been inspiring artists since the start of the 18th century. Highlights include Pallant House Gallery in Chichester which has one of the finest collections of modern British art in the country, and the village church in Tudeley, the only church in the world to have all of its windows designed by Marc Chagall.

From £1,730pp (two sharing) includes private coach travel, 4 hotel accommodation in Chichester and Lewes, most meals with drinks, the services of the lecturer and tour manager, tips and taxes.*

[Cathedrals of England](#)

England's ten greatest buildings

28 October–5 November 2020

The history, architecture, stained glass and current life of the cathedrals of Ely, Durham, York, Lincoln, Coventry, Gloucester, Bristol, Wells, Salisbury and Winchester. Built between the Norman Conquest and Henry VIII's Reformation, with Coventry a moving exception, this is an architectural journey of intense aesthetic delight. Added to the wonderful architecture are private organ recitals in some of the cathedrals, and access to areas not always open to the public.

From £2,840pp (two sharing) includes private coach travel and one rail service; 3- and 4-star hotel accommodation, most meals with drinks, the services of the lecturer and tour manager, tips and taxes.

Medieval West Midlands

Outstanding medieval monuments in Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Oxfordshire and Worcestershire

21–25 June 2021

A four-day balanced survey of the best medieval monuments in central England, including Worcester cathedral's stunning late medieval cloister, and the remarkable royal chapel built for Henry I at Melbourne in Derbyshire, as well as the mighty Kenilworth Castle.

From £1,480pp (two sharing) includes private coach travel, hotel accommodation, most meals with drinks, the services of the lecturer and tour manager, tips and taxes.

Welsh National Opera

Strauss and Verdi in WNO's home theatre

17–20 March 2021

Three days and three operas – Verdi's *Il trovatore*, Strauss' *Der Rosenkavalier*, and Gounod's *Faust* – at the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff, an acoustically and architecturally excellent venue. There are talks on the music by WNO's former dramaturg Simon Rees, and excursions to some of Cardiff's cultural highlights.

From £1,140pp (two sharing) includes 5 hotel accommodation at Cardiff Bay's iconic St David's hotel, top category opera tickets, most meals with drinks, private coach travel and the services of the lecturer and tour manager.*

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