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Four art, architecture and music tours at Christmas

[Barcelona: Medieval to Modernista](#)

20–26 December 2018

Spend seven days immersed in the art and architecture of Catalonia's capital city with expert art historian Patrick Bade. Explore the contrasts of the medieval treasures of the Gothic quarter with the flamboyant Modernista buildings of Gaudì and his contemporaries, all within easy reach of the 5-star hotel on Las Ramblas.

Prices from £2,560(pp, two sharing) includes return LHR flights, private coach transfers, 5 hotel, most meals with drinks, all entrances and the talks by the lecturer.*

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[Naples at Christmas](#)

[Art, antiquities and architecture, with Amalfi and the gardens at Caserta](#)

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The once flourishing Baroque city of the Grand tour, Naples has also been historically much-maligned, known more for its chaos, congestion and corruption. But in recent years the city has seen considerable regeneration, especially in the ancient shopping and artisan districts, and much is now pedestrianised. Spend a week here, with excursions to one of Italy's loveliest coastal resorts, Amalfi, and a visit to Caserta to see the palace and gardens, with lunch nearby in a private palace.

Prices from £3,260 (pp, two sharing) includes return LGW flights, 4 hotel, private coach transfers, most meals with drinks, talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.*

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[Verona at Christmas](#)

Art, architecture and Valpolicella in the Veneto

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Verona's sequence of ancient squares and dense web of streets and alleys are as picturesque as any in Italy, and wind around the second-largest surviving amphitheatre of the ancient world, the Arena di Verona. The city's excellent art gallery is complemented by visits to Padua and Mantua, both with a wealth of stunning art and architecture. A tasting and private lunch at Sant' Ambrogio di Valpolicella at a vineyard owned by Dante's direct descendants is also included.

Prices from £2,920 (pp, two sharing) includes return LGW flights, 5 hotel, private coach transfers, most meals with drinks, talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.*

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St Petersburg

Pictures and palaces in the Imperial City

20–27 December 2018

This eight-day tour includes two visits to one of the world's greatest art collections at the Hermitage in the company of expert art historian Dr Alexey Makhrov. There are excursions to summer palaces just outside St Petersburg, the Rococo Catherine Palace at Tsarskoye Selo and the Neo-Classical Great Palace at Pavlovsk and tickets to see performances of opera or ballet at the Mariinsky theatre are also included.

Prices from £3,470 (pp, two sharing) includes return LHR flights, private coach transfer, 5 hotel accommodation, most meals with drinks, talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.*

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