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River tours 2019 & 2020

Visit rural England and see the Thames in its infancy, explore unspoilt northern India from the comforts of a river cruise in Bengal, or walk along some of the most attractive stretches of the Rhine in the Netherlands and Germany. These are all [Martin Randall Travel](http://www.martinrandall.com) tours with small groups accompanied by an expert lecturer.

New for 2020, we are also offering a music festival in the Loire valley, with hotel accommodation in Tours and private concerts in châteaux and historic buildings in medieval towns and villages, with availability for up to 180 participants.

[Bengal by River](#)

Calcutta and a week's cruise along the Hooghly

10–22 November 2019 & 16–27 November 2020

Steeped in history but still very much off the conventional tourist route, this tour adds a new dimension to India for those who already know it, and for those who are yet to encounter it. Four nights are spent in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta) exploring buildings – political, economic, educational, religious, residential – that formed the British city. There are then seven nights on board the RV Rajmahal visiting temples, palaces and churches on the banks of the Hooghly.

From £5,260 (pp, two sharing) includes airport transfers; private coach travel and first-class train; hotel accommodation in Calcutta and aboard the river cruiser; most meals with drinks; all admissions; all tips; the services of the lecturer, tour manager and local guides.

For further information please call 020 8742 3355 or visit <https://www.martinrandall.com/bengal-by-river>

[Walking a Royal River](#)

Art, architecture & history from the source to Hampton Court

20–27 September 2020

Enjoy unspoilt stretches of the river Thames with gentle walks along the towpath and in the surrounding countryside, visiting villages and towns, churches and gardens, country houses and palaces with regal connections from the Middle Ages to the present day. Stay in the picturesque village of Bibury in the Cotswolds and on the Thames in Marlow.

Prices from £2,480 (pp, two sharing) includes private coach travel, hotel accommodation, most meals with drinks, admissions, tips, taxes and the services of the lecturer and tour manager.

For more information please call 020 8742 3355 or visit <https://www.martinrandall.com/walking-a-royal-river>.

[Walking the Rhine Valley](#)

Concerts & hikes through woods, fields & vineyards

29 June–6 July 2020

One of our most popular tours, this combines gentle countryside walks with private concerts in historic venues along the banks of the river from Amsterdam to Speyer, including a section on the 'reisling route' through the vineyards in the Rheingau. Concerts include performances from the Basel Chamber Orchestra, the Baden-Baden Philharmonic and Cantus Cölln singing Cantatas by Johann Christoph (1642–1703) and J. S. Bach.

Prices from £3,020 (pp, two sharing) includes BA flights to Amsterdam, returning from Frankfurt, private coach travel, hotel accommodation, most meals with drinks, admissions, tips and taxes, and talks on the music by BBC broadcaster Richard Wigmore.

For more information or to book, please call 020 8742 3355 or visit <https://www.martinrandall.com/walking-the-rhine-valley>

[Music in the Loire Valley](#)

Renaissance to Romantic – nine concerts in magnificent châteaux and historic venues in the Garden of France

7–13 July 2020

A new music festival for Martin Randall takes place in 2020 in the surroundings of beautiful châteaux, glorious gardens and gently rolling agricultural landscapes, medieval churches and pretty towns and villages. The charms of riverine scenery are pervasive, not only the mighty meandering River Loire itself, sluggish in its lower reaches but also its many lovely tributaries. The festival includes nine private concerts in beautiful and appropriate historic buildings and châteaux, and music from the Renaissance to the Romantic.

Prices from £3,110 (pp, two sharing) includes return Eurostar trains to Paris and onwards private coach travel to Tours; access to the concerts; most meals with drinks, all admissions, tips, taxes, festival staff and talks on the music.

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