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Autumn art exhibitions & cultural tour pairings

From regal Russia to the Romantic Arts & Crafts movement, [Martin Randall Travel](http://www.martinrandall.com), share their top recommendations for cultural tours to pair with this Autumn's blockbuster London exhibitions.

Mantegna and Bellini

Lectures and exhibition at the National Gallery

10 December 2018

The National Gallery's major exhibition *Mantegna and Bellini* (1 Oct 2018–27 Jan 2019) brings together rare loans by two of the most influential Italian artists of their day, who also happened to be brothers-in-law. On the occasion of this major exhibition, Martin Randall Travel is holding the second of their 'Exhibitions in Focus' days with lectures at The Society of Antiquaries by three outstanding experts, followed by lunch and a visit to the exhibition. Two of the speakers are the exhibition's curators, Caroline Campbell and Sarah Vowles, together with conservator Jill Dunkerton, who has worked on restoring Bellini's *Assassination of St Peter the Martyr*, a highlight of the exhibition.

£195 pp (£180 for National Gallery members) includes lectures, morning refreshments, lunch and admission to the National Gallery exhibition with audio guides.

For further information, please call **020 8742 3355** or visit www.martinrandall.com/mantegna-bellini

St Petersburg

Pictures and palaces in the imperial capital

20–27 December 2018, 10–17 May 2019 & 13–20 September 2019

Reflect on the royals of Russia and pair The Queen's Gallery exhibition *Russia: Royalty & the Romanovs* (9 Nov 2018–28 April 2019) with this 8-day tour of St Petersburg, the 'window on the West'. Explore the magnificent architecture of the 18th and 19th centuries and enjoy visits to the Hermitage art museum (housed in the Winter Palace of the Romanovs) concentrating on specific aspects of the collections and with free time to pursue individual passions. A visit to the world's largest collection of Fabergé works at Shuvalov Palace also reveals the best of Russia's creative decadence. Led by Dr Alexey Makhrov, a Russian Art Historian and graduate of St Petersburg Academy of Arts.

Prices start from £3,110 pp for the May 2019 departure. Price includes return LHR flights, travel by private coach, accommodation, most meals with drinks, the talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.

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Arts & Crafts in the Lake District

Churches, houses and museums

30 September–4 October 2019

For Arts & Crafts enthusiasts, follow Tate Britain's *Edward Burne-Jones* exhibition (24 Oct 2018–24 Feb 2019) with this cultural five-day tour of the Lake District, which offers the chance to see fine examples of the movement in situ. As well as striking stained glass windows designed by Burne-Jones at St Martin's Church and two small Cumbrian churches at Troutbeck and Staveley, Arts & Crafts interiors at private ancestral homes are also celebrated, together with a visit to John Ruskin's Brantwood home. Led by art historian and curator, Janet Sinclair.

Prices from £1,790 pp includes accommodation, travel by private coach, most meals with drinks, the talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.

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Notes to editors:

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