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New 2020 tours with special arrangements

Whether the experience of private dining at venues steeped in history, or visits by special arrangement to sites not usually accessible, these new cultural tours for 2020 offer privileged moments in unforgettable places. From dinner in a 10th-century Angkorian temple in Cambodia, to a film screening in the cinema of Rome's Villa Borghese or a private evening visit to the Vatican.

[Angkor Wat & Antiquities of Cambodia](#)

Jungle temples, colonial cities, recent history

14–25 March 2020

At its apogee in the 12th-century, the Khmer Empire stretched from Vietnam to Myanmar, and at Angkor kings and craftsmen created temple complexes which are among the most impressive in world history. Not surprisingly, its mesmerising ruins play a central role in this tour, which finishes with a private farewell dinner in a 10th-century Angkorian temple. Two visits to Angkor Wat, in both the morning and evening, allow the opportunity to see how the colours of the stone change with the light. Time is also given to consider many other aspects of this ravishing country – with visits to the cities of Phnom Penh, Siem Reap and Battambang. Led by art historian, Dr Peter Sharrock.

Prices from £6,070 pp (two sharing) includes accommodation, domestic flight (Phnom Penh to Siem Reap), travel by private coach, most meals with drinks, talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.

For further information, please call **020 8742 3355** or visit www.martinrandall.com/angkor-wat-and-antiquities-of-cambodia

[Raphael 500](#)

Celebrating five centuries: a pilgrimage from Urbino to Rome

16–22 March 2020

Marking 500 years since the death of the Renaissance master Raffaello Sanzio, this seven-day tour journeys from his birthplace in Urbino to the places he lived and worked in Florence and Rome. In the Italian capital, visit the Scuderie del Quirinale palace where a special exhibition to commemorate this anniversary brings together works from major collections worldwide. An

evening private visit to the Vatican to see Raphael's paintings and frescoes includes the *Transfiguration*, his last great altarpiece. See also Michelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. The tour poignantly ends with a visit to the ancient Roman Pantheon, home to Raphael's tomb.

Prices from £3,240 pp (two sharing) includes accommodation, return LHR flights, travel by rail (first class) between Florence and Rome, travel by private coach, most meals with drinks, talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.

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The Cornish Peninsula

Spring gardens, houses, art and sea

18–25 April 2020

Renowned for the exceptional beauty of its coastline and countryside, Cornwall's individuality is reflected in the houses, gardens, and art this distinctive county has inspired. Exploring Cornish estates spanning a range of periods and styles, special arrangements include a number of owner-led visits. Among the 200 acres of The Lost Gardens of Heligan, enjoy a private lunch in the dining room of Caerhays Castle, the work of architect John Nash. A magnet to artists, the tour also looks at the paintings of the famous Newlyn School - besides the well-known Tate St Ives and Barbara Hepworth galleries, Falmouth Art Gallery has a collection of national significance. Led by historian, Anthony Lambert.

Prices from £2,600 pp (two sharing) includes accommodation, travel by private coach, most meals with drinks, talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.

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Rome on Film

Cinema & the Eternal City

7–12 September 2020

This six-day tour explores the various ways in which Rome has been immortalised on film. Through guided location visits, illustrated lectures and group discussions, explore the works of directors from across the globe and their distinctive approaches to the Eternal City. Screenings of selected films with post-film discussions, include Fellini's *Roma* in a private cinema at the Villa Borghese (Piazza di Siena in the Borghese gardens appears in the film). Includes a visit to Cinecittà, the nerve centre of Italian cinema and the largest film studio in Europe. Led by Italian film expert, Dr Pasquale Iannone.

Prices from £2,780 pp (two sharing) includes accommodation, return LHR flights, travel by private coach, most meals with drinks, talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.

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Patagonia: 'Uttermost Part of the Earth'

History, legends, landscapes and wildlife in southern Argentina & Chile

26 November–11 December 2020

In the 500th anniversary of its discovery by Europeans, Patagonia still exists for many of us as much in myths, fiction and travellers' tales as it does in reality. History and culture are the foci of this tour, but other major threads are animal, ornithological and topographical. To watch wildlife where few others venture, the tour travels to the Punta Ninfas promontory, where the afternoon is spent on a private beach amongst 6,000 Magellanic penguins and their chicks. Other features of the sixteen-day tour include a special performance by a Welsh choir; visits to the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, Palaeological and Maritime Museums; and time amidst the infamous Tierra del Fuego National Park and the glacier district.

Prices from £8,170 pp (two sharing) includes accommodation, 4 domestic flights in Argentina and Chile, travel by private coach, most meals with drinks, talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.

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