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Popular 2019 tours to book now for 2020

Whether studying the art of Japan across the ages or embarking on an archaeological exploration of Neolithic Orkney, [Martin Randall Travel](http://www.martinrandall.com), shares five of their most popular tours of 2019 to book now for 2020. Many of these hugely popular tours are now fully-booked for 2019 and departures for 2020 are already on sale and booking well.

[Frank Lloyd Wright](#)

and the Chicago School

7–18 September 2019; 12–23 June & 11–22 September 2020

America's most famous architect pioneered the open-plan Prairie style, embedding his buildings in the natural environment to striking effect. Across Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Illinois, explore the finest of his achievements with privileged access to former private houses (notably Fallingwater and Taliesin) and commercial buildings, such as the Johnson Wax Building. The itinerary also encompasses Mies van der Rohe and the Chicago School, and finds time for outstanding art collections in Pittsburgh, Milwaukee and Chicago. Led by Tom Abbott (June 2019 & September 2020) or Professor Neil Jackson (September 2019 & June 2020).

Prices (two sharing) from £5,920 pp in 2019 and from £6,040 in 2020; includes return LHR flights; internal flight (Pittsburgh to Chicago); hotel accommodation; travel by private coach; most meals with drinks; all taxes and tips; the services of the lecturer and tour manager.

For further information, please call **020 8742 3355** or visit www.martinrandall.com/frank-lloyd-wright

[Palladian Villas](#)

The greatest house builder in history

1–6 October 2019 & 21–26 April 2020

6–11 October 2020 (departure exclusively for solo travellers)

In 16th-century Italy the villa was primarily a farm, but that didn't stop Andrea Palladio turning it into one of architecture's most elegant and satisfying genres. It helped, of course, that his wealthy Venetian clients were such willing accomplices. Whether princes of commerce or soldier-aristocrats, they were all children of the Renaissance: and together they created a series of elegant country retreats that are still influential nearly 500 years on. Over six days this tour visits the finest, many by special arrangement. Led by Dr Michael Douglas-Scott (March) and Dr Sarah Pearson (October).

Prices (two sharing) from £2,270 pp in 2019 and from £2,340 in 2020; includes return LGW flights; hotel accommodation; travel by private coach; most meals with drinks; all taxes and tips; the services of the lecturer and tour manager.

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Oman, Landscapes & Peoples

Desert, coast and mountains

26 October–5 November 2019 & 4–14 January 2020

Uncover a different side of Arabia on this eleven-day tour of Oman, exploring its history, people and extraordinary natural beauty. This comprehensive itinerary covers much of this vast country: from the inland forts of Nizwa and Jabrin to the little-visited archaeological sites of Al-Balid and Khor Rori. Other highlights include a night in a desert camp in the Wahiba Sands and two nights in a luxury hotel in the mountains of the Jebel Akhdar, as well as the opportunity to bathe in the Indian Ocean and shop in souqs suffused with the scent of frankincense. Led by Dr Peter Webb (2019) and by Professor Dawn Chatty (2020).

Prices (two sharing) from £5,570 pp in 2019 and from £5,710 in 2020; includes return LHR flights; internal flight (Muscat to Salalah); hotel accommodation; travel by private coach or 4-wheel-drive vehicles; most meals with drinks, all taxes and tips; the services of the lecturer and tour manager.

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Art in Japan

Art, craft, architecture & design

13–24 April & 19–30 October 2020

Japan has one of the longest and richest artistic traditions in Asia, and this twelve-day tour incorporates every aspect – from the earliest known ceramics to the celebrated art colony at Naoshima. The line between art and craft is blurred throughout, while the artistic impulse is ubiquitous. Enjoy a feast of Shinto shrines, Buddhist temples, serene gardens, striking modern architecture and mind-bending contemporary installations – not to mention first-class museums and private collections. Led by Dr Monika Hinkel (May 2019 & October 2020) or Professor Timon Screech (April 2020).

Prices (two sharing) from £6,960 in 2020; includes hotel accommodation; travel by private coach; first class high-speed rail travel (Tokyo to Kyoto & Okayama to Tokyo); most meals with drinks; all taxes and tips; the services of the lecturer and tour manager.

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Orkney: 5,000 years of culture

Neolithic, Iron Age, Viking, present day

25–31 July 2020

A seven-day exploration of the heart of Neolithic Orkney, UNESCO World Heritage Site, where each of the four main locations (Kirkwall, Rousay, Stromness and Birsay) gives a unique insight into life on the islands over the last 5,000 years. From the Neolithic Standing Stones of Stenness to the immense Iron Age walls of Midhowe Broch, along with more modern monuments, including the Italian Chapel, erected by Italian Prisoners of War in 1943. There is a private tour of the Ness of Brodgar dig in the company of Nick Card, director of the dig. Led by Orkney archaeologist, Caroline Wickham-Jones.

Prices (two sharing) from £1,980 in 2020; includes hotel accommodation; airport transfers; travel by private coach; most meals with drinks; all taxes and tips; the services of the lecturer and tour manager.

For further information and to book, please call **020 8742 3355** or visit www.martinrandall.com/orkney-5000-years-culture

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