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Short art history and music breaks

*Vienna; Madrid; Rembrandt's 350th in Amsterdam;
English country opera; Italy's musical heritage*

These carefully-planned itineraries spend four or five days in the company of expert art historians, architectural historians or musicologists, ensuring an enriching and memorable experience in a short space of time.

Dutch Painting – with Rembrandt in his 350th year

26–29 June 2019

This four-day tour includes two visits to the magnificently refurbished Rijksmuseum, home to paintings by Rembrandt, Vermeer and their contemporaries. This tour also includes a visit the private residence where Rembrandt lived and worked for 20 years. Further highlights include the Royal Palace and a visit to the Mauritshuis in the Hague, described as Europe's most alluring small museum. All in the company of Dr Sophie Oosterwijk, an expert in Dutch and Netherlandish art.

From £1,940 (pp, two sharing) includes BA flights from LHR, private transfers, 4 hotel in central Amsterdam, most meals with drinks, admissions, tips and taxes.*

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www.martinrandall.com/rijksmuseum-and-mauritshuis

Glyndebourne & Garsington

27–30 June 2019

A four-day tour including three operas at two of England's highest quality country-house opera festivals, with talks by musician and writer Amanda Holden. The performances included are *La damnation de Faust* (Berlioz), *Don Giovanni* (Mozart), and *Il barbiere di Siviglia* (Rossini), with hotel accommodation in East Sussex and on the banks of the Thames in Marlow, and excursions to Lewes and Cliveden House.

From £2,710 (pp, two sharing) including 3 opera tickets, dinners with wine, private coach travel, admissions, tips and taxes.

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Country Houses of the South West

4–7 July 2019

Historian and writer Anthony Lambert leads this four-day tour to some outstanding houses in Somerset and Devon, with out-of-hours visits and special arrangements. Among the visits are Montacute, with the longest long gallery in England and an outstation of the National Portrait Gallery, as well as Saltram, home to paintings by Reynolds, Rubens and Brueghel, and Claverton Manor, which houses a remarkable collection of rooms transported from America.

From £1,240 (pp, two sharing) includes 4 hotel in Taunton, private coach travel, dinners with wine, admissions, tips and taxes.*

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Vienna's Masterpieces

27–31 August 2019

A five-day itinerary focussing on the best painting, sculpture and decorative arts in Vienna, housed in both major art museums but also the smaller and less-visited ones. Highlights include the excellent Academy of Fine Arts, with a masterpiece by Hieronymus Bosch, and two separate visits to the Kunsthistorisches. Art historian Patrick Bade gives expert insights into the city's history and collections visited.

From £1,980 (pp, two sharing) includes LHR flights private transfers, 5 hotel on the Ringstrasse, most meals with drinks, admissions, tips and taxes.*

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Art in Madrid – with the 200th anniversary of the Prado

2–6 October 2019

The city of Velázquez and Goya, Picasso and Murillo might alone warrant a visit to one of Europe's greatest art centres, but this five-day tour incorporates some of its best architecture as well, namely Jean Nouvel (Reina Sofía), Manuel Baquero and Francesc Plá (Thyssen) and Rafael Moneo (Prado) – which we visit twice - marking the 200th anniversary of its foundation this year. Art historian and Spanish specialist Gail Turner accompanies the tour throughout.

From £1,940 (pp, two sharing) includes LHR flights, private transfers, 5 central hotel, most meals with drinks, admissions, tips and taxes.*

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Historic Musical Instruments – with recitals and special arrangements

1–4 November 2019

A four-day tour based in Milan and Cremona – the city best associated with Italy's musical heritage – with visits to some of the finest collections of musical instruments, many in private properties and viewed only by special arrangement. There are demonstrations and

performances in many places, as well as a harpsichord recital in a private palazzo in Milan and a visit to a violin maker's workshop. Professor Robert Adelson provides insight and commentary throughout.

From £1,840 (pp, two sharing) includes BA flights to Milan, private transfers, hotels in Milan and Cremona, most meals with drinks, admissions, tips and taxes.

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