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Welcome to Australasia's finest collection of cultural and special interest tours.

We invite you to join us for unique travel experiences in the company of like-minded travellers. With our engaging tour leaders, each an expert in their field, discover people and places that money cannot buy, and travel with the peace of mind that all arrangements are meticulously taken care of by our experienced staff.

Travelling with Renaissance Tours, you enjoy:

- Meticulously researched tour itineraries, several years in the planning
- Tour leaders amongst the most accomplished in their fields of expertise
- Exclusive access to people and places not normally accessible to the public
- Travelling in the company of like-minded people
- Personal care and attention

What our travellers say

"We love Renaissance Tours! Excellent itineraries, art and music, but these are surpassed by the Renaissance people who are skilled, passionate and vital – they make the tour a magical experience."

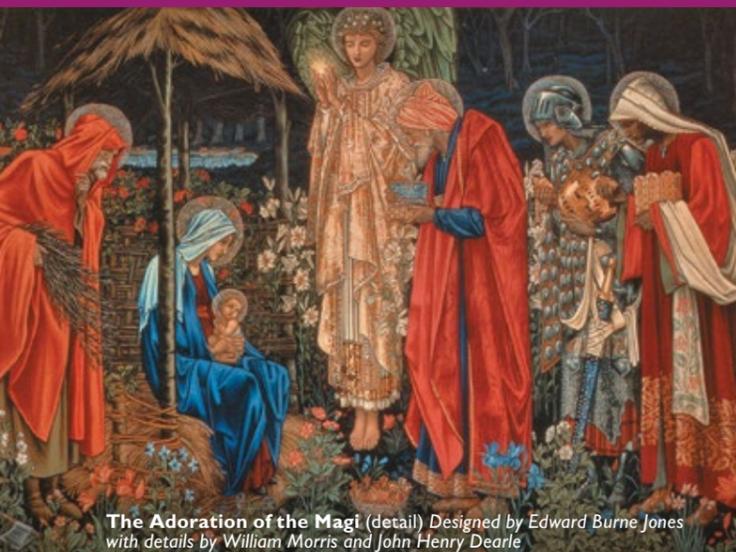
Claire F. | Sydney Opera, Music and Art Weekend 2018

"Once again, Renaissance Tours lived up to and exceeded expectations, providing the full cultural, scenic and culinary experiences of a country with attention to minute details and excellent guides to maximise one's appreciation and enjoyment of the Tour."

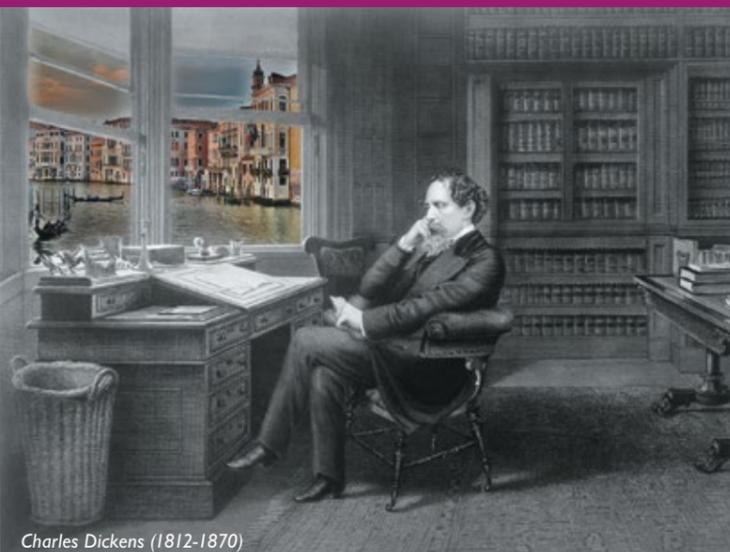
Romany W. | From the Sahara to the Sea 2018

"Travel is like love – a heightened state of awareness in which we are mindful, receptive, undimmed by familiarity and ready to be transformed."

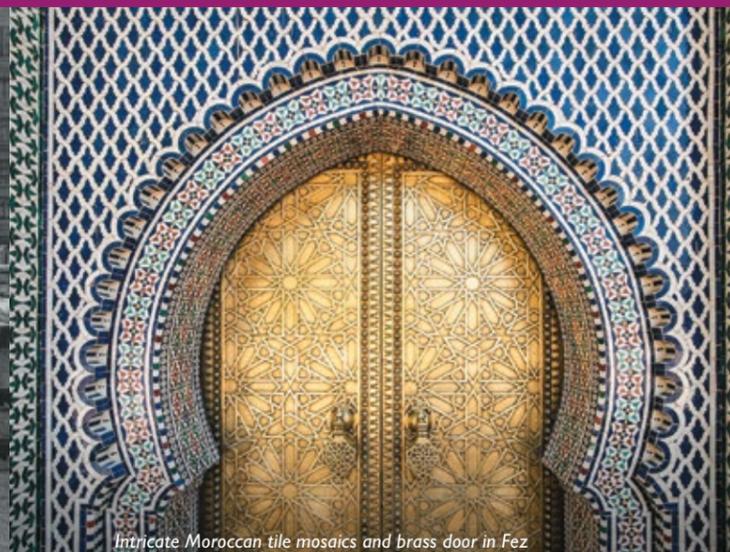
~ Pico Iyer, essayist and novelist



The Adoration of the Magi (detail) Designed by Edward Burne Jones with details by William Morris and John Henry Dearle



Charles Dickens (1812-1870)



Intricate Moroccan tile mosaics and brass door in Fez



Golden Temple in Amritsar

From Morris to Mackintosh

THE ARTS AND CRAFTS MOVEMENT
IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

with Robert Reason | 17–28 September 2019 (12 days)

Discover the *fin de siècle* Arts and Crafts movement through the interior design and architectural legacies of William Morris and Charles Rennie Mackintosh, visiting estates and manors across England and Scotland.

AT A GLANCE:

- Discover English and Scottish museums, churches, gardens and homes emblematic of the Arts and Crafts ideals
- Visit William Morris's home, Red House in Kent, and his country estate of Kelmscott near Oxford
- Travel through the Lake District in England's north west to Blackwell House overlooking Windermere
- Explore the works of Mackintosh and his contemporaries in Glasgow's Kelvingrove Art Museum and Hunterian Art Gallery
- Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea in the Willow Tea Rooms, designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh himself



Tour Leader – Robert Reason

Robert Reason has worked in the Australian art museum sector for more than 20 years. From 2002 to 2015 he was Curator of European and Australian Decorative Arts at the Art Gallery of South Australia, developing their world-renowned William Morris and English Arts and Crafts collection. Since late 2015 Robert has been Senior Curator of The David Roche Foundation, Australia's finest private collection of European decorative arts.

Italy in the Footsteps of Dickens

VENICE TO VESUVIUS

with Louise Owens | 01–14 September 2019 (14 days)

Explore Italy in the footsteps of Charles Dickens, retracing his 19th century travelogue *Pictures from Italy*, from Venice in the north, through Genoa, Florence and Rome to Mt Vesuvius in the south.

AT A GLANCE:

- Wend your way through the narrow streets of Venice, with readings from *Little Dorrit*
- In Genoa, visit the church which inspired Dickens's Christmas novel *The Chimes*
- Trace Dickens's footsteps through Carrara and Florence, which fired the author's convictions about social reform
- Tread the ancient Appian Way in Rome, which carried everyone from emperors to slaves and fascinated Dickens
- Ascend Mt Vesuvius near Naples, which filled Dickens with excitement from the moment he saw it



Tour Leader – Louise Owens

President of the NSW Dickens Society, **Louise Owens** has worked as an interior designer, stylist, writer and interviewer for over 25 years, for clients including the Queen Victoria Building, Georg Jensen, MasterChef, David Jones, *Good Weekend*, *Vogue Living* and *House & Garden*. For the NSW Dickens Society, Louise is the organiser of the 112th International Dickens Fellowship Conference in Sydney in October 2018.

From the Sahara to the Sea

ART, CULTURE AND LANDSCAPES OF MOROCCO

with Halim El Mansouri | 13–27 October 2019 (15 days)

Join Moroccan native Halim El Mansouri and travel from the bustling *souqs* of Marrakesh across the Atlas Mountains to the sands of the Sahara, and then back to the Mediterranean port of Tangier.

AT A GLANCE:

- See 16th century tombs and palaces in Marrakesh, and stroll through the bustling Jemaa el-Fnaa market
- Visit the new Yves Saint Laurent Museum in Marrakesh and the coastal city of Essaouira
- Breathe the warm, dry air of the Sahara Desert and visit the Valley of a Thousand Kasbahs
- Explore a 14th century *madrasa* in Fez, the historic *medina* of Tétouan and lively, cosmopolitan Tangier
- Conclude in Rabat, once the den of the Barbary corsairs, now the thriving capital of modern Morocco



Tour Leader – Halim El Mansouri

Halim El Mansouri joined the Moroccan Ministry of Tourism in November 2011 and is an accredited tour leader. He holds degrees in English Literature and Linguistics and in Literary Studies from the Université Hassan II Mohammedia in Casablanca, and is fluent in Arabic, English and French. Halim has extensive experience in hospitality in the broader Middle East, including senior roles in the United Arab Emirates.

"Halim was faultless. His knowledge is outstanding. If I returned to Morocco, I would choose him as a guide again."

Sally Anne O. | From the Sahara to the Sea 2018

India from the Mughals to Modi

GUJARAT, RAJASTHAN AND THE PUNJAB

with David J. Townsend | November (15 days)

Trace the rise of India from Mughals to modern day, travelling through the country's western states, from the powerhouse of Gujarat, through the stunning desert forts of Rajasthan and into the fertile Punjab.

AT A GLANCE:

- Visit Ahmadabad in Gujarat, which preserves intricate textile traditions in a modern powerhouse of the Indian economy
- Explore evocative desert forts in Rajasthan which embody the Rajput culture of independent princely states
- See Mughal forts in Delhi and visit the stunning Golden Temple of Sikhism in Amritsar
- Witness the lively, theatrical evening border-closing ceremony between India and Pakistan, an exciting display of national pride
- Take advantage of an optional post-tour to Lahore in Pakistan, capital of the Mughal and Sikh empires



Tour Leader – Dr David J. Townsend

Dr David J. Townsend holds degrees in Law and Languages from the University of Sydney, and masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Oxford. He has hosted conferences on the Hindi language and travelled extensively throughout the Subcontinent, including leading official delegations to sites sacred and secular. His family is part-Pakistani, and he is a speaker of Hindi.

"David was completely on top of his portfolio. His knowledge of the places, logistics and of course, language, was excellent."

Karen G. | La Bella Vita 2018

RT1901 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	AUD 9,500
	Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 1,950

RT1902 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	approx. AUD 10,000
	Single supplement Excluding international airfares	approx. AUD 2,000

RT1903 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	AUD 9,650
	Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 2,500

RT1904 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	approx. AUD 9,000
	Single supplement Excluding international airfares	approx. AUD 2,000



ART GALLERY SOCIETY NSW

MS Volga Dream

St Petersburg to Moscow on the Volga Dream

RUSSIAN ART, MUSIC AND LITERATURE

with Alan Dodge, Christopher Lawrence and Irina Dunn | 11–26 June 2019 (16 days)

Embark on an epic journey through Russian history and culture as you trace the mighty waterways of Russia, from imperial St Petersburg to the awe-inspiring capital city of Moscow.

AT A GLANCE:

- Explore St Petersburg, imperial city of Peter I, Catherine II and the mighty Romanov emperors who amassed vast cultural treasures from all over Europe
- Spend six days aboard the luxurious MS *Volga Dream*, cruising through the landscapes and villages that inspired the great works of Russian literature
- Experience the wonder of Moscow, a city that combines traditional and spiritual Russia with the energy one of the world's vibrant cultural and economic centres
- Enjoy the best of Russian art and music in the great cities of St Petersburg and Moscow, and discover the rural heart of literary Russia
- Take advantage of an optional post-tour to Tolstoy's estate in Tula

Your specialist tour leaders



Art

Alan R. Dodge AM worked at the National Gallery of Art in Washington before joining the fledgling Australian National Gallery in 1975, staying for 21 years. He was subsequently Director of the Art Gallery of WA for a decade.



Music

A familiar voice on ABC Classic FM, **Christopher Lawrence** has been awarded an International Emmy for Performing Arts and three ARIA Awards, and has worked as a commentator for Proms telecasts for the BBC.



Literature

Born in Shanghai, **Irina Dunn** has conducted tours to Russia, Ukraine, the Baltic States, Mongolia and China. She has advanced degrees and diplomas in English and Russian, and is Director of the Australian Writers' Network, with 13,000 members.

"What can one say? Alan is extraordinary; good-humoured, intelligent, well-educated, knowledgeable, communicative, engaged and led the tour effortlessly. Five Stars!"

Susy B. | Russian Winter Wonderland 2018

"Christopher is a delight to be around, always up for a chat, and his knowledge of all things musical is outstanding."

Frank and Ailbhe C. | Mediterranean Opera and Music Cruise 2017

CR1902 TOUR PRICES
Per person, twin-share
Per person, single
Excluding international airfares

from AUD 15,250
from AUD 19,050

OPERA

Expect the best seats in the house and experience the exhilaration of performances by leading artists in some of the world's most iconic opera houses. In the company of like-minded enthusiasts, discover more about the operas you love from the insights and knowledge of our expert tour leaders.



Semperoper Dresden



Vienna State Opera (Wiener Staatsoper) interior



Die Walküre © Ken Howard/Met Opera



Real Alcazar of Seville



Die Walküre, Deutsche Oper am Rhein © Hans Jörg Michel

Easter in Vienna and Salzburg

THE SALZBURG EASTER FESTIVAL PLUS VIENNA

with Marshall McGuire | 16–26 April 2019 (11 days)

Celebrate the European spring with opera and music from Europe's finest orchestras, soloists and conductors at the Salzburg Easter Festival, along with four opulent operas at the Vienna State Opera.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy premium seats for 11 world-class performances in Vienna and Salzburg
- Spend six days at the Salzburg Easter Festival, including works by Wagner, Mahler, Dvořák and Bach
- Attend performances of Puccini's *Turandot*, Beethoven's *Fidelio*, Wagner's *Parsifal* and Strauss's *Salome* at the Vienna State Opera
- Explore the historic city of Salzburg, replete with Baroque architecture and ornamentation
- Delight in traditional Austrian Easter markets and festivities



Tour Leader – Marshall McGuire

Acclaimed Australian harpist **Marshall McGuire** has performed as a soloist with the Australian Chamber Orchestra, English String Orchestra, Les Talens Lyriques, Australian Brandenburg Orchestra, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and the Australia Ensemble. He has appeared at numerous international festivals, and is currently Director of Artistic Planning at Melbourne Recital Centre.

"Personable and approachable, an endearing sense of humour, competent, knowledgeable and expert in the field of classical music."

Paul H. | Sydney Opera and Music Weekend 2017

OA1904 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	AUD 12,950
	Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 1,950

The Ring at the Met

NEW YORK

with Scott Curry | 28 April – 05 May 2019 (8 days)

Enjoy coveted 'Ring Leader' status and Orchestra Premium seats for Cycle II of the revival of Robert Lepage's acclaimed 2013 production of the *Ring* at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

AT A GLANCE:

- Best seats in the house (Orchestra Premium) for all four operas in Cycle II of the Met's *Ring*
- Official 'Ring Leader' status, with exclusive backstage access, gala dinner, special lectures and panel discussions
- Seven nights' accommodation in the luxurious 5-star J.W. Marriott Essex House Hotel, just opposite Central Park
- Optional performances of the Met's *Rigoletto* and *Dialogues des Carmélites*
- Pre-performance talks by your tour leader, opera expert Scott Curry



Tour Leader – Scott Curry

Scott Curry was staff accompanist at the University of the Arts in Berlin for 23 years. He has lived and worked in Europe since 1980 as concert and opera conductor for many institutions and festivals, including at the Lotte Lehmann Academy. In Australia he has worked for opera houses in Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia, and has around 90 operas in his performed repertoire.

"He is a great communicator in sharing his knowledge and passion. He was courteous and made sure everyone felt included."

Kylie W. | Vienna Ring 2017

OA1903 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	from AUD 12,950
	Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 2,750

iOpera Olé!

BARCELONA, VALENCIA, SEVILLE AND MADRID

with Mairi Nicolson | 15–28 May 2019 (14 days)

Experience the passion of Spanish opera and concert music with the best seats in the house for performances in Barcelona, Valencia, Seville and Madrid, plus flamenco dancing and sumptuous food and wine.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy at least five world-class opera performances in Barcelona, Valencia and Madrid
- Thrill to the passion of a flamenco performance and private guitar and opera recital in Seville
- Visit incomparable art collections in Barcelona's Picasso Museum and Madrid's Royal Palace and Prado Museum
- Explore grand cathedrals in Seville, Valencia and Barcelona and wonder at Gaudí's Basílica de la Sagrada Família
- Delight in varied regional gastronomy, from hearty mountain-dishes of Andalusia to *paella* and *pintxos* in Valencia



Tour Leader – Mairi Nicolson

Mairi Nicolson's long and varied career as a broadcaster for the ABC and BBC has taken her from the Sydney Opera House to New York's Avery Fischer Hall, from the Royal Albert Hall London to Hamer Hall, Melbourne. For ABC Classic FM she currently presents a range of afternoon radio programs including *The Opera Show*, orchestral concerts, and broadcasts for Opera Australia and Musica Viva.

"Where do we start with Mairi Nicolson! We couldn't have a better tour leader."

Evangeline and Carlos H. | Verdi Festival and Opera in Italy 2016

OA1901 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	AUD 14,500
	Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 3,150

The Ring on the Rhine

DÜSSELDORF, BRUSSELS AND THE LOWER RHINE

with Scott Curry | 12–24 June 2019 (13 days)

Experience Wagner's *Ring* cycle in the very setting of his epic work – on the Rhine River – with Deutsche Oper am Rhein's new production of *Der Ring des Nibelungen*.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy excellent seats for the first cycle of Deutsche Oper am Rhein's new *Ring* in Düsseldorf
- Spend three nights in Brussels, including a performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's opera *The Tale of Tsar Saltan*
- Attend a *Lieder* recital by Viennese tenor Norbert Ernst in Düsseldorf
- Visit Drachenfels, the site where legends say the battle between Siegfried and the dragon Fafnir took place
- Enrich your experience with pre-performance talks by your tour leader, opera conductor and pianist Scott Curry



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"Knowledgeable, kind, pleasant, patient... His presentations were a feature in themselves."

Denise M. | Easter at the Berlin State Opera 2018

OA1902 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	AUD 10,250
	Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 2,250



Arena di Verona



Christmas market in Berlin

Opera Bellissima

VERONA OPERA FESTIVAL, THE ROSSINI & PUCCINI FESTIVALS
with Damien Beaumont | August 2019 (15 days)

Join classical music radio broadcaster Damien Beaumont for two weeks of Italian opera, visiting three of the spectacular opera festivals which thrill summertime audiences in the delightful towns of Verona, Torre del Lago and Pesaro.

AT A GLANCE:

- Premium seats for at least six performances in the Verona, Rossini and Puccini Festivals
- Delight in unique artistic collaborations in the very towns where the great opera composers lived and worked
- Deepen your operatic appreciation with pre-performance talks by your tour leader, classical music broadcaster Damien Beaumont
- Enjoy comprehensive sightseeing of the churches, cathedrals, museums and galleries in the great cities of the region
- Savour fine wine in the Veneto, and the delicious meats and cheeses of Tuscany and Le Marche



Tour Leader – Damien Beaumont

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"It was a pleasure to meet Damien who was an ideal tour leader. He added so much to our enjoyment."

Claire F. | Sydney Opera, Music and Art Weekend 2017

OA1905 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	approx. AUD 14,950
	Single supplement	approx. AUD 3,750
	Excluding international airfares	

Christmas in Germany

OPERA AND MUSIC IN BERLIN, DRESDEN AND LEIPZIG
with Scott Curry | December 2019 (14 days)

Celebrate fine opera and music in the historic concert halls of Berlin, Dresden and Leipzig during the Christmas season, including performances by Berlin Staatsoper, Gewandhaus Orchestra Leipzig and the Semperoper Dresden.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy the best seats in the house for opera and music performances in Berlin, Dresden and Leipzig
- Attend performances by the esteemed Berlin Staatsoper, Leipzig's Gewandhaus Orchestra and the Semperoper Dresden
- Enrich your musical experience with pre-performance talks by Berlin-based music and opera expert Scott Curry
- Visit art galleries and museums in Berlin and the storied cities of Saxony
- Delight in the traditions of the German festive season, with twinkling Christmas lights and jolly Christmas markets



Tour Leader – Scott Curry

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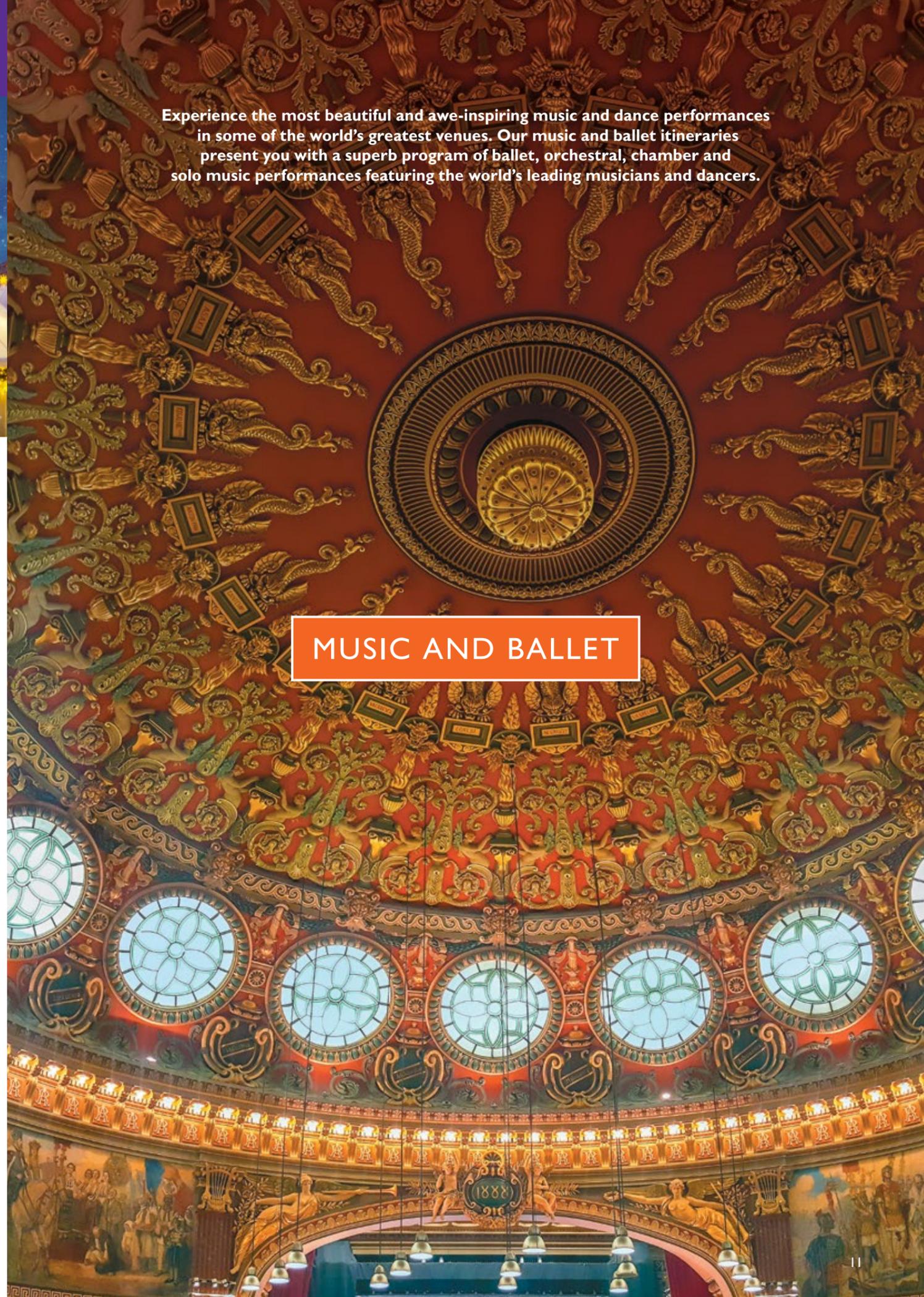
"Gained a new insight into musical performances from Scott's background as a musician... Will book on future tours with Scott."

Leslie T. | Vienna Ring 2017

OA1906 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	approx. AUD 10,000
	Single supplement	approx. AUD 1,500
	Excluding international airfares	

Experience the most beautiful and awe-inspiring music and dance performances in some of the world's greatest venues. Our music and ballet itineraries present you with a superb program of ballet, orchestral, chamber and solo music performances featuring the world's leading musicians and dancers.

MUSIC AND BALLET





New York City Manhattan Central Park in winter



Trasimeno Music Festival, Castle of the Knights of Malta, Magione



Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory



Sir Simon Rattle conducts the Berlin Philharmonic, Enescu Festival © Andrei Gindac

Music, Opera and Ballet in North America

WASHINGTON DC, NEW YORK AND CHICAGO

with Damien Beaumont | 05–17 February 2019 (13 days)

Embrace the northern hemisphere winter with the fiery sounds of the world's leading orchestras, ensembles and soloists, including the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Kronos Quartet and Chicago Lyric Opera.

AT A GLANCE:

- Premium seats for ten world-class performances including the Royal Concertgebouw, Chicago Symphony Orchestra and National Symphony Orchestra
- Delight in *Elektra* by the Chicago Lyric Opera and the world premiere of Joffrey Ballet's *Anna Karenina*
- Attend chamber music recitals by the Kronos Quartet, Juilliard Quartet and pianist Daniil Trifonov
- Hear internationally-acclaimed soloists including pianists Simon Trpčeski and Pierre-Laurent Aimard, and soprano Nina Stemme
- Savour the cultural delights of Washington DC, New York and Chicago with your tour leader, Damien Beaumont



Tour Leader – Damien Beaumont

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"Outstanding in all respects. What a pleasure to have made Damien's acquaintance."

Marion P. | Easter at the Met 2017

ML1901 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	from AUD 12,250
	Single supplement	AUD 1,950
	Excluding international airfares	

Musica d'Italia

TRASIMENO MUSIC FESTIVAL & THE RAVENNA FESTIVAL

with Mary Jo Capps | June/July 2019 (14 days)

Over two glorious weeks, luxuriate in *la dolce vita* at two of Italy's most prestigious summer music festivals – the Ravenna Festival and the Trasimeno Music Festival – with Musica Viva's Mary Jo Capps.

AT A GLANCE:

- Delight in a week at the Trasimeno Music Festival for chamber works performed by internationally-acclaimed artists
- Enjoy premium seats for exclusive concerts in intimate settings of theatres, basilicas and churches
- Attend performances of chamber music, symphonies and operas in Ravenna, and marvel at 5th century mosaics
- Benefit from enlightening pre-performance talks by music expert Mary Jo Capps
- Indulge the palate in fine wine and traditional regional cuisine in Umbria and the Veneto



Tour Leader – Mary Jo Capps

Mary Jo Capps has worked in the Australian cultural industry for more than 30 years, and has been a consultant to major Australian arts companies and orchestras such as the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Company B Belvoir Theatre, Bangarra Dance Theatre and the Museum of Contemporary Art. During her time at Musica Viva, she worked towards broadening understanding of fine music throughout Australia.

"Mary Jo was excellent, a good tour leader with a good sense of humour and good knowledge of the program allocated."

Christina B. | Summer Festivals of Italy 2015

ML1902 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	approx. AUD 10,500
	Single supplement	approx. AUD 2,000
	Excluding international airfares	

To Russia with Love

THE 16TH INTERNATIONAL TCHAIKOVSKY PIANO COMPETITION

with Damien Beaumont | 16–29 June 2019 (14 days)

Thrill to the world's leading piano competition, attending all three rounds of the 16th International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow, and be there to see the winners announced at the Awards Ceremony.

AT A GLANCE:

- Premium tickets to all three rounds of the Piano Competition, and attend the thrilling Awards Ceremony
- Join your tour leader Damien Beaumont for daily talks and analysis on the progress of the Competition
- Attend optional performances at the Bolshoi Theatre and other venues
- Enjoy comprehensive sightseeing in and around Moscow, including the Tchaikovsky House Museums in Moscow and in Klin
- Optional six-day post-tour to St Petersburg, including a special Tchaikovsky Competition Prize Winners' Gala Concert



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"Damien is a friendly and warm tour leader."

Malcolm and Margaret C. | Easter at the Met 2017

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	Single supplement	approx. AUD 2,000
	Excluding international airfares	

Romanian Rhapsody

THE GEORGE ENESCU FESTIVAL with Mairi Nicolson

30 Aug – 11 Sep 2019 (13 days) and 11–23 Sep 2019 (13 days)

In Romania's Mediaeval capital, Bucharest, join Mairi Nicolson to discover the extraordinary George Enescu Festival, one of the musical world's best kept secrets, which brings together the world's leading orchestras, conductors and soloists.

AT A GLANCE:

- Premium seats at the George Enescu Festival for thrilling symphonic, chamber and choral performances
- Discover the beautiful landscapes and history of Romania, where centuries-old traditions of song and craft still thrive
- Enrich your Festival experience with pre-performance talks by your tour leader, classical music broadcaster Mairi Nicolson
- Benefit from a choice of tour dates, seeing the Berlin Philharmonic or the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra
- Complete your exploration with a post-tour to Transylvania, discovering some of Europe's best-preserved Mediaeval towns



Tour Leader – Mairi Nicolson

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"Mairi was knowledgeable, friendly, welcoming to all of the tour group and has excellent connections."

Diana H. | Adelaide Festival 2018

ML1903 ML1904 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	approx. AUD 8,000
	Single supplement	approx. AUD 1,750
	Excluding international airfares	



Don Quixote, Hamburg Ballett John Neumeier © Kiran West



Be inspired by our tours to some of the world's most intriguing destinations. Guided by art experts from Australia's leading cultural institutions, including the Art Gallery of New South Wales, this collection of tours will stimulate and delight, whether you simply appreciate the arts or are a seasoned connoisseur.

ART AND CULTURE

Classical Ballets of Europe

BERLIN, HAMBURG AND PARIS

with Donna Cusack | 22 June – 04 July 2019 (13 days)

Delight in captivating performances of classical ballet favourites and new works by six different companies across the romantic European cities of Berlin, Hamburg and Paris.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy nine ballet performances, in Berlin, Hamburg and Paris
- Be captivated by productions of favourites such as *Romeo and Juliet*, *Don Quixote* and *Swan Lake*
- Attend the season premiere of *Die Glasmengerie* in Hamburg and new works by the Paris Opéra Ballet
- Revel in a performance by the Russian Perm Tchaikovsky Ballet in Versailles
- Deepen your appreciation of these performances with talks by your tour leader, ballet expert Donna Cusack



Tour Leader – Donna Cusack

Donna Cusack worked at The Australian Ballet between 2004 and 2016 where her various roles included media relations, coordinating the education and public programs, and philanthropy, and returned in 2018 to work as The Australian Ballet archivist. The recipient of prestigious ballet scholarships including the Ian McCrae Scholarship and the Noel Pelly Scholarship, Donna has led successful ballet tours to China, Germany, France and the UK.

"Donna was better than excellent! Her delightful personality and knowledge really added to my enjoyment of the tour."

Judy L. | Christmas Ballet Spectacular 2017



Romeo and Juliet choreography by John Cranko, Staatsballett Berlin © Bettina Stöß

AB1901 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	AUD 11,750
	Single supplement	AUD 2,450
	Excluding international airfares	

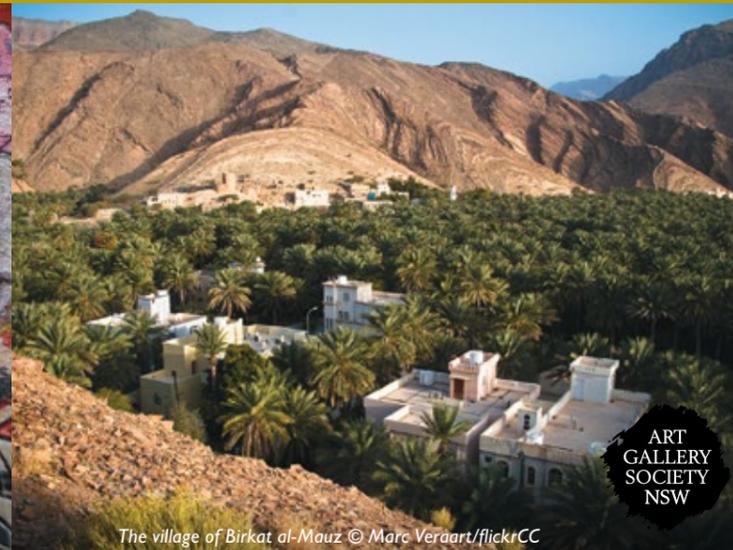


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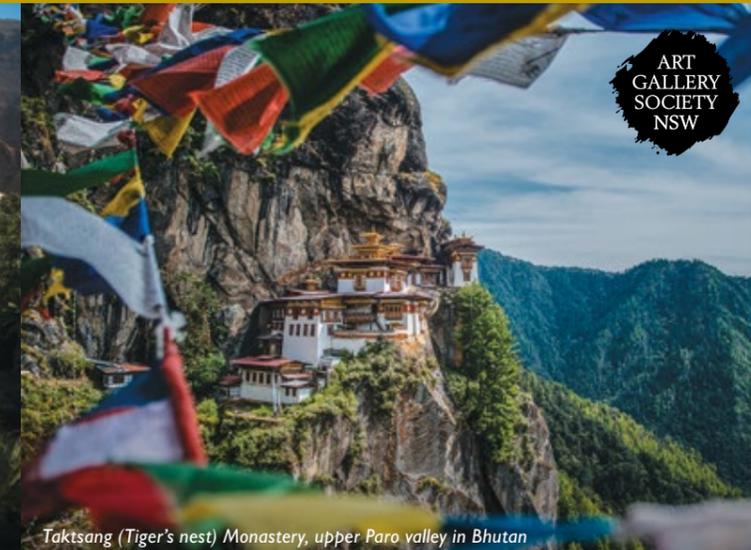
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The village of Birkat al-Mauz © Marc Veraart/flickrCC



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Taksang (Tiger's nest) Monastery, upper Paro valley in Bhutan

Eternal Egypt

INTO THE HEART OF MIDDLE EGYPT AND BEYOND

with Melanie Pitkin | 10–28 January 2019 (19 days)

Immerse yourself in the art, archaeology, language and culture of ancient and modern Egypt on a wondrous three-week journey through 4,500 years of history – including the hidden treasures of Middle Egypt.

AT A GLANCE:

- Gain special access to archaeological sites and museum collections normally hidden from the public
- Explore the seldom-visited sites of Middle Egypt, including Karanis and the evocative pyramid of Pharaoh Amenemhat III
- Cruise up the Nile from Aswan to Luxor, visiting temples of Horus, Sobek and Isis
- Delve into the Islamic and Coptic history of Cairo, the thriving metropolis of Egypt
- Optional post-tour to Alexandria, one of Alexander the Great's beacons of Hellenistic culture



Tour Leader – Dr Melanie Pitkin

Dr Melanie Pitkin is an Australian Egyptologist and museum curator. She holds a PhD on the history and chronology of Egypt's First Intermediate Period from Macquarie University, was a curator at Sydney's Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, and currently works as a Research Associate in Egyptology at the Fitzwilliam Museum, University of Cambridge. She has worked on several archaeological digs and travelled extensively throughout Egypt.

Singapore Art Week 2019

with Ron Ramsey | 20–24 January 2019 (5 days)

Join Ron Ramsey, Executive Director of the Art Gallery Society of NSW, to delve into the lively visual arts scene of Singapore Art Week, plus other fascinating museums and galleries.

AT A GLANCE:

- Discover the dynamic Singapore Art Week, the premier festival of Southeast Asian art
- Enjoy special access to artists and galleries not typically open to the public
- Explore the distinctive identity of Singapore in the Singapore Art Museum and the National Gallery of Singapore
- Visit the Peranakan Museum, celebrating the Straits Chinese culture, and the ambitious Asian Civilisations Museum
- Stroll through Gardens by the Bay, the emblem of innovative, verdant, modern Singapore



Tour Leader – Ron Ramsey

After three years at the National Gallery of Victoria and 14 years at the National Gallery of Australia, **Ron Ramsey** was based in Washington DC from 2004 to 2007 as Australia's Cultural Attaché. He was Director of Newcastle Art Gallery from 2007 to 2014 and is currently Executive Director of the Art Gallery Society of NSW.

"Ron was absolutely BRILLIANT. His knowledge of art and art appreciation is fabulous."

Jamelia W. | Hong Kong Art Week and Guangzhou 2017

AG1903 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 12,950 AUD 2,550
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The Frankincense Route

OMAN AND ZANZIBAR

with Jane Hutcheon | 22 Jan – 08 Feb 2019 (18 days)

In Oman, immerse yourself in a land of deserts, mountains and beaches enriched with stunning architecture, textiles and jewellery, and then travel to the exotic 'spice island' of Zanzibar, outpost of the erstwhile Sultanate of Oman.

AT A GLANCE:

- Discover the unique art, architecture and crafts of Oman and explore the history of its sultanic dynasties
- Travel across intriguing desert landscapes and oases
- Be awe-struck by the views from atop the Jebel Shams, the highest point in eastern Arabia
- Explore the oasis city of Nizwa, former capital of Oman, now famous for its silver *souq*
- Be intoxicated by the aromas, textures and colours of the 'spice island' of Zanzibar



Tour Leader – Jane Hutcheon

Jane Hutcheon is the host of ABC's *One Plus One*, a weekly chat show where she interviews celebrities and regular folk about life and motivation. Born in Hong Kong and a speaker of Mandarin and Cantonese, Jane has travelled the world as an international correspondent based in China, the Middle East and Europe. She reported for ABC News and *Foreign Correspondent* from 1995 to 2008.

AG1902 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 13,950 AUD 3,250
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Lands of the Lotus

NEPAL AND BHUTAN, INCLUDING THE PARO FESTIVAL

with Joyce Morgan | 06 – 21 March 2019 (16 days)

Explore the peaceful Himalayan realms of Bhutan and Nepal, and discover stunning landscapes, ancient Hindu temples and serene Buddhist stupas, as well as thrilling religious dances at the colourful Paro Festival.

AT A GLANCE:

- Discover Kathmandu's major Buddhist and Hindu religious sites such as Boudhanath Stupa and Pashupatinath Temple
- Enjoy the Paro Festival, one of the most colourful and popular religious festivals in Bhutan
- Explore the royal cities of Bhaktapur and Patan and immerse yourself in artisans' workshops in Thimphu
- Marvel at Punakha Dzong, the magnificent fortress where Bhutan's kings are crowned
- Ascend to the Tiger's Nest, the emblematic Bhutanese temple perched on a cliff edge



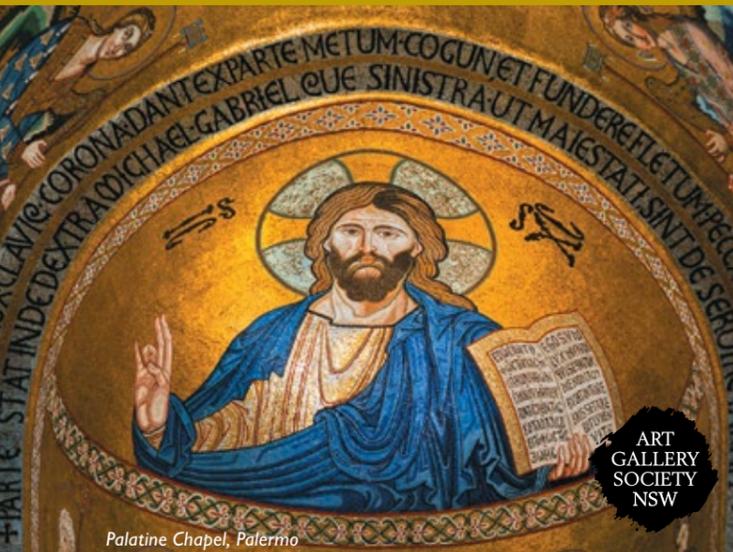
Tour Leader – Joyce Morgan

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"Amazing knowledge! Joyce is a natural guide, imparting knowledge in a relaxed and easy-to-understand manner."

Ann P. | Bhutan: the Last Himalayan Kingdom 2017

AG1913 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Including international airfares (Economy Class) and Singapore stopover	AUD 13,450 AUD 2,850
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Palatine Chapel, Palermo

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Peace Hotel, Shanghai © Micah Sittig/flickrCC

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The Fortified City of Carcassonne

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Gergeti Trinity Church, Kazbegi. Photo courtesy of Visit Georgia

ART GALLERY SOCIETY NSW

From Homer to Caravaggio

SICILY AND MALTA

with Christopher Allen | 13–27 April 2019 (15 days)

Explore the alluring Mediterranean islands of Sicily and Malta through a wealth of art and archaeology, tracing their history from the Neolithic to the Baroque.

AT A GLANCE:

- Wander through Greek theatres and temples in Syracuse and Agrigento, two great centres of the Hellenic world
- See masterpieces of art ranging from Greek bronzes to Caravaggio's *Beheading of St John the Baptist*
- Visit Taormina in Sicily, whose Greco-Roman theatre gazes out towards the slopes of Mt Etna
- Wonder at treasures of Norman-Sicilian art such as the Palatine Chapel in Palermo and Monreale Cathedral
- Explore the unique history of Malta, whose culture blends Phoenician, Arab, Norman, Italian and British influences



Tour Leader – Dr Christopher Allen

Dr Christopher Allen is an art critic and historian. He worked at the Collège de France in Paris and the National Art School, and is currently Senior Master in Academic Extension at Sydney Grammar School. The author of several books on Australian art, he was art critic of the *Financial Review* from 2005 to 2008 and since 2008 has been national art critic for *The Australian*.

"Very patient and tolerant; knowledgeable and enthusiastic about art, history as well as languages."

Laura V. | Persian Paradox 2017

AG1904 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 10,950 AUD 2,150
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Art Deco to Art Now

SHANGHAI AND HONG KONG

with Claudia Chan Shaw | 19–27 April 2019 (9 days)

Join Claudia Chan Shaw for a fresh look at China's early 20th century architectural heritage, alongside its 21st century contemporary art, design and changing culture.

AT A GLANCE:

- Visit museums and galleries including the China Art Museum and the Museum of Contemporary Art Shanghai
- Stay at the Fairmont Peace Hotel, Shanghai's most celebrated Art Deco legacy
- Explore the origins of Art Deco in Shanghai's French Concession apartments, cinemas, hotels and Bund waterfront
- Visit the intriguing Propaganda Poster Art Centre, a private collection of over 5,000 Maoist artworks
- Discover contemporary art in Hong Kong, including the M+ Pavilion and the historic Pedder Building



Tour Leader – Claudia Chan Shaw

Claudia Chan Shaw is a vibrant, energetic woman of many talents – fashion designer, television and radio presenter, author, public speaker, collector and artist. She presents *The Dialogue* on 89.7fm Eastside Radio, and was the curator of the City of Sydney's Chinese New Year Festival and the co-host and presenter of ABC TV's *Collectors*. She has led several successful Art Deco tours to China, Cuba and New York.

"Claudia is an absolute delight. She obviously loves art and makes it a joy for us to discover it."

Joanne D. | Art Deco to Art Now – Miami and Cuba 2017

AG1914 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 8,950 AUD 1,550
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Cathar Castles & Catalan Cathedrals

TOULOUSE, NARBONNE, PERPIGNAN, GIRONA,
BARCELONA AND MALLORCA

with Brian Ladd | 11–26 May 2019 (16 days)

Discover the fascinating Catalan and Cathar cultures in the picturesque regions straddling the eastern Pyrenees Mountains of France and Spain, and explore outstanding examples of Romanesque and Gothic architecture.

AT A GLANCE:

- Begin in Toulouse, the thriving capital of France's Languedoc region, home of Romanesque cathedrals and art
- Discover Albi, once a major centre of Catharism, and visit nearby Cathar castles including spectacular Carcassonne
- Explore key early Romanesque mountain sites, including the Abbey of Saint Michel de Cuxa
- Discover the art of leading Catalan artists including Salvador Dalí, Joan Miró and Antoni Gaudí
- Enjoy three days exploring the island of Mallorca, including its remote mountain villages



Tour Leader – Brian Ladd

Brian Ladd is President of the Art Gallery Society of NSW. He is a specialist in European and Australian sculpture, and brings a broad knowledge and enthusiasm to the study of art. From 1996 to 2010, Brian led the Public Programs department at the Art Gallery of NSW, and has led many successful tours to the USA and Europe, particularly the Iberian Peninsula.

"Can't praise Brian enough, delightful person, great company with a formidable knowledge of art and history."

Maureen F. | Art Treasures of Madrid and Andalusia 2017

AG1906 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 11,500 AUD 2,500
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A Road Less Travelled

ARMENIA, GEORGIA AND AZERBAIJAN

with Liz Gibson | 24 May – 11 June 2019 (19 days)

Discover where Europe and Asia meet, and explore the spectacular landscapes of the three distinct nations of Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan, each rich in museums, mosques, monasteries and traditional hospitality.

AT A GLANCE:

- Wend your way through changing landscapes, from mountains and snow-capped peaks to valleys, lakes and deserts
- Enjoy the treasures of Caucasian archaeology, art and culture in the region's museums and galleries
- Discover 12th century frescoes in a monastic cave and visit sites of Neolithic petroglyphs
- Wander through Persian palaces and mosques where the Caucasus meets the Silk Road
- Visit the region where 8,000 years ago grapes were first fermented into wine



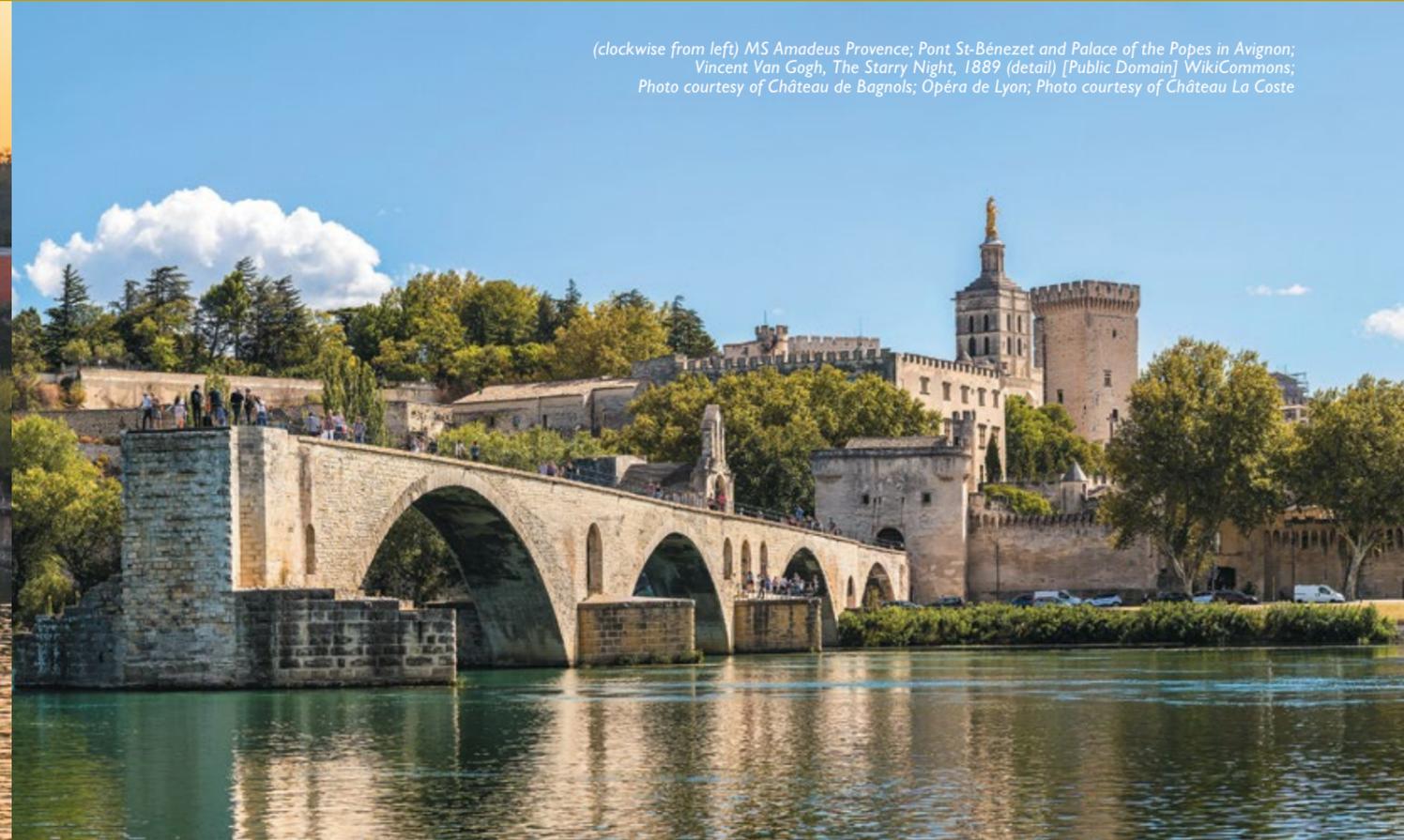
Tour Leader – Liz Gibson

Liz Gibson has been professionally involved with the Art Gallery of NSW for many years, as a Senior Co-ordinator of Public Programs, and currently as Co-ordinator of the World Art Tours Program. Liz lectures on broad ranging aspects of art, architecture and cultural history. She is an experienced tour leader, having led many Members' tours to Russia, Germany, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus.

"It is hard to imagine a tour leader being better than Liz. We would love to do another tour with her."

Pamela C. | A Road Less Travelled 2018

AG1905 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 10,500 AUD 2,500
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(clockwise from left) MS Amadeus Provence; Pont St-Bénézet and Palace of the Popes in Avignon; Vincent Van Gogh, The Starry Night, 1889 (detail) [Public Domain] WikiCommons; Photo courtesy of Château de Bagnols; Opéra de Lyon; Photo courtesy of Château La Coste

Art, Music and Wine in The South of France

INCLUDING FIVE NIGHTS ON THE RHONE RIVER FROM ARLES TO LYON

with Wendy Sharpe, Bernard Ollis, Christopher Lawrence and Peter Bourne | 11–21 September 2019 (11 days)

Journey through the charming South of France, and cruise up the mighty Rhone River from Arles through Avignon and Tournon-sur-Rhone to the gastronomic capital of Lyon.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy a five-day luxury cruise along the Rhone on the MS *Amadeus Provence*, accompanied by fine wine and world-class music
- Experience Aix-en-Provence through the works of Paul Cézanne and be inspired by Arles, home of Vincent van Gogh
- Delight in musical performances in Lyon, one of France's great concert and opera centres
- Enjoy the distinctive cuisine of Southern France, one of the culinary leaders of the world
- Take advantage of two optional pre-tours to Champagne and the Côte d'Azur, and two optional post-tours to Burgundy and Paris

Your specialist tour leaders



Art

Wendy Sharpe is one of Australia's most awarded artists. Her awards include The Sulman Prize, The Portia Geach Memorial Award (twice), The Archibald Prize and many others. She has held over 40 solo exhibitions, and has many years' teaching experience.



Art

Bernard Ollis has held over 50 solo painting exhibitions throughout Australasia and Europe, and his work is in the permanent collections of most Australian state and regional galleries. He has taught fine art for over 30 years, including as Director of the National Art School Sydney.



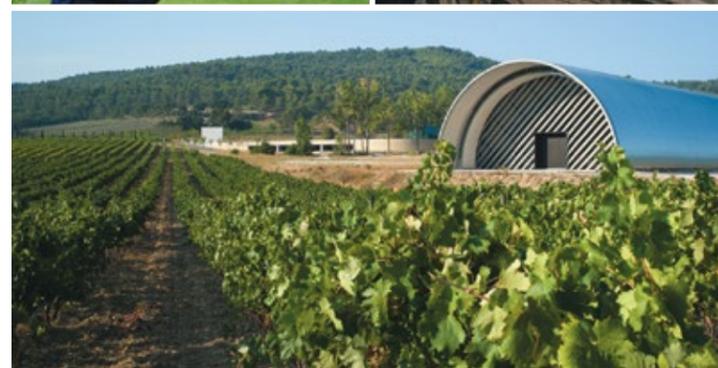
Music

A familiar voice on ABC Classic FM, **Christopher Lawrence** has been awarded an International Emmy for Performing Arts and three ARIA Awards, and has worked as a commentator for Proms telecasts for the BBC.



Wine

Universally known as 'The Wine Man', **Peter Bourne** has been involved in the Australasian wine industry for over 35 years. He has won the Wine Communicator of the Year award, is a founding member of the *Gourmet Traveller WINE* team and writes for the *Qantas Magazine*.



Optional pre- and post-tours

Art of the Côte d'Azur

with Wendy Sharpe and Bernard Ollis
08–11 September 2019 (4 days)

Explore the artistic heritage of France's enchanting Côte d'Azur, the muse of artists such as Marc Chagall, Henri Matisse and Pierre-Auguste Renoir, and discover wonderful collections of their masterpieces.

CR1901A

Champagne Wine Tour

with Peter Bourne
07–11 September 2019 (5 days)

Visit the wineries which produce the world's finest champagne, including Tattinger, Pol Roger, Bollinger, Charles Heidsieck and Domaine Pommery, and view magnificent works of Mediaeval and Baroque architecture amidst elegant natural landscapes.

CR1901B

Paris Through an Artist's Eyes

with Wendy Sharpe and Bernard Ollis
21–25 September 2019 (5 days)

Explore Paris through an artist's eyes with Wendy and Bernard, visiting the Musée d'Art Moderne, the Saint Germain des Prés district, the Fondation Louis Vuitton and Montmartre, home to Renoir, Picasso, Monet, Modigliani and more.

CR1901C

Wines of Burgundy

with Peter Bourne
21–25 September 2019 (5 days)

Join Peter to explore the varying *terroirs* of Burgundy's finest reds such as Domaine Bouchard, Domaine Faiveley, Clos de Vougeot, Olivier Leflaive and Vincent Girardin, and discover the charming Mediaeval city of Beaune.

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CR1901 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	from AUD 10,950
	Per person, single	from AUD 13,950
	Excluding international airfares	



Old Town Market Place in Warsaw, Poland

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Adare Manor, County Limerick

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Registan complex, Samarkand

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Archaeological site of Kourion

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Poland and the Baltics

WARSAW, KRAKOW, RIGA, TALLINN AND HELSINKI
with Rosamund Bartlett | 21 June – 07 July 2019 (17 days)

Discover the great centres of art and architecture in Poland, and explore the storied Baltic capitals of Latvia, Estonia and Finland, centres of the Baroque, Classicism and Art Nouveau.

AT A GLANCE:

- Delve into Warsaw, visiting its UNESCO World Heritage-listed old town, royal palaces and superb museums
- Explore Krakow, one of the oldest cities in Poland which served for centuries as the royal capital
- Discover the architectural riches of Riga, where Gothic churches meet Art Nouveau civic design
- Wander through the delightful Mediaeval centre of Tallinn, one of the best-preserved in Europe
- Visit Helsinki, the elegant Nordic capital of Finnish design and modernism



Tour Leader – Dr Rosamund Bartlett

Dr Rosamund Bartlett is a cultural historian with a particular interest in the intersection between politics, history and the arts. She is the author of several books, including *Wagner and Russia* and *Tolstoy: A Russian Life*, and has collaborated with organisations such as the Victoria & Albert Museum, BBC Radio 3 and the Salzburg Festival. She speaks several languages and has accompanied tours throughout Europe.

"Rosamund was an excellent communicator and led the group sensitively. Her lectures were comprehensive, and excellent introductions to the subjects."

Janet G. | Nordic Lights 2017

AG1915 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	AUD 12,450
	Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 2,650

Treasures of the Emerald Isle

CASTLES, MANOR HOUSES AND MUSEUMS OF IRELAND
with Kenneth Park | 21 June – 06 July 2019 (16 days)

Explore the romantic manors, castles, landscapes and art of Ireland, from dynamic Dublin to picturesque Kilkenny and Cork, up thorough Gaelic Sligo and onwards to the exciting city of Belfast.

AT A GLANCE:

- See the Book of Kells in Dublin, kiss the Blarney Stone and tour the Waterford Crystal factory
- Stay in Adare Manor, designed by Augustus Pugin, and explore Sligo in the footsteps of WB Yeats
- Spend a day in coastal Cobh, and discover Gaelic culture in the western port of Galway
- Visit the impressive Titanic Museum in Belfast, regal Hillsborough Castle and magnificent Mount Stewart
- Enjoy a number of signature stays in historic hotels and delight in the verdant Irish countryside



Tour Leader – Kenneth W Park,

Kenneth W Park, Irish by descent, works as a freelance lecturer, curator, tour leader, presenter and fundraiser. His wide-ranging studies include fine arts, history, museum studies, political science, industrial relations, and international relations, and he is Curator of Collections at Wesley College Melbourne. Kenneth leads several international tours a year, living by the motto, 'Life is a grand tour, so make the most of it'.

"Kenneth was knowledgeable and with a good sense of humour. I would happily go on another tour with Kenneth!"

Margery C. | From Sahara to the Sea 2018

AG1907 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	AUD 10,950
	Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 2,800

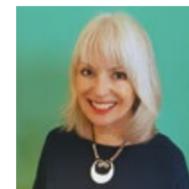
Journey Along the Silk Road: Uzbekistan

TASHKENT, NUKUS, KHIVA, BUKHARA AND SAMARKAND
with Joyce Morgan | 12–29 September 2019 (18 days)

Discover the 'Jewel of Central Asia', a land of ancient oasis citadels on the Silk Road, with distinctive turquoise-tiled minarets, mosques and *madrassas* and a rich tradition of arts and crafts.

AT A GLANCE:

- Begin and end in the ancient – and modern – Silk Road trading city of Tashkent
- Visit the renowned Russian avant-garde art collection at Nukus's Savitsky Museum and discover Zoroastrian archaeological sites
- Explore the historic oasis citadels of Khiva and Bukhara, treasures of traditional architecture and atmosphere
- Follow the 'Golden Road to Samarkand' and discover impressive sites in the capital of Timur's empire
- Spend two days in Seoul, visiting the Gyeongbok Palace, National Museum and Leeum Samsung Museum of Art



Tour Leader – Joyce Morgan

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"Joyce is an outstanding leader. So knowledgeable. Such a good companion. Always on duty looking after the needs of others."

Cathy M. | Bhutan: the Last Himalayan Kingdom 2017

AG1908 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	AUD 11,250
	Single supplement Including international airfares (Economy class) and Seoul stopover	AUD 1,000

Crossroads of Culture

CYPRUS
with Christopher Allen | 30 Sep – 12 Oct 2019 (13 days)

Join art historian Christopher Allen to dig deep into the history of Cyprus, the 'island of Aphrodite', through which the wealth of Mediterranean cultures has coursed for more than 8,000 years.

AT A GLANCE:

- Explore the fascinating ancient historical sites of Neolithic Choirokoitia, Hellenistic Paphos and Salamis (Roman Famagusta)
- Wonder at richly decorated Crusader churches and castles, once the strongholds of the Knights Hospitaller
- Venture into Northern Cyprus, visiting Bellapais Abbey in the village where Lawrence Durrell wrote *Bitter Lemons*
- Delve into the ancient maritime history of the region in the extraordinary Kyrenia Shipwreck Museum
- Travel through varied landscapes from the dry Mediterranean coast to the verdant Troödos Mountains of the interior



Tour Leader – Dr Christopher Allen

Dr Christopher Allen is an art critic and historian. He worked at the Collège de France in Paris and the National Art School, and is currently Senior Master in Academic Extension at Sydney Grammar School. The author of several books on Australian art, he was art critic of the *Financial Review* from 2005 to 2008 and since 2008 has been national art critic for *The Australian*.

"Always amazing. Very knowledgeable and a very pleasant person. Always happy to help with any matter."

Michael H. | Persian Paradox 2017

AG1919 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	approx. AUD 10,000
	Single supplement Excluding international airfares	approx. AUD 1,750



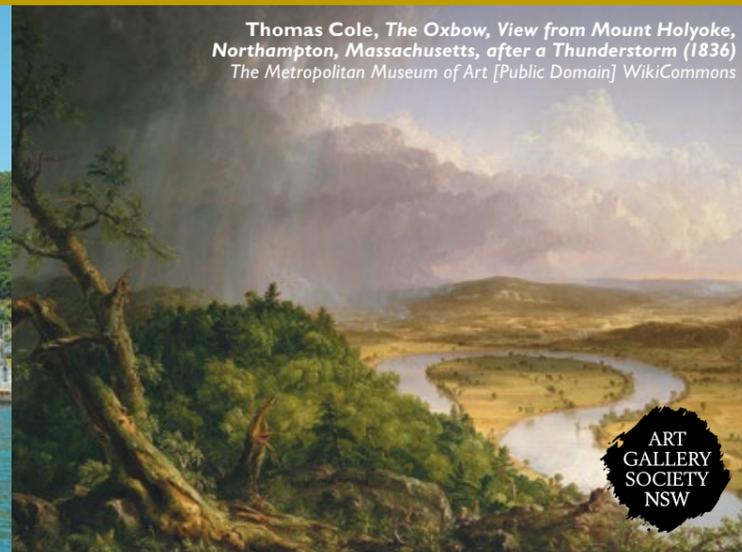
Ancient town of Matera (Sassi di Matera) in Puglia

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Megijima Island © John McBride

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Thomas Cole, *The Oxbow, View from Mount Holyoke, Northampton, Massachusetts, after a Thunderstorm (1836)*
The Metropolitan Museum of Art [Public Domain] WikiCommons

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Decumanus Maximus street with Trajan's Arch, Timgad

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Puglia and Southern Italy

BARI TO NAPLES

with Steven Miller | 13–25 October 2019 (13 days)

In Southern Italy a treasure trove of Roman, Mediaeval and Baroque architecture awaits, replete with spectacular castles, ornate churches and expansive art museums.

AT A GLANCE:

- Visit the beautiful Romanesque and Byzantine art of Bari, and the Baroque architectural gems of Lecce
- Stroll through the charming city of Martina Franca, where Late Mannerism gives way to the Baroque
- Discover the ceramic tradition of Grottaglie, where fine pottery has been produced since the Hellenistic Period
- Explore the *trulli* houses of Alberobello and the *sassi* caves of Matera, inhabited until the 1950s
- Experience the riches of Naples with visits to the Museo di Capodimonte and National Archaeological Museum



Tour Leader – Steven Miller

Steven Miller is head of the National Art Archive at the Art Gallery of NSW. He has worked in commercial and public galleries since the late 1980s and published widely on art, including the charming *Dogs in Australian Art*. He was awarded the NSW Premier's History Award in 2006, and has a Masters degree in theology, as well as qualifications in art history and archives.

Setouchi Triennale 2019

THE 'ART ISLANDS' OF THE SETO INLAND SEA

with John McBride | 13–24 October 2019 (12 days)

Join Japanophile John McBride AM for a comprehensive visit to all 12 islands and one port of the 2019 Setouchi Triennale, celebrating the creativity of Japanese and international artists.

AT A GLANCE:

- Visit all 12 'art islands' and one port of the Seto Inland Sea in the Setouchi Triennale
- Experience the pleasure of staying in the Benesse complex on Naoshima Island
- Wander through Ritsurin Strolling Gardens, and visit the stone sculpture atelier of American-Japanese artist Isamu Noguchi
- Explore the striking landscape of Shodōshima Island and delve into the traditional cultures of the small villages
- Cross between the islands of the Inland Sea on a delightful and picturesque ferry ride



Tour Leader – John McBride

After studying in Japan and Australia, **John McBride** began his career at the Australia-Japan Research Centre, ANU, before joining Ansett Australia to establish flights into Osaka, Japan. Later he was Chief Executive of News Corporation Japan. John was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his support of Australia-Japan cultural and business links, and is a licensed tea master of the Omotesenke School.

"John is the best guide I have had the privilege to travel with. His in-depth knowledge is astounding."

Joanne M. | Autumn Colours of Japan 2017

AG1909 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding international airfares	AUD 9,950 AUD 2,650
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AG1910 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding international airfares	approx. AUD 13,000 approx. AUD 3,000
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Museums, Mansions and Masterpieces: Hudson Valley to Boston

NEW YORK TO BOSTON

with Ron Ramsey | October 2019 (11 days)

Gain a new insight into American art, history and architecture as you explore the art collections and mansions of presidents and business tycoons in the Hudson Valley, Boston and Massachusetts.

AT A GLANCE:

- In New York, discover the collection of paintings from the 19th century 'Hudson River School'
- In the Hudson Valley, visit Kykuit Rockefeller Mansion and contemporary galleries Dia:Beacon and Magazzino
- Visit the FD Roosevelt Presidential Museum in Hyde Park and the house of painter Frederic Edwin Church
- Discover the extensive collections of Boston's Museum of Fine Arts and the palatial Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- Explore Boston's leading contemporary art destinations such as Mass MOCA, Newbury Street and the 'SoWa' district



Tour Leader – Ron Ramsey

After three years at the National Gallery of Victoria and 14 years at the National Gallery of Australia, **Ron Ramsey** was based in Washington DC from 2004 to 2007 as Australia's Cultural Attaché. He was Director of Newcastle Art Gallery from 2007 to 2014 and is currently Executive Director of the Art Gallery Society of NSW.

"Ron makes everything look easy. He has a very special knack of making everyone feel welcome and relaxed."

Kim and Margie | Hong Kong Art Week and Guangzhou 2017

AG1911 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding international airfares	approx. AUD 10,000 approx. AUD 2,250
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Into the Sahara: Algeria

FROM ANCIENT ROME TO THE MODERN MAGHREB

with Julian Droogan | Late November 2019 (18 days)

Venture to one of the few remaining frontiers of art and archaeology, and discover a culture weaving together nomadic Berbers, Ancient Romans, Mediaeval Vandals and Umayyads, French colonists and modern Algerians.

AT A GLANCE:

- In Algiers, discover a melting pot of Mediterranean history, with delightful sights, aromas and flavours
- Gaze upon peerless Roman ruins showcasing the wealth of Roman North Africa in Constantine and Timgad
- Immerse yourself in traditional Berber Mozabite culture and traditions in the M'Zab Valley at Ghardaïa
- Explore the interior of the Sahara in the ancient desert market towns of Taghit and Timimoun
- Discover diverse landscapes from the fertile Mediterranean coast to the ethereal beauty of Algeria's desert heart



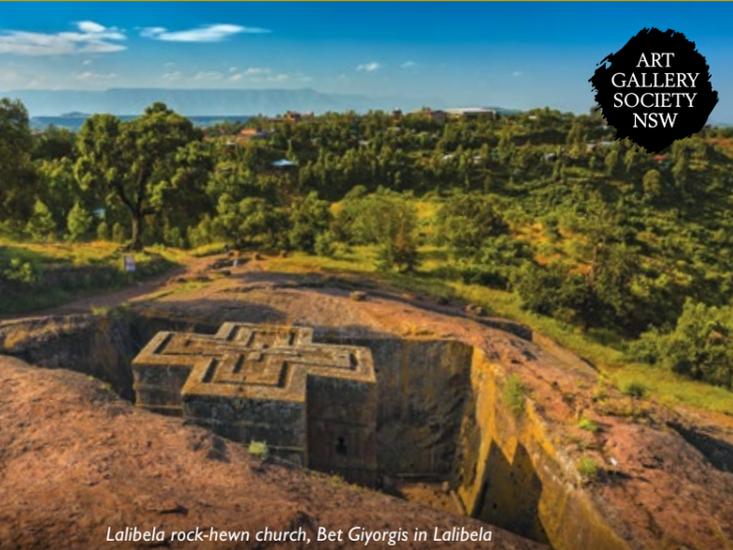
Tour Leader – Dr Julian Droogan

Dr Julian Droogan is a Senior Lecturer at Macquarie University specialising in issues of Religion and Politics and International Studies. He has written books and papers on archaeology, Asian history and culture as well as the role of religion in modern politics. Julian's tours combine a focus on the art and archaeology of a region with a love of its religious, artistic and architectural heritage.

"Julian is an outstanding tour leader. His enthusiasm and knowledge added so much to the trip."

Susan N. | Through the Holy Lands: Jordan 2017

AG1912 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding international airfares	approx. AUD 13,000 approx. AUD 3,000
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Lalibela rock-hewn church, Bet Giyorgis in Lalibela



Cuban Cigar Lady mural in Old Havana

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Ethiopia: The Heart of African Civilisation

ADDIS ABABA AND THE HISTORICAL NORTH

with Jane Hutcheon | 12–26 November 2019 (15 days)

In the birthplace of humanity, explore the monolith rock churches of Lalibela, the monasteries of Axum and the proud imperial castles of Gondar, built by the heirs of King Solomon.

AT A GLANCE:

- Marvel at Lalibela's ancient rock-hewn Christian churches, and enjoy the proud Ethiopian tradition of warm hospitality
- Discover the Ark of the Covenant and the Tablets of the Ten Commandments in Axum
- Explore the extraordinary geography, panoramas and wildlife of the Simien Mountains
- Travel to Lake Tana, home to ancient monasteries and artistic treasures
- Visit the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital, founded by Australia's extraordinary Dr Catherine Hamlin AC



Tour Leader – Jane Hutcheon

Jane Hutcheon is the host of ABC's *One Plus One*, a weekly chat show where she interviews celebrities and regular folk about life and motivation. Born in Hong Kong and a speaker of Mandarin and Cantonese, Jane has travelled the world as an international correspondent based in China, the Middle East and Europe. She reported for ABC News and *Foreign Correspondent* from 1995 to 2008.

Art Revival: From Cuba to Miami

HAVANA AND ART BASEL MIAMI BEACH

with Claudia Chan Shaw | 27 Nov – 07 Dec 2019 (11 days)

Experience the dynamic energy of contemporary art in two cities at the juncture of North and South America. Delight in Cuban traditions in Havana, and explore the cutting-edge Art Basel Miami Beach.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy a week in Havana, Cuba's colourful capital, which still maintains a delightful 'shabby chic' aesthetic
- Delve into Cuba's rich architecture, music and culture, visiting the Bacardí Building and the Museum of Fine Art
- Journey along the 'tobacco route' to Pinar del Rio, the greenest of all of Cuba's provinces
- Explore Miami's Art Deco heritage and lively art scene at Art Basel Miami Beach
- Visit artists' studios and discover new galleries and contemporary art spaces



Tour Leader – Claudia Chan Shaw

Claudia Chan Shaw is a woman of many talents – fashion designer, television and radio presenter, author, public speaker, collector and artist. She presents *The Dialogue* on 89.7fm Eastside Radio, and was the curator of the City of Sydney's Chinese New Year Festival and the co-host and presenter of ABC TV's *Collectors*. She has led several successful Art Deco tours to China, Cuba and New York.

"Claudia is a wonderful, professional and very caring tour leader...and just to top it off, very entertaining!"

Margaret C. | Art Deco to Art Now: New York 2018

AG1918 TOUR PRICES Per person, twin-share AUD 10,950
Single supplement AUD 2,150
Excluding international airfares

AG1917 TOUR PRICES Per person, twin-share AUD 11,850
Single supplement AUD 3,250
Excluding international airfares



GARDENS

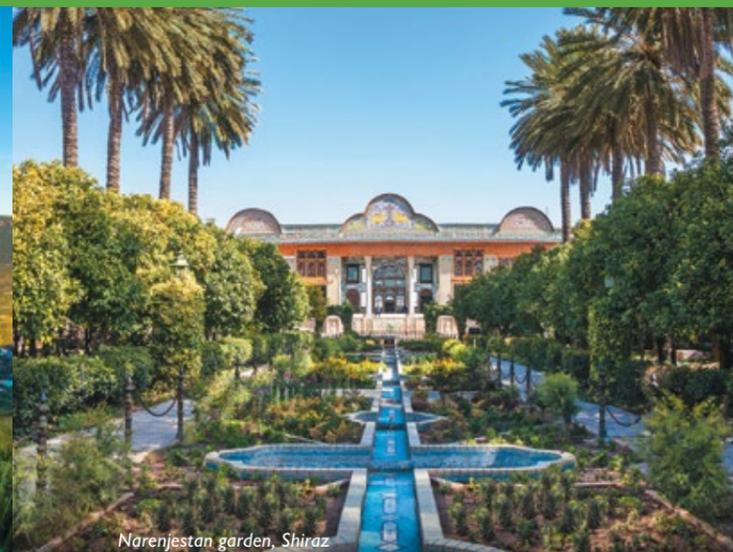
Enjoy privileged access to some of the world's most memorable public and private gardens. You may be an avid horticulturalist or simply enjoy strolling through beautiful gardens. In the company of our expert tour leaders – dedicated gardeners themselves – you will discover a whole new world of beauty.



Tea plantation in high country near Nuwara Eliya



Coastline of the NSW South Coast



Narenjestan garden, Shiraz



Pink lotus flowers in Northern Territory wetlands

Gardens of Sri Lanka

GARDENS, TEA PLANTATIONS AND COLONIAL HERITAGE

with Helen Young | 20 February – 06 March 2019 (15 days)

From the coast to the highlands, the fabled 'Pearl of the Indian Ocean' reveals exquisite treasures of garden design, stunning natural scenery and fragrant spice and tea plantations.

AT A GLANCE:

- Marvel at the unique landscape garden designs of the Bawa brothers at Brief Garden and Lunuganga Estate
- Explore the colonial heritage of British Ceylon in the misty hills of the tea country
- Visit the fragrant spice gardens where Sri Lanka's delightful cuisine originates
- Explore private and botanical gardens which display the diversity of Sri Lanka's rich flora
- Immerse yourself in the fascinating history of the Portuguese-Dutch fort city of Galle



Tour Leader – Helen Young

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"Helen is an excellent horticulturalist and guide. Helen was always open to gardening questions."

Jenny F. | Autumn Colours of Japan 2017

GD1905 TOUR PRICES Per person, twin-share AUD 6,950
Single supplement AUD 1,950
Excluding international airfares

Landscapes of the NSW South Coast

FROM SYDNEY TO MERIMBULA

with Trisha Dixon | 01–08 April 2019 (8 days)

Travel along the picturesque NSW South Coast from Sydney to Merimbula with writer Trisha Dixon to discover the diverse gardens, landscapes and endemic species of this charming part of New South Wales.

AT A GLANCE:

- Visit leading art galleries, wineries and outstanding gardens of the South Coast
- Learn more about endemic and native plants while visiting the outstanding Bodalla Estate on Horse Island
- Explore exceptional private gardens including Thubbul sculpture garden, overlooking the ocean
- Discover the history of Indigenous land use and annual migration through the area
- Travel south through the Mimosa Rocks National Park to the lovely beaches of Twofold Bay



Tour Leader – Trisha Dixon

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"Trisha was very knowledgeable and at all times helpful."

Wendy L. | Autumn on Monaro 2018

GD1911 TOUR PRICES Per person, twin-share approx. AUD 5,000
Single supplement approx. AUD 750
Excluding airfares

Paradise Gardens of Persia

HORTICULTURAL HERITAGE OF IRAN

with Genevieve Jacobs | 07–23 April 2019 (17 days)

Discover the Persian horticultural heritage of delicate and beautiful gardens in Tehran, Isfahan, Yazd and Shiraz, the historic importance of which has earned them a place on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

AT A GLANCE:

- Begin and end in Tehran and visit the gardens of Golestan Palace and Sa'ad Abad Palace
- Be enchanted by the poetic Shiraz, 'the City of Nightingales and Roses'
- Discover the stunning gardens, bazaars and mosques of Isfahan, and its awe-inspiring central square
- Explore the mud-brick city of Yazd, where the Zoroastrians still tend their sacred fires
- Visit the ancient sites of Persepolis and Pasargadae and the remains of the very first Persian gardens



Tour Leader – Genevieve Jacobs

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"Genevieve was an outstanding tour leader. Her knowledge of the gardens and botany provided an extra level to the tour."

Tracey W. | Great Gardens of Scotland 2018

GD1907 TOUR PRICES Per person, twin-share AUD 11,750
Single supplement AUD 1,850
Excluding international airfares

Gardens, Landscapes and Art of the Top End

DARWIN AND THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

with Elizabeth Swane | 24–30 April 2019 (7 days)

Join garden expert Elizabeth Swane to discover the diverse natural beauty of Australia's 'Top End', delving into the Northern Territory's fascinating history and artistic culture in Darwin, Kakadu and Arnhem Land.

AT A GLANCE:

- Delight in Darwin's luxuriant public and private gardens, including the George Brown Botanic Gardens and Anthill Gardens
- Immerse yourself in Territory history and culture at the Military Museum and the Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
- Visit the cross-cultural exchange of the Paul Johnstone Gallery in Darwin, exhibiting both Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists
- Explore the natural wonders of Kakadu National Park and the rock art sites of Nourlangie and Ubirr
- Visit Injalak Arts Centre in Arnhem Land, where Indigenous artists preserve millennia-old traditions



Tour Leader – Elizabeth Swane

Elizabeth Swane is a member of one of Australia's best-known nursery and rose-growing families. An experienced horticulturist, she has been a regular guest on ABC Radio Sydney and has written for a number of national magazines, including *Your Garden*, *Home Beautiful* and *ABC Gardening Australia* magazine. Her passion for gardens and horticulture and her bright, cheery personality make her the perfect tour host.

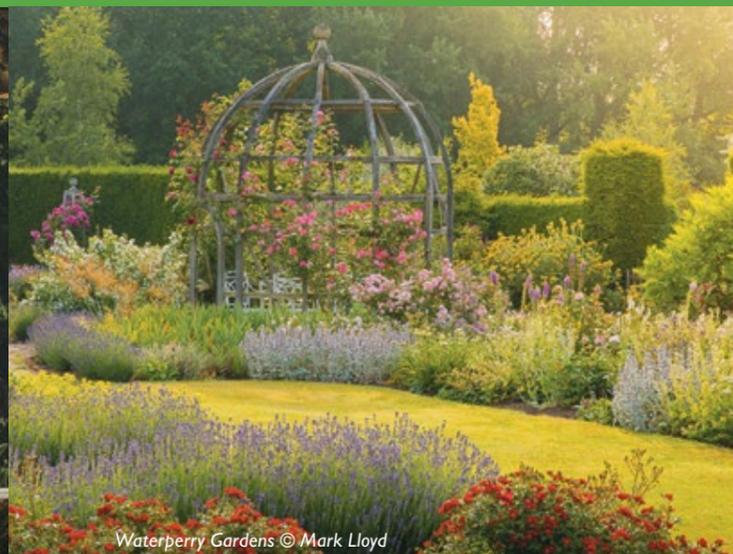
GD1903 TOUR PRICES Per person, twin-share AUD 4,950
Single supplement AUD 600
Excluding airfares



Old city of Dubrovnik and Lokrum Island



The Palace and Gardens of Monserrate at Sintra, Portugal



Waterperry Gardens © Mark Lloyd



Amazing bay with crystal clear water on Corfu

Gardens of the Adriatic

DUBROVNIK TO VENICE

with Helen Young | 28 April – 10 May 2019 (13 days)

Travel north along the enchanting Dalmatian Coast from Dubrovnik to the island of Hvar and onwards to Venice, visiting the elegant gardens that grace the eastern shore of the Adriatic Sea.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy a three-day luxury private cruise between the islands which fringe the Dalmatian Coast
- Experience the relaxed pace of Croatian life, and savour the delicious seafood cuisine of the Adriatic
- Explore the elegant Trsteno Arboretum and stroll through fields gladdened with springtime blooms on Hvar
- Visit the stunning Plitvice National Park, where waterfalls cascade between lakes in a verdant gorge
- Discover the secret gardens of Venice, and visit riverside villas in the hinterland of the Veneto



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"Helen was a very pleasant and knowledgeable person who freely gave us the benefit of her experience in botanical matters."

Russell R. | Autumn Colours of Japan 2017

GD1902 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	from AUD 9,950
	Per person, single	from AUD 12,450
	Excluding international airfares	

Iberian Kaleidoscope

GARDENS, LANDSCAPES AND CUISINES OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

with Sandy Pratten | 17 May – 01 June 2019 (16 days)

Prepare for a springtime feast of the senses as you journey through the Iberian Peninsula, from Madrid to the Bay of Biscay, and along the rugged Atlantic coast down through verdant Portugal.

AT A GLANCE:

- Marvel at the grand palaces and gardens of Madrid, Spain's stately capital
- Gaze upon the stunning scenery and villages of Spain's verdant north coast
- Admire the spectacular Romanesque cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, culmination of the 800km Camino de Santiago pilgrimage
- Explore the winding lanes of Porto's Ribeira District, whose orange-roofed buildings stretch along the gentle Douro River
- Soak up the relaxed pace of Lisbon, the elegant Portuguese capital, and atmospheric Sintra



Tour Leader – Sandy Pratten

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"Top class. Always cheerful, extremely efficient and reliable."

Suzanne B. | Gardens of South Africa 2017

BG1901 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	AUD 11,750
	Single supplement	AUD 2,650
	Excluding international airfares	

Glorious Gardens of Great Britain

CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW, SALISBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND OXFORD

with Julie Kinney | 20 May – 04 June 2019 (16 days)

Delight in the springtime bloom at the best of Great Britain's flower exhibitions, country estates and private gardens, visiting the Chelsea Flower Show, *Downton Abbey's* Highclere Castle and Waterperry Gardens near Oxford.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy a special day of members-only access to the Chelsea Flower Show, before its public opening
- Visit more than a dozen private gardens of manors, monasteries and castles in London, Somerset and Gloucestershire
- Explore the estate of Highclere Castle, setting of TV's *Downton Abbey*, and Oxfordshire's picturesque Waterperry Gardens
- Spend a day in Bath, amongst the rich heritage of the Roman, Regency and Georgian Eras
- Journey through picturesque countryside and quaint Mediaeval villages in England and Wales



Tour Leader – Julie Kinney

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"Julie did a really great job looking after all of us. Her knowledge of plants and garden design is amazing."

Helen H. | Autumn Country Gardens of New South Wales 2018

GD1901 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	AUD 11,500
	Single supplement	AUD 2,500
	Excluding international airfares	

Ionian Odyssey

GARDENS AND LANDSCAPES OF THE IONIAN ISLANDS

with Trisha Dixon | 09–21 June 2019 (13 days)

Travel to the Ionian islands of Corfu, Kefalonia, Ithaca and Paxos, which abound with elegant Mediterranean gardens, stunning maritime landscapes, historic castles, aristocratic villas and fine seafood cuisine.

AT A GLANCE:

- Spend five days on Corfu, visiting private gardens, stunning villas and proud Venetian Era fortresses
- Take a day-trip to one of the Diapontia Islands, true hidden gems of the Ionian Sea
- Explore Kefalonia, an island of lush forests and dramatic cliffs
- Journey to Ithaca, home of the wandering warrior Odysseus and muse of the poet CP Cavafy
- Immerse yourself in Ionian culture and cuisine in the islands' winding lanes, walled gardens and relaxed tavernas



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"Trisha had excellent local knowledge, she was friendly, professional and great fun."

Ann E. | Autumn on Monaro 2018

GD1908 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	approx. AUD 10,000
	Single supplement	approx. AUD 2,000
	Excluding international airfares	



Picturesque wine valley in Barossa



Jacarandas in full bloom in Parkview, Johannesburg © Chris Eason/flickrCC



Island of Poule Couveuse ('Brooding Hen') with Flamboyant Tree flowers



Photo courtesy of Miho Museum, Kyoto

Hills and Vales of South Australia

GARDENS, ART, HISTORY AND WINE

with Julie Kinney | September 2019 (9 days)

From the Barossa Valley to McLaren Vale and the Adelaide Hills, explore the rich springtime offerings of South Australia's gardens, art, produce and wine.

AT A GLANCE:

- Discover the iconic historic houses, gardens and estates of the Barossa Valley
- Explore select private gardens of the Adelaide Hills, including the imaginative property 'Tickle Tank'
- Learn more about flower and herb harvesting on a tour of the Jurlique farm
- Admire sweeping landscapes of vineyards, wheat fields and orchards, awash with springtime colour
- Savour South Australia's unique produce and wines, amongst the finest in Australia



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"A truly outstanding tour leader; her presence was the main reason I joined the tour and I was not disappointed."

Joy B. | Gardens and Wildflowers of WA 2017

GD1909 TOUR PRICES Per person, twin-share approx. AUD 5,000
Single supplement approx. AUD 1,000
Excluding airfares

Gardens of South Africa

GARDENS, LANDSCAPES AND HOMESTEADS

with Sandy Pratten | 29 Oct – 12 Nov 2019 (15 days)

Explore South Africa's wealth of indigenous flora, exceptional gardens, stunning natural landscapes and amazing wildlife starting in Johannesburg, travelling the famed coastal 'Garden Route' and culminating in Cape Town.

AT A GLANCE:

- Visit private and botanical gardens including Kirstenbosch, Brenthurst, Vergelegen, Stellenberg, Babylonstoren and Karoo Desert Botanical Garden
- Learn about the fascinating Cape floral region, recognised as one of the world's six Floral Kingdoms
- Drive from Port Elizabeth to Cape Town along the scenic Garden Route and Little Karoo
- Discover the unique architecture, wine estates, varied horticulture and majestic scenery of the Cape Winelands
- Extend your travel with a post-tour to the spectacular Victoria Falls



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"Her knowledge of South Africa, botanical and general knowledge, added to the experience and we would travel with her again!"

Annie K. | Gardens of South Africa 2017

GD1904 TOUR PRICES Per person, twin-share approx. AUD 8,500
Single supplement approx. AUD 1,500
Excluding international airfares

Gardens of New Caledonia

FRENCH PACIFIC PARADISE

with Julie Kinney | October – November 2019 (9 days)

Explore the verdant isle of New Caledonia, where a unique mixture of French and indigenous Kanak culture combines with stunning coastal landscapes and riotous tropical blossoms in private gardens and national parks.

AT A GLANCE:

- Visit private gardens in western New Caledonia which combine French horticulture with colourful South Pacific flora
- Explore the Blue River Provincial Park, a treasure trove of biodiversity in its shrublands and tropical forests
- See the sculpture garden at La Foa and the serene ANZAC Cemetery in Bourail
- Marvel at diverse landscapes from the verdant central mountains to the coastal plains
- Discover indigenous Kanak culture in eastern New Caledonia, which maintains its ancestral connexions through song and totem-carving



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"Julie was the most empathic, kind and patient tour leader I have ever experienced! Her knowledge is vast."

Jill T. | Autumn Country Gardens of New South Wales 2018

GD1906 TOUR PRICES Per person, twin-share approx. AUD 6,500
Single supplement approx. AUD 1,500
Excluding international airfares

Japanese Gardens, Art and Architecture

TOKYO, TAKAYAMA, KANAZAWA, HIROSHIMA AND KYOTO

with Genevieve Jacobs | 04–20 November 2019 (17 days)

Discover the timeless beauty of Japanese autumn gardens and contemporary art and architecture in the company of garden writer and Japanophile Genevieve Jacobs, visiting landscape gardens, Shinto shrines and contemporary museums.

AT A GLANCE:

- Discover Tokyo's fascinating combination of traditional landscape gardens and contemporary art museums
- Relax in the unspoiled Edo Era mountain town of Takayama and the enigmatic Shirakawa Valley
- Explore Hiroshima and Miyajima Island, known as the 'Shrine Island'
- Visit some of Japan's most famous landscape gardens, such as Kanazawa's Kenroku-en Garden and Okayama's Kōraku-en Garden
- In Kyoto, see Zen Buddhist temples, Shinto gardens and the Miho Museum of Contemporary Art



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"Outstanding tour leader...everything ran smoothly with attention to detail at all times."

Phyllis R. | Great Gardens of Scotland 2018

GD1912 TOUR PRICES Per person, twin-share approx. AUD 12,500
Single supplement approx. AUD 1,950
Excluding international airfares

SHORT BREAKS

This unique collection of tours is for those who are seeking a cultural experience closer to home. Discover a selection of journeys combining festivals, cultural activities and special events in Australia and New Zealand.



Sydney cityscape



The Magic Flute © Iko Freese/drama-belin.de

Sydney Art and Culture Weekend

MASTERS OF MODERN ART FROM THE HERMITAGE AND THE SYDNEY FESTIVAL

with Gitte Weise | 23–27 January 2019 (5 days)

Experience some of the artistic and theatrical highlights of Sydney, with an exclusive tour of the *Masters of Modern Art from the Hermitage* exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW and performances in the Sydney Festival.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy an exclusive private tour of the *Masters of Modern Art from the Hermitage* exhibition
- Attend performances in the Sydney Festival, one of Australia's largest and most significant cultural celebrations
- View iconic works of photography by South Africa's David Goldblatt at the Museum of Contemporary Art
- Deepen your artistic interpretation with talks and discussions by your tour leader, Gitte Weise
- Discover exciting contemporary art galleries on an 'art walk' through one of Sydney's flourishing art districts



Tour Leader – Gitte Weise

Gitte Weise was founder and director of Gitte Weise Gallery Sydney / Berlin and ROOM 35 Sydney from 1992 to 2010. She was the Exhibition Manager for the 1988 and 1990 Biennale of Sydney, responsible for Pier 2/3 and the Bond Store in Walsh Bay. She was curatorial and exhibitions researcher at the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia and is currently curatorial adviser for a private art collection.

"Gitte was terrific in every way. Nothing was too much trouble."

Joy H. | Cutting Edge Contemporary 2017

SB1911 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	AUD 3,950
	Single supplement Excluding airfares	AUD 750

Adelaide Festival 2019

with Mairi Nicolson | 02–09 March 2019 (7 days)

Join us next March for the 2019 Adelaide Festival, for performances by world-leading artists and ensembles, including Barrie Kosky's international opera sensation *The Magic Flute*.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy premium seats for performances of the 2019 Adelaide Festival (program to be announced October 2018), including Kosky's *The Magic Flute*
- See world-class artists performing live in beautiful historic venues and specially-built performance halls
- Enrich your understanding of the performances with engaging pre-performance talks by your tour leader, Mairi Nicolson
- Explore attractions around Adelaide with optional tours in and around the city
- Be exhilarated by the festival atmosphere of Adelaide, the centre of one of the world's major celebrations of the arts



Tour Leader – Mairi Nicolson

Mairi Nicolson's long and varied career as a broadcaster for the ABC and BBC has taken her from the Sydney Opera House to New York's Avery Fischer Hall, from the Royal Albert Hall London to Hamer Hall, Melbourne. For ABC Classic FM she currently presents a range of afternoon radio programs including *The Opera Show*, orchestral concerts, and broadcasts for Opera Australia and Musica Viva.

"What a jewel. Her interviewing talent made the discussion groups absolutely riveting. What a delightful, charming personality she has!"

Ann M. | Adelaide Festival 2018

SB1902 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share	approx. AUD 4,250
	Single supplement Excluding airfares	approx. AUD 950



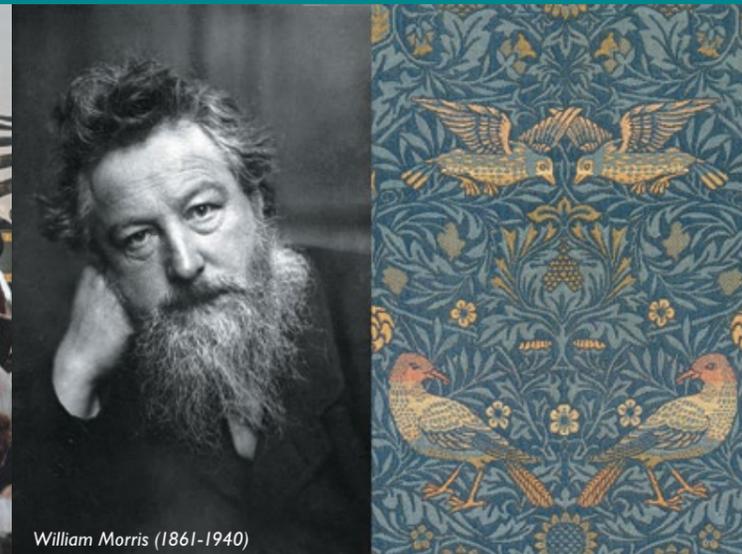
Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) with Pharos © MONA/Jesse Hunniford. Image courtesy of the artist and of MONA



Image courtesy of Opera Australia



Canberra International Music Festival 2018 © Peter Hislop



William Morris (1861-1940)

MONA in Hobart

WEEKEND OF ART with Gitte Weise

04–07 April 2019 and 14–17 November 2019 (4 days)

In the company of contemporary art gallerist and curator Gitte Weise, spend a long weekend in Hobart and enjoy special access to the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA).

AT A GLANCE:

- Spend a day exploring MONA, including its current exhibitions, Moorilla Winery and new Pharos building
- Visit the contemporary Michael Bugelli Gallery, a 'cheeky and provocative' house-museum
- Discover new art spaces such as Detached, housed in a former church, and the Old Mercury Building
- Savour the delightful food and wine which is one of the hallmarks of the Island State
- Stay in a luxury 'art hotel', conveniently located near Hobart's historic waterfront



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"One of the best I have been with. Friendly, expert in the field and gave very lively and fun talks."

David Y. | Cutting Edge Contemporary 2017

AG1921 AG1922 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding airfares	from AUD 3,450 from AUD 550
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Sydney Theatre and Opera Weekend

WEST SIDE STORY, BELL SHAKESPEARE AND THE SSO

with Mary Jo Capps | 04–08 April 2019 (5 days)

Experience the unique spectacle of Opera Australia's *West Side Story* on Sydney Harbour, along with music, opera and theatre by some of Sydney's leading artistic companies.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy premium seats for Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour – *West Side Story* and a performance by the Sydney Symphony
- Attend an organ recital in the Sydney Opera House of music by Bach and Saint-Saëns
- Enjoy a Baroque opera performance in the City Recital Hall and an adaptation of the 17th century French satire *The Miser* by the Bell Shakespeare Company
- Benefit from the expertise and insights of your tour leader, Mary Jo Capps
- Enjoy fine dining in some of Sydney's best restaurants in picturesque locations



Tour Leader – Mary Jo Capps

CEO of Musica Viva **Mary Jo Capps** has worked in the Australian cultural industry for more than 30 years, and has been a consultant to major Australian arts companies and orchestras such as the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Company B Belvoir Theatre, Bangarra Dance Theatre and the Museum of Contemporary Art. Since joining Musica Viva in 1999, she has worked towards broadening understanding of fine music throughout Australia.

"Managed the group efficiently, with decorum and tact. Good fun to be with, very helpful and informative. Her summaries were just right."

Kerrie N. | Summer Festivals of Italy 2015

SB1908 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding airfares	approx. AUD 2,750 approx. AUD 550
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Canberra International Music Festival 2019

with Genevieve Jacobs

03–07 May 2019 (5 days)

In the intimate setting of Canberra's Fitters Workshop, experience classical music performances of the highest calibre by internationally-acclaimed musicians as the Canberra International Music Festival marks its 25th anniversary.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy premium seats for at least six performances in the 2019 Canberra International Music Festival
- Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Festival with performances by an array of internationally-renowned performers
- Enrich your experience with talks by your tour leader, journalist and Festival Board Member Genevieve Jacobs
- Delight in an expertly curated repertoire of performances in historic and iconic locations throughout Canberra
- Experience the superb natural acoustics of the Fitters Workshop, located on the Kingston foreshore



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"Genevieve is wonderful – so enthusiastic and knowledgeable. I cannot speak too highly of her."

Fran W. | Canberra International Music Festival 2018

SB1903 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding airfares	approx. AUD 3,000 approx. AUD 500
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William Morris in Adelaide

with Michele Hill

12–18 May 2019 and 04–10 August 2019 (7 days)

With award-winning quilter Michele Hill, explore the wonderful hand-made textiles, stained-glass furnishings and interior design of William Morris, who made a major impact on the Adelaide society of the late 19th century.

AT A GLANCE:

- Visit one of the 19th century manors of the Barr Smith family, with Morris-designed interiors
- Enjoy a private tour of the house and gardens of Carrick Hill, including rarely-seen Morris textiles
- View rare embroideries designed by May Morris (William Morris's daughter) exclusively for the Barr Smith family
- Explore the sumptuous David Roche collection, and discover Morris furnishings in some of Adelaide's churches
- Admire the Morris-designed stained glass windows of the Old Stock Exchange and St Augustine's Anglican Church



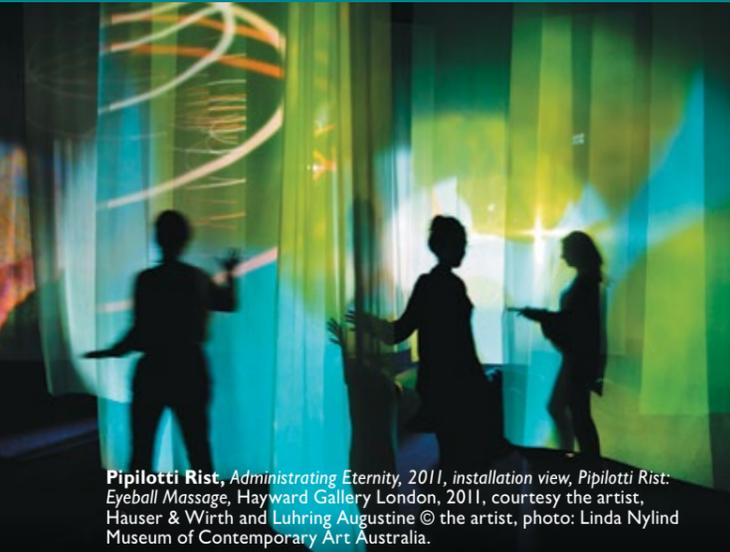
Tour Leader – Michele Hill

Rajah Award-winning quilter **Michele Hill** began her quilting journey in 1986 and has been addicted ever since. She started designing her own quilts in 1996 with William Morris and architecture being her greatest inspirations. Michele teaches throughout Australia, is the author of four books on Morris and quilting, and has led a series of very popular William Morris tours in Australia and abroad.

"Generous, extremely knowledgeable, thoughtful, responsive and obviously well respected by the local experts and venue guides."

Elaine W | William Morris in Adelaide 2018

WM1901 WM1902 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding airfares	from AUD 2,750 from AUD 550
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Pipilotti Rist, *Administrating Eternity*, 2011, installation view, Pipilotti Rist: *Eyeball Massage*, Hayward Gallery London, 2011, courtesy the artist, Hauser & Wirth and Luhring Augustine © the artist, photo: Linda Nyland Museum of Contemporary Art Australia.



Kuini, Kayla Christensen, *New Zealand*, 2017 © World of WearableArt



Tinalley String Quartet. Courtesy of TCMF (2018 performers)



d'Arenberg Cube © SATC

Sydney Contemporary

CUTTING EDGE ART IN AUSTRALIA'S URBAN METROPOLIS
with Gitte Weise | September 2019 (5 days)

Gain VIP access to Australia's premier international art fair, Sydney Contemporary, and discover some of Sydney's best contemporary art galleries on an exclusive 'art walk' with art curator Gitte Weise.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy special access to Sydney Contemporary, Australia's largest international contemporary art fair
- Visit the Museum of Contemporary Art at Circular Quay, the nation's foremost institution of contemporary visual arts
- Four nights' accommodation in a deluxe, conveniently-located hotel in central Sydney
- Discover some of Sydney's most exciting private galleries on an engaging 'art walk' through historic Darlinghurst
- Benefit from the insights of your tour leader, contemporary art gallerist and curator Gitte Weise



Tour Leader – Gitte Weise

Gitte Weise was founder and director of Gitte Weise Gallery Sydney / Berlin and ROOM 35 Sydney from 1992 to 2010. She was the Exhibition Manager for the 1988 and 1990 Biennale of Sydney, responsible for Pier 2/3 and the Bond Store in Walsh Bay. She was curatorial and exhibitions researcher at the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia and is currently curatorial adviser for a private art collection.

"Gitte was well informed and the tour was thoughtfully and generously considered. Gitte was also delightful company."

Glen H. | Cutting Edge Contemporary 2017

SB1906 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding airfares	approx. AUD 3,500 approx. AUD 750
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Opera, Music and Art in New Zealand

NEW ZEALAND OPERA, NEW ZEALAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND WORLD OF WEARABLE ART
with Claudia Chan Shaw | October 2019 (5 days)

Explore the diversity and energy of art and culture in Wellington, attending opera and symphonic performances and the renowned design competition 'World of WearableArt'.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy premium tickets for performances by the New Zealand Opera and New Zealand Symphony Orchestra
- Discover the unique World of WearableArt international design competition
- Deepen your appreciation of New Zealand art and performances with talks by your tour leader, Claudia Chan Shaw
- Visit the New Zealand Parliament Art Collection, Te Papa Museum and other distinctive galleries
- Discover the great wineries of Martinborough and enjoy fine New Zealand gourmet



Tour Leader – Claudia Chan Shaw

Claudia Chan Shaw is a woman of many talents – fashion designer, television and radio presenter, author, public speaker, collector and artist. She presents *The Dialogue* on 89.7fm Eastside Radio, and was the curator of the City of Sydney's Chinese New Year Festival and the co-host and presenter of ABC TV's *Collectors*. She has led several successful Art Deco tours to China, Cuba and New York.

"Claudia was excellent; she was always well prepared, organised, bright, positive and infectious enthusiasm about the content of the tour."

Janice F. | Art Deco to Art Now: New York 2018

SB1907 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding international airfares	approx. AUD 3,000 approx. AUD 800
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Tasmanian Chamber Music Festival

MUSIC, GARDENS, FOOD AND WINE IN NORTHERN TASMANIA
with Christopher Lawrence | 24–27 October 2019 (4 days)

Join us for a feast of fine classical music, gourmet cuisine and historic homes and gardens in northern Tasmania, as the Island State glories in its springtime bloom.

AT A GLANCE:

- Enjoy premium seats for concerts by solo and ensemble performers in the Tasmanian Chamber Music Festival
- Enrich your Festival experience with pre-performance talks by your tour leader, Christopher Lawrence
- Relish the superb cuisine and hospitality for which Tasmania has become renowned
- Explore the colonial heritage of Van Diemen's Land in UNESCO World Heritage-listed estates and magnificent gardens
- Visit local wineries producing some of Australia's finest cool-climate Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vintages



Tour Leader – Christopher Lawrence

A familiar voice on ABC Classic FM, **Christopher Lawrence** has been awarded an International Emmy for Performing Arts, three ARIA (Australian Record Industry Association) Awards, and a Churchill Fellowship. Christopher has published several books, worked as a commentator for Proms telecasts for the BBC, and contributed articles and critiques to publications in Australia and the UK.

"He's golden – intelligent, informative, humorous and charming!"

Daniel and Sue H. | Mediterranean Opera and Music Cruise 2017

SB1905 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Per person, single Excluding airfares	approx. AUD 2,800 approx. AUD 3,000
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Food and Wine in South Australia and Kangaroo Island

with Peter Bourne | 01–05 November 2019 (5 days)

Savour the gourmet delights of South Australia, from the sumptuous Shiraz of the McLaren Vale to the distinctive Cabernet Sauvignon and fresh produce of unspoilt Kangaroo Island.

AT A GLANCE:

- Visit some of South Australia's premier wineries, tasting fine shiraz, cabernet sauvignon and chardonnay
- Discover the gourmet delights of Kangaroo Island, from pure Ligurian honey to fresh Southern Ocean seafood
- Visit a gin distillery which was the first in Australia dedicated to the craft
- Enrich your appreciation of South Australian and Kangaroo Island wines with your tour leader, Peter Bourne
- See the natural wonders of Kangaroo Island, including its striking landscape and famous fur seal colonies



Tour Leader – Peter Bourne

Universally known as 'The Wine Man', **Peter Bourne** has been involved in the Australasian wine industry for over 35 years, as a fine wine merchant and later full-time industry consultant. With a focus on wine education, Peter has won the Wine Communicator of the Year award, is a founding member of the *Gourmet Traveller WINE* team and the regular wine writer for the *Qantas Magazine*.

"He is a true subject expert and had excellent relationships with the wineries which was invaluable for the enhanced experience."

John L. | Food and Wine in Central Otago 2017

WI1901 TOUR PRICES	Per person, twin-share Single supplement Excluding airfares	approx. AUD 3,950 approx. AUD 750
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