



ILLUMINATING CAMBRIDGE, HONOURING ANNIVERSARIES AN INSCAPE RETREAT

FRIDAY 23 TO TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2016

Newton's personal annotated copy of *Principia Mathematica*... Darwin's hand-written working papers on evolution...the very earliest compilation of Shakespeare's plays. Holdings of the University Library in Cambridge, these may be the highlights of an exhibition of artefacts rarely on display in one of the greatest libraries in the world, a cultural repository celebrating its 600th anniversary this year. The Library's splendid anniversary exhibition, 'Lines of Thought', reveals items in the collections that have underpinned truly significant developments in human thought through the centuries.

On the other side of Cambridge adjacent to Peterhouse stands the Fitzwilliam Museum, arguably the finest small museum in Europe. Though founded only in 1816 and so younger than the Library, it proudly marks its 200th anniversary with exhibitions of treasures such as the 13c Trinity Apocalypse manuscript with its vividly drawn ghouls and monsters in battle with angels, and the Macclesfield Psalter with its cinematic and vivid marginalia offering an astounding window on everyday life in the 14c. We will be welcomed by Dr Susan Reynolds who will personally show us significant manuscripts from the original bequest by Viscount Fitzwilliam.

Up the Backs, north of the Museum is the 1920's house where Inscape was founded in 1986. Though we won't visit the kitchen table where Inscape was spawned, we will raise our caps to Inscape's accomplishments during its thirty year mission to honour evidence of human creativity in all its forms from the beginnings of human history to the present day.

To complement the exhibitions, Inscape has arranged the most special private visits to choice collections of medieval illuminated manuscripts in college libraries: the Pepys Library in Magdalene, the Wren Library of Trinity, the Parker Library at Corpus Christi and the Old Library at Queens'. We supplement these visits with lectures and gentle architectural and Fellows' garden walks. The tour is intentionally planned as an Inscape Retreat with the by-now-familiar later start and extra time in the afternoons for rest, recuperation and absorption of what we have seen. This feast for eyes and mind will be accompanied by actual feasts in panelled and ancient private rooms at Trinity Hall, Christ's College, and Peterhouse. In this year of hugely significant commemorations, we have created a very special visit to Cambridge, the ultimate cultural repository.

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

- 09.44 Recommended departure from London Kings Cross
- 10.30 Train arrives Cambridge, meet Nicholas, taxis to hotel
- 11.00 Meet for coffee and lecture in hotel
- 11.30 Lecture by Nicholas, 'The Library Collections of Cambridge'
- 1.00 Group opening lunch in Hotel at Bistro du Vin Cambridge
- 2.15 Walk/taxi to University Library
- 2.30 Meet Curator Emily Dourish for behind-the-scenes tour and exhibition 'Lines of Thought'
- 4.30 Return to hotel to rest
- 7.00 Private group dinner in Chetwode Room, Trinity Hall

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

- 10.30 Coffee in Hotel
- 11.00 Walk/taxi to Trinity College
- 11.15 Meet Dr Nicolas Bell, The Wren Librarian, for private visit to Trinity College and Library
- 12.30 Optional lunch in Galleria Restaurant, Bridge Street
- 2.00 Cambridge architectural walk including private visit to Queens' College Old Library
- 3.30 Return to hotel for rest
- 5.30 Optional evensong in King's College Chapel
- 8.00 Optional dinner in Hotel

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

- 10.30 Coffee and lecture in hotel
- 11.00 Lecture in by Nicholas Friend 'The Fitzwilliam Bequest'
- 12.30 Optional lunch in Hotel
- 1.45 Walk to Fitzwilliam Museum
- 2.00 Fitzwilliam Museum gallery lecture by Nicholas Friend 'The Founder's Paintings'
- 3.00 Break for tea in Museum cafe
- 3.30 Visit COLOUR manuscript exhibition
- 4.30 Return to hotel to rest
- 7.00 Private group dinner in Mountbatten Room, Christ's College

MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

- 10.00 Coffee in hotel
- 10.30 Lecture in hotel - Dr Spike Bucklow 'The Riddle of the Image'.
- 11.45 Walk to Corpus Christi College for private visit to Parker Library
- 12.00 Meet Dr Christopher De Hamel, the Parker Librarian, for private visit, Corpus Christi College
- 1.15 Optional lunch in The Senate
- 2.45 Walk/taxis to Clare College for private visit to Fellows Garden with Head Gardener Steve Elstub
- 7.00 Private group dinner in Henry Cavendish Room, Peterhouse

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

- Check out, luggage to lobby
- 10.45 Taxis to Magdalene College
- 11.00 Meet Dr Jane Hughes, The Pepys Librarian, for private Library visit, Magdalene College
- 12.30 Optional lunch at La Margherita, Bridge Street
- 1.45 Walk to Fitzwilliam Museum
- 2.00 Meet Curator of Manuscripts, Dr Suzanne Reynolds at the Fitzwilliam Museum for private visit to Graham Robertson Room to view Lord Fitzwilliam's music and medieval manuscript collection
- 3.20 Walk to hotel
- 3.45 Taxis to station
- 4.15 Recommended train departs for London Kings Cross



HOTEL DU VIN

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Sitting among the Grade II listed buildings of picturesque Trumpington Street, the Hotel Du Vin was carefully converted from old University buildings. Retaining the original character and architectural features, this small cosy hotel consists of quirky nooks and crannies, exposed brickwork, restored fireplaces and dark wooden floors. Each of its 41 bedrooms is distinctive and extremely comfortable. The Bistro restaurant serves classic French dishes with a British twist enhanced by a superb wine cellar.

COST £1515 members, £1565 non-members, single room supplement £375; deposit £250. This cost includes four nights accommodation with breakfasts, four morning coffees, one lunch with wine, three private dinners with wine, all tuition and lectures, entry fees, private tours, all travel during the tour, all gratuities, VAT. **This cost excludes travel to and from Cambridge.**

Please note this tour is open to those members who wish to attend by the day, and also to those who wish to attend the whole programme but will be staying elsewhere. We will be happy to provide assistance to those wishing alternative accommodation. Costs are below:

£995 for tour excluding accommodation

£200 a day including dinner

£120 a day excluding dinner