



A Mancunian Cornucopia
MANCHESTER

Wednesday 18 - Saturday 21 September 2019

Cradle of the Industrial Revolution, Manchester has reinvented itself as the most important City of Culture in England outside London. For 250 years Manchester has held up a mirror to the UK, reflecting its toughness and its beauty, its materialism and spirituality, its savagery and its kindness. After Brexit, with the likelihood of new attention being placed on the north, Manchester will take on further significance. As if to prepare us for its new role, the city excels itself for these few days this autumn. This Inscape tour is an Inscape Retreat with a careful sequence and pace; each day begins with a mid-morning lecture or gallery talk, followed by lunch in our splendid four-star Midland Hotel. Short afternoon excursions follow lunch, to include specially-arranged private Curator's tours of the greatest of Manchester collections, and specialist librarian tours of handpicked examples of Manchester's magnificent libraries. Do join us if you possibly can.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- * Chethams Library, the oldest public library in English-speaking world private visit with Jonathan Scholfield, editor, writer and broadcaster
- * The perfectly-proportioned 200-year-old Portico Library private visit with Librarian Thom Keep
- * The mighty cathedral-like John Rylands Library private visit with Rare Books Manager Julianne Simpson
- * Exchange Theatre: performance of Shakespeare's topical 'Macbeth' directed by Christopher Haydon
- * Bridgewater Hall for Beethoven and Shostakovich performances of the renowned Hallé Orchestra, Conductor Klaus Makela, chief conductor designate of the Oslo Philharmonic with pianist, Vikingur Olafsson, 'Iceland's Glenn Gould'.
- * Whitworth Art Gallery for the life-enhancing colours of Islamic textiles
- * Curator's tour of superlative Pre-Raphaelite paintings in Manchester City Art Gallery with Curator Rebecca Milner
- * Curator's tour of Ruskin exhibition at Elizabeth Gaskell's House with Curator Dorian Church
- * Curator's tour of Archives of Lowry Museum Salford with Curator Claire Stewart
- * Midland Hotel 4-star accommodation and four rosette meals

WEDNESDAY 18 September

- 10.20 LONDON EUSTON, suggested train departs
- 12.27 Arrive Manchester. Minibus to Midland Hotel for opening Drinks Reception and lunch
- 2.15 Short architectural walk in Manchester including its most palatial Victorian buildings.
- 3.30 Tea.
- 4.00 Return to hotel for tea and rest
- 7.00 Dinner

THURSDAY 19 September

- 10.45 Coffee in Hotel
- 11.00 Private visit to Gaskell Archives in Manchester Central Library
- 12.00 Lunch in the Midlands
- 1.30 John Rylands Library private visit with Rare Books Manager Julianne Simpson
- 2.30 Portico Library private visit with Librarian Thom Keep
- 3.30 Tea and cake in the Portico Library
- 4.00 Return to Hotel
- 5.30 Pre-Concert dinner
- 6.45 Leave by taxi for Bridgewater Hall
- 7.30 **Concert**
Beethoven Overture: The Creatures of Prometheus, Beethoven Piano Concerto No.1
Shostakovich Symphony No.5
- 10.00 Return to hotel

FRIDAY 20 September

- 09.45 Walk to Manchester City Art Gallery
- 10.00 Manchester City Art Gallery Dutch and Pre-Raphaelite Collection with Curator Rebecca Milner
- 11.30 Time free for Scandinavian Design exhibition.
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.45 Leave by taxi for Elizabeth Gaskell's House
- 2.00 Elizabeth Gaskell's House with Curator Dorian Church introducing Ruskin exhibition and Mrs Gaskell
- 3.30 Tea in Elizabeth Gaskell's house
- 4.00 Leave for hotel
- 5.30 Pre-theatre dinner
- 7.30 Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' at the Exchange Theatre
- 10.30 Return to hotel

SATURDAY 21 September

Check out please

- 10.30 Leave for Whitworth Art Gallery
- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.00 'Four Corners of One Cloth: Textiles from the Islamic World' exhibition with curator
- 12.15 Leave for Chetham's Library
- 12.30 Special Visit with Jonathan Scholfield to the oldest public library in the English-speaking world.
- 1.30 Lunch
- 3.00 Leave for hotel to collect luggage
- 3.30 Leave for Station
- 3.55 Suggested train from Manchester Piccadilly to London Euston
- 6.02 Arrive London Euston

£1395 members, £1495 non-members, £134 single room supplement, deposit £250. All lectures, tuition, and 'pastoral' care, private visits, entries, and transportation during the tour, three nights accommodation with breakfast, lunch and dinner with wine, all coffees and teas. Please note that this cost excludes your travel to and from Manchester.



The Midland Hotel

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The Midland Hotel is a Grade II listed building and four-star hotel. It is one of Manchester's most cherished architectural icons. It opened in 1903 and was originally built to serve rail travellers arriving from London and so it is located minutes from Piccadilly station. It offers outstanding customer service, as well as two critically acclaimed fine dining restaurants, a decadent lounge bar and a quintessentially British tea room overlooking St Peter's Square, as well as a luxury spa with heated relaxation pool and steam room. Under the skill of Manchester's own Adam Reid, The French has received 4AA Rosettes and been named one of the top 15 restaurants in the UK. The menu is changed daily, with each dish incorporating fresh, locally sourced produce.