Fine Art Travel 2020

The Genius of Palladio in the Veneto
The Artistic Splendour of St Petersburg
The charming town of Vicenza is indelibly linked with the architecture of Palladio. We can admire the splendid palaces and civic buildings of this extraordinarily gifted and versatile architect in the town, before venturing into the countryside where we will be entertained by the owners of the finest of his villas. These villas, so full of variety and interest, have exerted an enormous influence on the history of British and American architecture. Many of the greatest names in Venetian painting hailed from the Veneto, and these villas are filled with frescoes by Veronese and Tiepolo. One of the highlights of the tour will be a private visit to the famous Villa Rotonda, followed by dinner in the Villa Valmarana which is sumptuously frescoed by the Tiepolo family. We end the tour in the charming town of Asolo, standing in the foothills of the Dolomites, on the northern border of the Veneto.

Cost: This includes Half Board plus two dinners, all lectures, coach and boat trips, and entry fees. We reserve the right to adjust the price should there be a significant alteration in the rate of the exchange. Please note that the cost of air travel is not included.

Hotel: The Hotel Villa Michelangelo is a charming country hotel in an 18th century villa a few kilometres from Vicenza. It has an excellent loggia restaurant, lovely views of the Berici hills and an indoor swimming pool.

Single Rooms: There will be a supplement of £480 for single occupancy of a double room.

Flights: Please let us know if you would like to travel as part of the group and we will advise you of the return flights we have selected for this tour.

Insurance: Travel insurance is an essential requirement if you are taking a tour. If you require travel insurance, please contact goodtogoinsurance.com or call 0330 024 9952 quoting Fine Art Travel. There is also a link on our website www.finearttravel.co.uk

Tour Leaders: Charles FitzRoy and Jane Rae.
The Artistic Splendour of St Petersburg
Friday October 9th to Thursday October 15th 2020
Lecturers: Charles FitzRoy and Elena Gavrilova

Six nights – £4,200

St Petersburg is the most magnificent stage set on earth. The boldness of Peter the Great’s vision, creating a city out of a swamp on the shores of the Baltic, still induces a feeling of awe. Everything about the city displays the magnificence of his vision: the splendour of the palaces erected by Peter and Catherine the Great, the extraordinary wealth and magnificence of the art housed in the Hermitage, and the lavish decoration of the city’s churches. We will sample something of the rarified lifestyle so brilliantly portrayed in the novels of Tolstoy at a production of the world-famous Russian ballet and a private visit of the Leonardos and Rembrandts in the Hermitage. The palaces surrounding St Petersburg, miraculously restored after World War II, show a similar grandeur of vision: the mighty fountains of Peterhof, the Baroque extravaganza of Tsarkoe Selo and the elegance of Pavlovsk, surrounded by parks filled with romantic pavilions and follies.

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Hotel: Rocco Forte’s Hotel Astoria, a short walk from the Hermitage, is luxurious and extremely comfortable, decorated in Olga Polizzi’s inimitable style with beautiful fabrics. Our deluxe rooms will all look onto the grand neoclassical façade of St Isaac’s Cathedral.

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Visas: You will need a visa from the Russian Embassy before you travel. Please let us know if you would like more details. We can also put you in touch with reputable agencies who can assist you with the process.

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