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England & Wales
July 12 to 23, 2015

TRAVELING WITH YOU

Guided visit to Chatsworth House in Derbyshire, housing one of the largest private art collections in England; Blake’s “green and pleasant land,” forever beckons the traveler. Her castles and cathedrals

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Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

Great Britain, Blake’s “green and pleasant land,” forever beckons the traveler. Her castles and cathedrals bring history to life; her luxuriant gardens delight. Next summer, please join us on privileged visits to England and Wales, as we uncover the hidden side of the United Kingdom.

We are pleased that Elizabeth Cleland, Associate Curator in the Department of European Sculpture and Decorative Arts at the Metropolitan Museum, will be leading this program. Dr. Cleland has a particular expertise in European textiles that will greatly enhance our enjoyment of the many fine tapestries we will see.

**TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Special viewings of the *Magna Carta*, celebrating its 800th anniversary, and the 13th-century *Mappa Mundi*
- Curatorial tour of Cardiff Castle, home to two millennia of history
- After-hours visit to the National Museum Cardiff with a curator, followed by a private reception
- Exclusive demonstration of traditional Welsh folk-music instruments at St. Fagan’s Castle
- The Chelsea Physic Garden, the oldest botanical garden in London
- Portmeirion, a surreal coastal resort familiar from the cult 1960s television series, *The Prisoner*
- Cooking demonstration and field-to-table luncheon at Bodnant Welsh Food Centre on Furnace Farm; tasting of Welsh cheeses and wines
- Guided visit to Chatsworth House in Derbyshire, housing one of the largest private art collections in Britain

We hope you will join us.

Sincerely,

Emily K. Rafferty
President

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Elizabeth Cleland has worked at the Met since 2004. As Associate Curator in the Department of European Sculpture and Decorative Arts, she is responsible for tapestries, enamels, and northern European glass. Most recently, she was lead curator of the major loan exhibition *Grand Design: Pieter Coecke van Aelst and Renaissance Tapestry* (MMA 2014-15). In 2010, she co-edited with Thomas P. Campbell *Tapestry in the Baroque: New Aspects of Production and Patronage* (Yale, MMA). Elizabeth lectures and teaches regularly, and has published widely on fifteenth-, sixteenth-, and seventeenth-century tapestries; she has also contributed to exhibition catalogues (*Tapestry in the Baroque; Rogier van der Weyden 1400-1464; Gothic: Art for England; Tapestry in the Renaissance*) and to collections’ catalogues of British, American, and Canadian museums. She undertook her undergraduate and postgraduate studies (the latter as an Arts and Humanities Research Council scholar) at the Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London.
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NEW YORK
Sunday, July 12

Depart New York on an overnight flight to London’s Heathrow Airport.

LONDON, ENGLAND
Monday, July 13

Arrive in London and transfer to the sophisticated St. James’ Court Hotel. An afternoon visit is planned to the Chelsea Physic Garden, the oldest botanic garden in London. Its unique, walled location along the Thames creates a warmer microclimate for its wide variety of native and non-native plants. Gather this evening for welcome remarks followed by dinner at the hotel.

LONDON • CARDIFF, WALES
Tuesday, July 14

Travel to Cardiff, the capital city of Wales. 2015 marks the 800th anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta, and we will stop en route at Salisbury Cathedral to view what is considered to be the best preserved of the four original copies. Continue to Bath, a popular spa town during the Georgian Era and a World Heritage site. After lunch at leisure, tour the well-preserved Roman Baths Museum and see nearby Bath Abbey. Then drive across the River Severn into Wales. Accommodations are at the St. David’s Hotel and Spa for the next three nights. Dinner is at the hotel.

CARDIFF
Wednesday, July 15

Begin the day with a behind-the-scenes tour of Senedd, the seat of government for Wales, where we hope to meet with a Member of the National Assembly. Then enjoy a light lunch at the famous Madame Fromage specialty shop in the historic Victorian-era Castle Arcade. Explore over 2,000 years of history on a curatorial tour of Cardiff Castle before relaxing with afternoon refreshments at Pettigrew Tea Rooms, in the former cottage of the castle’s gatekeeper. At the nearby National Museum Cardiff, an after-hours curatorial tour of one of the great British art collections of the 20th century has been arranged. View Renoir’s famous La Parisienne, Monet’s Rouen Cathedral, Rodin’s The Kiss, and works by Manet and Pissarro. Following a private reception at the museum, the evening is at leisure.

TINTERN, WALES
Thursday, July 16

Depart for the southern end of the Wye Valley to Tintern, best known for the ruins of Tintern Abbey, beloved by writers and artists including William Wordsworth and William Turner. Following lunch, return to Cardiff and visit St. Fagan’s National History Museum, an open-air museum on the grounds of St. Fagan’s Castle, where we will see an exclusive demonstration of traditional Welsh folk music instruments. The remainder of the day is at leisure to discover this dynamic city.
CARDIFF • ISLE OF ANGLESEY, WALES
Friday, July 17

Depart early this morning for Hereford, located on the River Wye in England. On a tour of Hereford Cathedral, view the Mappa Mundi, a medieval map of the world dating from the 13th century and the largest medieval map known to still exist. The finest surviving 1217 Magna Carta—the significant revision of the original 1215 charter—is also housed here. Return to Wales for a guided tour of Welshpool’s 12th-century Powis Castle, renowned for its lavishly furnished rooms, extraordinary art collection, and beautifully terraced garden. Dinner and accommodations are at Tre-Ysgawen Hall located in the heart of the picturesque Isle of Anglesey in North Wales.

PORTMEIRION • SNOWDONIA, WALES
Saturday, July 18

Enjoy a morning tour of Portmeirion. The vision of eccentric architect Clough Williams-Ellis, this model village has beautiful gardens and scenic bay views. Lunch is at leisure before continuing to Porthmadog to board the famous Welsh Highland Railway. Travel through the breathtaking mountain scenery of Snowdonia National Park and disembark in the royal town of Caernarfon. Dine on fresh local produce and delicacies tonight in Beaumaris at the Loft Restaurant, one of the finest in Wales.

CONWY VALLEY, WALES
Sunday, July 19

Spend the day in beautiful Conwy Valley to visit Bodnant Garden, recognized as one of the finest Edwardian naturalistic gardens in the world, and see the famous Laburnum Arch, a curved walk covered with a cascade of yellow flowers. Then tour Bodnant Welsh Food Centre located on Furnace Farm. A tasting of freshly made cheese and Welsh wine is followed by a cooking demonstration and lunch. This afternoon explore the 13th-century, UNESCO World Heritage site Conwy Castle on a guided tour, and see Plas Mawr, considered Britain’s finest surviving Elizabethan town house. The evening is at leisure.

ISLE OF ANGLESEY • MANCHESTER, ENGLAND
Monday, July 20

Begin the day with a curatorial tour of the dramatic neo-Norman Penrhyn Castle, housing one of the finest art collections in North Wales. After lunch in Hawarden, visit Gladstone’s Library, the largest residential library in Britain. Continue to Hawarden Castle, the estate of former British Prime Minister William Ewart Gladstone, where we hope to meet with a member of the Gladstone family. Arrive in Manchester and check in at The Lowry Hotel, located in the heart of the city. Dinner is at leisure.
On a full-day excursion to scenic Derbyshire, enjoy a guided visit of Chatsworth House, seat of the Duke of Devonshire and home to one of the largest private art collections in Britain. After lunch here, there will be time to explore the house and acres of gardens including its yew maze and delightful fountains. Then, in the heart of the beautiful Peak District National Park, tour romantic Haddon Hall and its Elizabethan terraced gardens overlooking the River Wye. Return to Manchester for an evening at leisure.

**LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND**  
**Wednesday, July 22**

Drive to Liverpool, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site and birthplace of The Beatles. See its two architecturally diverse cathedrals: Liverpool Cathedral, the longest in the world, and the modern Metropolitan Cathedral. Continue to the Albert Dock area, one of Britain’s top heritage attractions, for lunch and the afternoon at leisure. You may wish to spend the afternoon at Tate Liverpool, The Beatles Story exhibition, or the Merseyside Maritime Museum. Return to Manchester for our farewell dinner.

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Gather this evening for James’ Court Hotel. An afternoon visit is planned to Heathrow Airport.

**Sunday, July 12**

- Take a tour of Cardiff
- Visit the Norman Penrhyn Castle, housing one of the finest art collections in Britain
- Continue to Hawarden Castle, the estate of Sir John Harington (1592–1614)
- Dine at the hotel

**Tuesday, July 14**

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- Visit the Laburnum Arch, a curved walk covered with a cascade of yellow flowers
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- Visit Haddon Hall and its Elizabethan terraced gardens
- Enjoy a cooking demonstration and a tasting of freshly made cheese

**Thursday, July 16**

- Visit the Treasure House of Bath
- Visit the Holburne Museum
- Visit the Royal Cresent
- Visit Bath Abbey

**Friday, July 17**

- Visit the Chateau de Chenonceau
- Visit the Chateau de Chaumont
- Visit the Chateau de Azay-le-Rideau
- Visit the Chateau de la Roche

**Saturday, July 18**

- Visit St. James Palace
- Visit the Tower of London
- Visit the Mile End
- Visit the Tower of London

**Sunday, July 19**

- Visit the Hampton Court Palace
- Visit the Richmond
- Visit the Kew Gardens
- Visit the National Gallery

**Monday, July 20**

- Visit the Tower of London
- Visit the British Museum
- Visit the Tate Modern
- Visit the Royal Albert Hall

**Tuesday, July 21**

- Visit the West End
- Visit the Covent Garden
- Visit the Shakespeare’s Globe
- Visit the London Eye

**Wednesday, July 22**

- Visit the British Museum
- Visit the West End
- Visit the Tate Modern
- Visit the Royal Albert Hall

**Thursday, July 23**

- Visit the Stratford-upon-Avon
- Visit the Shakespeare’s Birthplace
- Visit the Shakespeare’s Globe
- Visit the Royal Shakespeare Theatre

**Friday, July 24**

- Visit the Blenheim Palace
- Visit the Woodstock
- Visit the Oxford
- Visit the Ashmolean Museum

**Saturday, July 25**

- Visit the Tower of London
- Visit the British Museum
- Visit the West End
- Visit the Tate Modern

**Sunday, July 26**

- Visit the Blenheim Palace
- Visit the Woodstock
- Visit the Oxford
- Visit the Ashmolean Museum

**Monday, July 27**

- Visit the Tower of London
- Visit the British Museum
- Visit the West End
- Visit the Tate Modern

**Tuesday, July 28**

- Visit the Blenheim Palace
- Visit the Woodstock
- Visit the Oxford
- Visit the Ashmolean Museum

**Wednesday, July 29**

- Visit the Tower of London
- Visit the British Museum
- Visit the West End
- Visit the Tate Modern

**Thursday, July 30**

- Visit the Blenheim Palace
- Visit the Woodstock
- Visit the Oxford
- Visit the Ashmolean Museum

**Friday, July 31**

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