

Cultural visit to Victorian London

Last weekend of June (arriving Thursday evening 27th and returning Sunday late morning/midday on the 30th).

The trip will include visiting the

National Portrait Gallery Victorian collection,



Here we will see a selection of portraits reflecting the entire Victorian period. Containing figures of great cultural, scientific, and political significance such as Charles Dickens, Charles Darwin, Mary Seacole, and Queen Victoria, the gallery provides an in-depth look at the fabric of Victorian society. From the neoclassical paintings of the early Victorian period to the very first photography portraits at the end of the century, see how Britain viewed itself throughout the 19th century- as a world power and cultural center but also as a place of great anxiety due to the effects of Industrialization and scientific progress.

The Sambourne Family House, 18 Stafford Terrace -



18 Stafford Terrace provides quotidian perspective on Victorian life by giving an insight into family and personal lives of the Sambourne family. The house is decorated in what was known as the 'Aesthetic Interior' where importance was given to what was viewed as 'exotic' decorative items from places such as Japan, India, and Turkey.

The Victoria and Albert Museum,



Founded in the middle of the Victorian period and named after Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, the V&A is one of the largest examples of Victorian architecture and style. We will look at example of Victorian wallpaper, embroidery, frames, and jewelry- things of great importance for Victorian society that bled into its literature through figures such as Oscar Wilde, William Morris, and Robert Louis Stevenson.

Carlyle's House



For a more in depth look into the lives of Victorian literary figures we will visit Carlyle's House which was once the home of the literary couple Thomas and Jane Carlyle, known for their influence on Charles Dickens, Virginia Wolfe and John Ruskin. We will step into the house of a couple with a close but tumultuous relationship who left a great mark on what would become Victorian literature.

and The Museum of London.



Here we will look at Victorian London through a more historical lens. The expansion and massive urbanization of London during the Victorian turned the city into a hub of culture, trading, diplomacy, and crime. As the most populous, wealthy, and powerful city of the period the context in which London's writers lived is worth exploring.

Daniel will be giving a talk plus walk related to the literary London of the Victorians. If you are interested in giving a talk about any aspect of Victorian London while we are there you are most welcome to do so.

Once we know how many people might be interested we can confirm the price for guide, travel, hotel and transfers. According to the previous experience, price will be around 1,500€.