

Past Theme Tours at the Burrell Collection

Title	Description	Guide
20 Centuries at the Burrell		Margaret Anderson
A Burrell bouquet: flowers and their significance throughout the ages	A floral walk through Chinese, Islamic, medieval, Tudor and Jacobean gardens.	Isobel Neilson
A Chinese Odyssey - Ceramics at the Burrell	For thousands of years China has led the the world in the production of wonderful ceramics. Come and learn more and see some of the fruits of a great Burrell passion.	Zoe Kelly
A short history of porcelain through Burrell objects		Malcolm Shaw
A Tale of Mystery and Intrigue on a Chinese Vase from Jingdezhen	Come and explore the tale of treachery and intrigue painted on the vase. Learn more about fabulous blue and white Chinese porcelain and its epic journey from far off Jingdezhen to the Burrell Collection.	Zoe Kelly
All Creatures Great and Small	Roll up! Roll up! Come and hear about a variety of animals in the collection. Rejoice in the vast array, all to be found in the Burrell Menagerie.	by Wilma Robinson
Ancient Chinese Bronzes at the Burrell	The Chinese Bronzes and Jade objects at the Burrell date from well over 3000 years old to the Ming Dynasty of the 14th to 17th centuries. Come and discover more about these fabulous objects.	Jenny Inglis
Ancient Egypt: A river runs through it	A quick canter through 5000 years of Egyptian history, art and culture by letting the objects in the collection speak for themselves!	Morna Mathers
Ancient Greeks at the Burrell		Morna Mathers
Art from the Home	It's art, but not art... It's functional in the home... But what is it doing in the Burrell?	John Rattenbury
Bellini to Boudin	A detailed look at the wonderful selection of paintings on display in the Burrell exhibition area	by Alan Macdonald
Beyond the Grave: The Art of Dying in China	Find out more about the beliefs and rituals surrounding death and burial in ancient china by exploring the Burrell's wonderful ceramics.	by Ms Magda Ketterer
Cezanne: the Road to Modernism	A Survey of the Landslide Movement in Art from the Impressionists to Cubism, with emphasis on Cezanne	by Campbell McGovern
Chinese Ceramics at the Burrell	For thousands of years China has led the the world in the production of wonderful ceramics. Come and learn more and see some of the fruits of a great Burrell passion.	Zoe Kelly
Chinese Symbols made easy	Join me in a search for Chinese symbols. Can you spot a phoenix or a flying pearl? Let me point you in the right direction.	By Wilma Robinson
Christianity at the Burrell	The tour looks at Christ's life through the objects in the Burrell Collection - though there are gaps due to the limitations of what was collected!	Margaret Anderson
Containers: to fill or not to fill? That is the question	From giant Roman vases to Chinese funerary urns, mystery and mythology to water and wine, the Burrell is full of containers; but what were they used for and why?	Mary Bluck
Cultural transmissions on the Silk Road	The silk road not only carried items for sale - it also carried thoughts, ideas and beliefs.	Mrs Elizabeth Black

Degas, Rodin and Burrell	What was it about the works of Degas and Rodin that grabbed the attention of the young William Burrell and how does this fit in with the perception of Burrell as a medievalist and the other objects in his collection?	Jim Turle
Dragons, Unicorns and Other Heraldic Beasts	Strange Creatures lurk around many Burrell artefacts. Many of these are mythical animals from various cultures and others are heraldic. Come to spot them and hear about their background.	Margaret Anderson
Dutch Paintings at the Burrell	This tour includes 4 stained glass panels (ranging from heraldic to hilarious), 5 engraved goblets with fun inscriptions, porcelain, silver, bronzes, a Ballock dagger, a Bible, and 7 paintings, including Rembrandt's confidant Self-Portrait aged 26. Pop on your clogs and come along.	By Alan Macdonald
Ecclesiastical Woodcarvings	A Quest for the Soul of a very medieval craft.	Maeve McGlynn
Egyptians at the Burrell		Morna Mathers
Embroidery at the Burrell	A romp through centuries of Embroidery, with relevance to the holdings in the Burrell.	Mrs Liz Gibson
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Every Portrait Tells a Story	Looking at some of the paintings in the Burrell Collection, what can we learn about the sitter, the times in which they lived and the artist who painted them?	by Celia Cameron
Food and drink at The Burrell	Strange drinking cups, wine glasses with special meaning and food for the soul - there's more to food and drink than you think!	Kirsti Macaulay
For All The Saints	As you walk through the Burrell you are surrounded by images of saints - who were they and what did they do? Come and find out about some of these fascinating people in the comfort of the lecture theatre!	by Malcolm Shaw
Fun and Games at the Burrell	Have you heard the saying, "It's all fun and games 'till someone gets hurt!"? Join me in a sporty, pre-Commonwealth 'Games' circuit of the Collection. Nothing too energetic and no trainers or tracksuits required! Warning, blood and guts involved.	by Wilma Robinson
Getting ahead of fashion at the Burrell	Fashion at the Burrell? Surely not! Come and enjoy a walk through thousands of years in the fashion world.	Eleanor Robb
Grave goods at the Burrell	How did the Chinese keep their ancestors happy? Come and find out!	by Jenny Inglis
Here We Go A-Wassailing	All you ever wanted to know about this New Year Celebration and were afraid to ask.	by Sue Hickman
How Did They Make That?	Some 3000 objects on display of stunning quality and craftsmanship - But how were they made?	by Linda Arthur
Iconography: how to read meanings in art	From giant Roman vases to Chinese funerary urns, mystery and mythology to water and wine, the Burrell is full of containers; but what were they used for and why?	Elizabeth Black
Islamic art at the Burrell	A history of the Islamic Empire from 600AD to 1500AD viewed through the superb Burrell Islamic collection.	John Rattenbury

Jade and Bronze in the Burrell.	The first half of this hour long tour will be devoted to a selection from the justly famous Chinese bronzes, the second half to a number of significant pieces from the jade collection.	by Mrs Jenny Inglis
Lions and Illiteracy		Margaret Anderson
Living in the Tudor and Stuart Styles		Eleanor Robb
Medical interests in the Burrell	Join Dr.Fisher on his rounds at the Burrell, diagnosing the illnesses suffered by some of histories famous characters.	Keir Fisher
More Beheadings at the Burrell	A light-hearted look at Historical Characters, from Saints to Sinners, who carelessly lost their heads while seeking Glorious Fame or Inglorious Infamy. (Bring a Hankie).	Alan Macdonald
More Signs & Symbols	Yet more hidden signs and symbols, in our wonderful collection, revealed. Come and discover a whole new meaning to some of the objects in the Collection. Let me let you into more secrets.	By Wilma Robinson
Old Masters at the Burrell	Why is The Virgin Mary in a dwam? Why have three Goddesses made themselves so alluring? Why is Joseph looking so chuffed? Why is Rembrandt's hat at such a jaunty angle? Come along and find out, but bring a sandwich.	Alan McDonald
Once a Tree	A chance to look in more detail at a selection of wooden artefacts, all with a story to tell; some functional, some decorative and most decoratively functional. The span of tour will begin in Ancient Egypt and lead to 17th Century Europe, via China .	by Sue Hickman
Rodin: casting around for inspiration	A look at some of the people and events which might (or might not) have influenced Rodin in his choice of subjects.	Mary Clark
Signs and Symbols	Hidden signs and symbols, in our wonderful collection, revealed. Come and discover a whole new meaning to some of the objects in the Collection.	Wilma Robinson
Stained glass at the Burrell	Discover the technology and craftsmanship to be seen in the Burrell's world class collection of stained glass.	Mr Malcolm Shaw
Table Manners and Etiquette	OK - you know which fork to use, but that is just a small part of dinner etiquette. A fun look at table manners through the ages and lots more besides.	John Rattenbury
The Amazing Mr Manet: Realist or Rebel	Édouard Manet was one of the first 19th-century artists to paint modern life, and a pivotal figure in the transition from Realism to Impressionism. Find out more in the comfort of the lecture theatre!	by Alan Macdonald
The Burrell Carpets	Find out about some of the rarest and finest antique carpets in existence.	by John Rattenbury
The Fabulous Tapestries at the Burrell	An in-depth look at several of the world's finest tapestries.	Dina Ward
The Silk Road in China and its impact on Chinese art		Ms Magda Ketterer
The Story Behind the Painting	Every painting tells a story - hear what stories the Burrell paintings have to tell!	Alan MacDonald

The Story of Impressionism at the Burrell: Before , During and After	Why did thousands of people come along to jeer and laugh at the Impressionists? Come along and see if you agree!	by Mary Bluck
The Tricky Tudors	Bribery, murder, spying, trickery, genetics & recycling. No, not a modern day TV drama, but a wander through the machinations of the Tudor Dynasty via the wonderfully diverse artifacts of the Burrell Collection. See Henry VIII's bedhead, Elizabeth I's throne and a portrait of the founder of MI5.	Rosaleen Ventisei
Travel and Transport in Asia	Artefacts depicting a range of aspects of travel and transport are to be found throughout the Burrell Collection, an, of course, everything travelled to reach the Collection.	Margaret Anderson
Wedding Bells at the Burrell		Nancy Di Paola
What Your Clothes Say About You	In the words of Thomas Carlyle, 'The first purpose of clothes was not warmth or decency but ornament....' - Was he correct? What threads link various items in the collection?	Celia Cameron
William Randolph Hearst: the big spender	A brief talk on two great but very different contemporary collectors followed by a tour of some of the items Sir William Burrell bought from William Randolph Hearst.	Mitchell Semple
Women Through the Ages	Is there nothing like a dame? Take a light hearted look at items in the collection which help define the role of women through time.	Celias Cameron