

Take a trip with the experts

For an unforgettable cultural trip in 2019, writes *Joe Hall*, rely on a company that has been providing them for 25 years

Travel Editions celebrates its silver jubilee this year as it toasts 25 years of curating unique experiences for cultural explorers. The company has long attracted a legion of loyal adventurers with its expert-led approach to group travel. With a portfolio of over 180 escorted tours, and a distinctive focus on art, history and culture, many of the experts giving the talks and tours are also Arts Society Accredited Lecturers.

There are trips created especially for art lovers, foodies, botanical enthusiasts, walkers and history buffs (among others), and a diverse list of more than 200 destinations. Perhaps you'd like to discover the Art Nouveau in Riga, or enjoy an intimate gastronomic masterclass with a local Sicilian cook? If your interests lie closer to home, you might consider one of a range of exclusive experiences in the UK, from a two-night tour of London's Art Deco

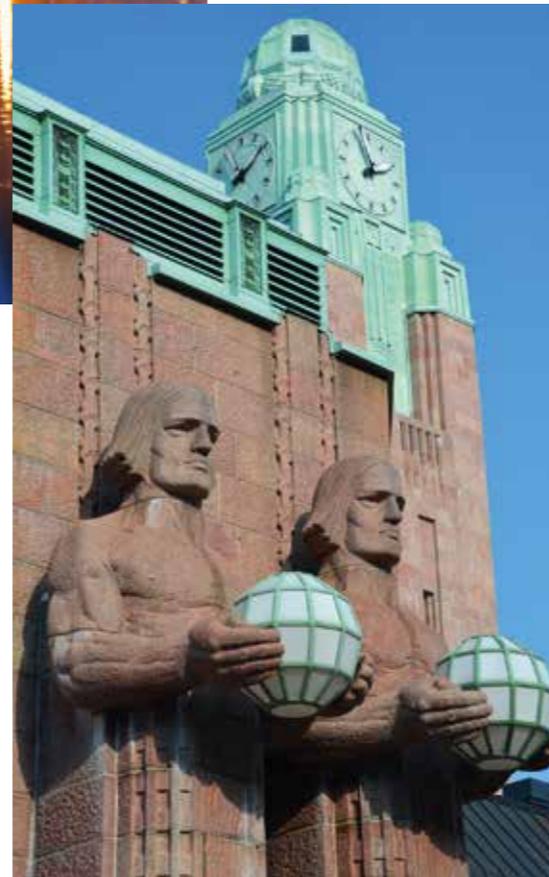
landmarks to a gala dinner on board the historic SS *Great Britain*.

While travel has evolved in recent years, old-fashioned service remains of the utmost importance at Travel Editions. 'The travel industry has been revolutionised by technology and we were quick to embrace its benefits,' notes managing director and founder Ed Coventry, 'but not at the expense of our core value of personal service.' It's the resulting tailor-made feel that has proved so alluring to discerning travellers. So, as the company celebrates its landmark anniversary, now seems as good a time as ever to start planning your own adventure with them.

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← NORDIC ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Once voted the World Design Capital, Helsinki is a treasure trove of art and architecture. The *Helsinki Art Nouveau to Post Modernism Escorted Tour* explores Art Nouveau buildings, the golden age of Finnish design and the amazing Temppeliaukio Church (the 'Rock Church'), all to get a feel for why many regard Helsinki as one of the world's most liveable cities.



↑ EXPERIENCE THE DUTCH MASTERS

From Delft and Leiden to Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum, *In the footsteps of the Dutch Masters*, featuring the *Rijksmuseum Escorted Tour* is for followers of artists such as Vermeer. It offers the chance to trace the histories and artistic inspirations of such greats, and to see their masterpieces up-close.

↓ TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

Southwest France is home to some of the world's most important examples of prehistoric art, which you'll discover on the *Pre-historic Rock Art in the Dordogne Escorted Tour*. Take in the Palaeolithic cave paintings, learn from rock art expert David Saunders and soak up the picturesque landscapes on this enchanting trip.



↑ CELEBRATE A CENTENARY

This year, Germany celebrates 100 years of the influential Bauhaus movement. On the *Bauhaus Centenary: 100 years of Rethinking the World Tour*, you'll spend a fascinating five days tracing Bauhaus history from Weimar to Berlin, taking in special sites, including the Haus am Horn, as well as discovering the wider artistic treasures of Germany's capital.



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