



The dome area in Sir John Soane's Museum, part of an exclusive London experience sponsored by the museum foundation in October. soane.foundation.com.

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Our annual tribute spotlights the creative forces safeguarding time-honored tradition and celebrates new ways to keep the past gloriously alive.

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Grand Tours

Peek behind palace walls on architecturally inspired European trips.

A PRIVATE VISIT to the Russell Page–designed gardens at the Agnelli family’s Villar Perosa. An intimate dinner in Sir John Soane’s library dining room. The Jacobean splendor of Blickling Hall, once home to the Boleyns. Sponsored trips by organizations such as the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art, Sir John Soane’s Museum Foundation, and the Royal Oak Foundation are an insider’s secret for unparalleled access. It’s the kind of travel you can really write home (or Instagram!) about, and some of their most breathtaking itineraries are taking place this fall.



LEFT AND BELOW LEFT: The Palazzo Reale in Genoa, Italy, and the Villa del Balbianello on Lake Como, part of an Institute of Classical Architecture & Art tour in October (classicalist.org). **BELOW:** In September, the Royal Oak Foundation will sponsor a trip that includes a stop at the Jacobean-era estate Blickling Hall (royal-oak.org).



Be Our Guest

For a transporting experience, check into a historic hotel.

ASHFORD CASTLE in Ireland, once a Norman fortress, recently emerged from a \$75 million redo to embrace the glory of its past: silk-upholstered walls, Waterford crystal chandeliers, and an idiosyncratic, characterful decor (ashfordcastle.com). In New York, JFK’s long-empty TWA Flight Center, designed in 1962 by Eero Saarinen, is slated to become the chicest airport hotel ever, iconic interiors intact (twa-hotel.com). The circa-1830 centerpiece of Jumby Bay, a Rosewood Resort on Antigua, is its estate house, the hub of a former sugar plantation now restored as a stylish bar and restaurant (rosewoodhotels.com).

CLOCKWISE FROM FAR LEFT: A stateroom at Ashford Castle, parts of which date to 1228. Two views of the Eero Saarinen–designed TWA Flight Center in the 1960s, soon to be a hotel. Jumby Bay, on the site of a former sugar plantation, recently restored its circa-1830 estate house.

GRAND TOURS, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: ALAMY; NTP/L/MIKE WILLIAMS; ALAMY; BE OUR GUEST, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: COURTESY OF ASHFORD CASTLE; EZRA STOLLER/ISTO; LEHNARTZ/ULLSTEIN BILD; GETTY IMAGES; COURTESY OF JUMBY BAY

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