



Syon and 'The Grand Tour' With Sheree Bellingham

Throughout the 1700's, it became the fashion for wealthy young men and women from the higher echelons of society to travel to Europe on 'The Grand Tour'. This offered a cultural education and gave them the opportunity to acquire things otherwise unavailable at home, lending an air of accomplishment and prestige to the traveller.

Grand Tour-ists would return with crates full of books, works of art, scientific instruments, and cultural artefacts – from snuff boxes and paperweights, to altars, fountains, and classical statues all to be displayed in their great stately homes, with interiors and galleries built for that purpose. The trappings of the Grand Tour, especially portraits of the traveller painted in iconic continental settings, became the obligatory emblems of worldliness, gravitas and influence.

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DENMARK, ITALY, PORTUGAL.

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DIRECTIONS relating to the MANNER and
EXPENCE of Travelling from one Place and
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