

## March 13<sup>th</sup>, Queen's Gallery: Russia Royalty and the Romanovs



Through war, alliance and dynastic marriage the relationships between Britain and Russia and their royal families are explored from Peter the Great's visit to London in 1698 through to Nicholas II. Portraits, sculpture, photographs, archival documents and miniature masterpieces by Fabergé illustrate historic events and family meetings between the rulers of the two nations.

Many of the rich and varied works of art on display are unique – some commissioned as grand diplomatic gifts, others as intimate personal mementos between the royal family and the Romanovs, and they bring to life the shared patronage of artists and craftsmen from both countries.

<https://www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/the-queens-gallery-buckingham-palace>

**Admission:** Tickets £10.80 for concessions. (Free if you have a ticket from last year's visit – valid 12 months for repeat visits)

**Lunch :** Picnic in Green Park or in several pubs and restaurants nearby.

**Meet :** Ashford Station (9:20) or Victoria station(Weatherspoons at10:25), or Gallery (approx. 11:15).

**Travel :** Depart from Ashford Station as usual on 09:41 train to Clapham Junction.(Or join the same train at Staines or Feltham) Buy Group or Senior London Terminus returns. At Clapham Junction we change trains for Victoria. There will be time for coffee at Weatherspoons, Victoria station. We will then walk 10-15 minutes to the Queen's Gallery . If you will be travelling by a different route, please contact a trip leader. Note delays are possible due to the possibility of an RMT strike that day. Previous strikes have not affected us.

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