

Closer Look Tour Schedule



26 June: The Tapestry Room

We'll be looking at the most expensive wall decorations made of silk, wool and sometimes silver and gold thread. These wall decorations dating from the 1400s give us an idea of how people amused themselves when they didn't have television over 700 years ago.

31 July: Nature All Around us

The natural world provides joy, solace and beauty, as well as being a rich source of inspiration for artists across centuries. We will discover the ingenious ways in which designers have sought to bring nature indoors using a remarkable array of materials and imaginative techniques.



25 August: Furniture Gallery

From the familiar to the fantastic. We will be looking at some well-known items such as a traditional Windsor chair, a novel long case clock plus some ornate decorated furniture.

30 October: Gilbert Collection

Arthur and Rosalinde Gilbert built a wonderful collection of beautiful objects over a period of 40 years after the Second World War, now on loan to the V&A. Magnificent table clocks, gold snuff boxes, miniature portrait paintings: on this tour we will take a closer look at some of these extraordinary treasures.





27 November: Toshiba Gallery

Beauty, novelty and fun feature in domestic life in Japan as we meet “Hello Kitty” and other fine pieces in the Toshiba Gallery.