

Closer Look Tour Programme

June-November 2025

30 June – My Favourite Pet



We'll be looking at paintings and images of animals in art. Bring your memories, stories or a photo of your favourite pet to share on this tour.

28 July – Life in Renaissance Italy



What was it like to live in Renaissance Europe? When they woke up in the morning what did people living in Italy during the fifteenth and sixteenth century see in their homes? A stroll through the Renaissance Galleries looking at domestic life through pictures, sculptures, jugs and vases, furniture and stained glass.

29 September – Neptune and Triton



The father and son figures were the centrepiece of a magnificent garden location. Commissioned by Alessandro Peretti, an Italian Roman Catholic Bishop for the Villa Montalto, it was the centrepiece of a complex system of fountains at the upper end of a large fishpond.

27 October – Fairytales, Fishes and Fountains



Gilbert Bayes was a sculptor in his prime in the 1920s and 1930s. He believed that an artist should serve the community and serve it well. Much of his work survives today on public buildings such as Selfridges and Lords Cricket Ground. This Closer Look Tour will enjoy some smaller examples of his work in the Gallery in the V&A that bears his name.

24 November – Daylit Gallery



On display in The Daylit Gallery are actual "life size" structures from Medieval times in England and France. We shall be looking at the significance of these structures and the lives of the people associated with them. The "conversation" would be about our own abodes and how we like it decorated.