THE DECORATIVE ANTIQUES & TEXTILES FAIR

The Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fair – the leading interiors and arts event for design cognoscenti – returns to Battersea Park for a highly anticipated bumper edition with over 150 exhibitors across two floors, from 28 September to 3 October.

Renowned amongst top decorators the world over as the UK’s most exciting and beautiful antiques fair, full of unexpected treasures, the event features specialist dealers offering a wide variety of objects, furniture, art and accessories dating from the 17th century to the 1970s. There is literally something for every taste and budget, and to suit all styles of decoration. Stands are presented with flair, providing ideas and inspiration. Decorators regularly seen shopping include Rita Konig, Flora Soames, Olga and Alex Polizzi, Robert Kime, Veere Grenney, Nicky Haslam and major international players such as Rose Tarlow and Michael Smith from the USA.

New participants joining the Fair for the first time include Tribal Art & Textiles (Glasgow) with ethnographic objects and weavings, Christopher Hall Antiques (Gloucestershire) with French and other European antique furniture, mirrors, chandeliers, lighting and decorative objects, ODE Interiors (Hastings) with French and Italian post-war designs and accessories, Tom Rooth with art ceramics, 900 Art and Design (London) with Scandi design and Italian art, and Montpelier Interiors (Henley) with decorative and traditional European and English antiques.

In the past year there has been an explosion of interest in antiques and vintage 20th century designs – the ultimate in chic sustainable style – as we look for comfort in our homes, and decoration to be treasured. The Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fair offers every element to create a layered story, from glass-fronted cabinets for displaying pottery and tableware, to pretty and practical textiles; decorative and fine art and sculpture of all periods; beautifully upholstered classic seating and traditional chests of drawers; country wood-ware and tavern tables to sleek deco sideboards and lighting; weathered garden antiques, folk art and surprising objects to make you smile.

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HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT GUIDED TOURS RESUME

This month, the ever popular tours of the Houses of Parliament resume in earnest, offering the chance to discover the history and work of UK Parliament on a fun and informative tour delivered by an expert guide. The 90 minute tour in English includes the House of Commons, House of Lords and the 900 year old Westminster Hall.

Whether it is following in the footsteps of Her Majesty The Queen at the State Opening of Parliament, taking in the ornate decor of the Royal Gallery, or walking through the medieval Westminster Hall with its connections to Guy Fawkes and King Charles I, the tour is the perfect opportunity to be immersed in the history and heritage of UK Parliament.

Audio guides are also available in English (adult), English (child), French, German, Spanish, Italian, Mandarin, Russian, Brazilian Portuguese and Welsh.

Tickets are now on sale for Saturdays through to the end of October. Also, Wednesday 29 and Friday 30 September and Wednesday 6 to Friday 8 October.

For tickets, visit parliament.uk/visit