

Tuesday 24 September 2024 – 30th Anniversary Lecture
‘Splendid Journeys – The Art of Opulent Travel’
Lecturer – Andrew Prince



Throughout history, travelling and journeys have been used as a way to display wealth, power and status, along as being a useful tool to control over mighty subjects. Today, we take a journey as a matter of course, a hundred miles or more giving little thought or concern to us. In the past things were very different, particularly for aristocrats who had to take not only clothes, but food, furniture, cooking facilities, tents, horses and the like, not just for themselves but for the entire household as well. In this talk, Andrew shows the many lavish and opulent modes of transport, together with the splendid accessories used to ease their progress. He also illustrates how diplomatic meetings between rival Kings often turned into a contest of splendour and magnificence.

