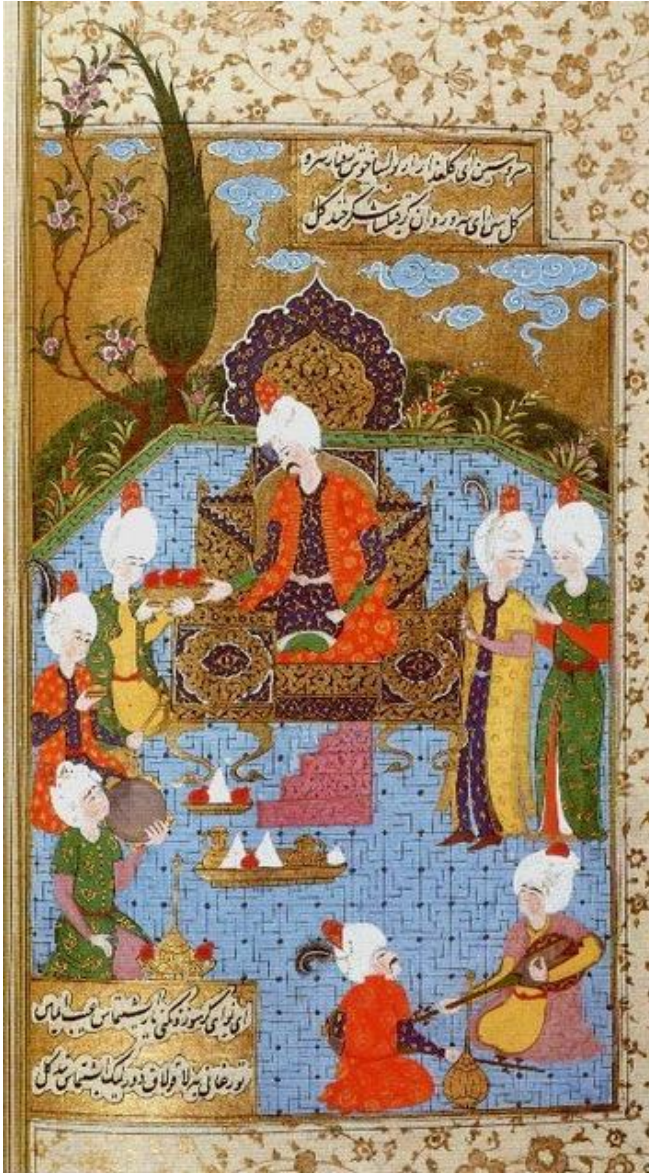


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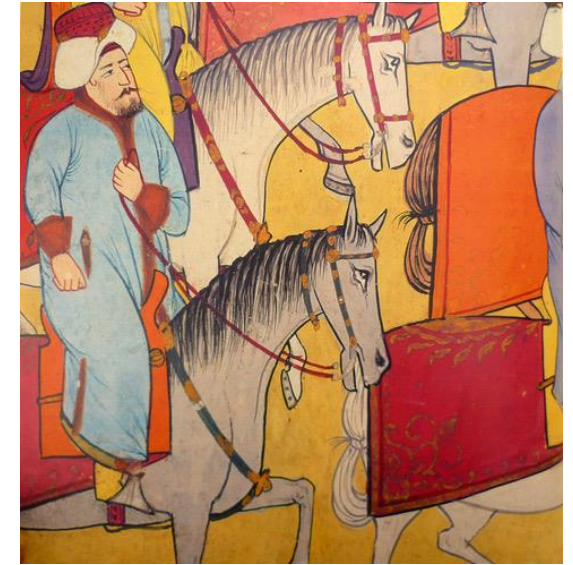
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The Perfect Picture: Turkish Miniatures



This is a colourful, entertaining lecture examining and enjoying miniature paintings created at the Ottoman Court in Istanbul during the glory days of their empire when sultans were most keen to record history and above all their own place in history. The typical subject matter is portraiture, the stories of battles, vivid scenes of brightly coloured cities under siege, sultans riding or hunting with courtiers, or enthroned to receive homage under a bulbous floral tent, the occasion and celebration of festivals. They possess a quality of frankness, vitality and vigour which is not seen in other Islamic paintings.



Over twenty years ago Jane Angelini founded her own company: St James's Art Tours, one of the first to specialise in cultural tours. She specialises in the cultures of the Mediterranean world - Classical, Byzantine, Islamic - as well as that of Russia. She graduated in Russian Studies and took a Masters degree in Byzantine & Early Russian Art & Architecture. As well as running St James's Art Tours she has worked as a free-lance lecturer, mainly in the UK, for numerous organisations including The Arts Society, and now offers her own live lectures as well. She speaks several foreign languages and has translated works of Dostoevsky and Tolstoy for Penguin Books and the Oxford University Press.

