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My long term girlfriend is a life member of the National Trust, and as a result we often enjoy spending a weekend visiting National trust properties in the UK. Some of the properties we have visited in the past couple of years include:

- Lyme Park
- Gawthorpe Hall
- Speke Hall
- Shugborough Estate
- Moseley Old Hall We have also visited some privately owned properties including:
 - Beaulieu Palace House, Beaulieu Abbey and the National Motor Museum
 - Holker Hall and Motor Museum
 - Haynes Museum I also enjoy Art Galleries and the theatre and have also visited in the past few years:
 - Manchester City Art Gallery
 - URBIS (Manchester)
 - The Lowry (Salford Quays)
 - Birmingham City Art Gallery
 - The Walker Art Gallery (Liverpool)* - My favourite gallery!
 - The Tate Liverpool
 - The Lady Lever (Liverpool) and Port Sunlight
 - The Tate Modern (London)
 - Sir John Soame's House (London)
 - The Riena Sofia (Madrid)
 - El Prado Gallery (Madrid)
 - The Royal Exchange Theatre (Manchester)* - Probably my favourite!
 - The York Theatre Royal
 - The Blackpool Grande
 - The Adelphi Theatre (Bradford)
 - The JB Priestley Centre for the Arts (Bradford) I have not yet had time to populate this section. However just as a stop gap I will briefly list the artists, designers and architects that I most admire, but the list is not exhaustive and I am fairly open minded and receptive to new ideas:
 - Ludwig Mies van der Rohe
 - Le Corbusier
 - Hieronymus Bosch
 - Frank Lloyd Wright
 - Richard Meier
 - Edward Hopper
 - Vincent Di Fate
 - Charles & Ray Eames
 - Sir John Soames
 - Jacob Jacobson
 - Jacob Jensen
 - William Waterhouse
 - David Lewis (Bang & Olufsen)
 - Chris Bangle (BMW)
 - Tadao Ando
 - Ford Maddox Brown
 - Richard Woolley (Rover/Lead Designer Range Rover)