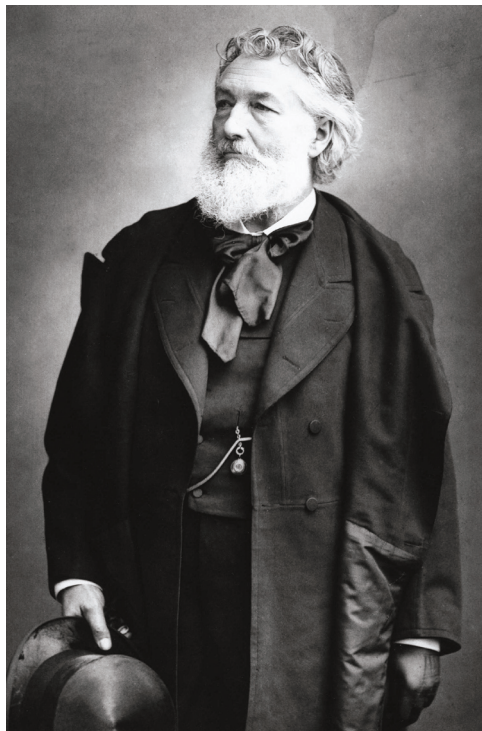


LEIGHTON'S TRAVELS



From his early years, travel was a feature of Leighton's life. For the sake of his mother's health, his family moved around the continent living in a series of cities before settling in Frankfurt, Germany.

- 1830:** Born in Scarborough
- 1833:** The family move to London
- 1841:** The family start to spend extended periods on the continent
- 1844:** Florence
- 1846:** The family set up home in Frankfurt, Germany
- 1848:** Brussels
- 1849:** Paris
- 1850:** Frankfurt
- 1852:** Leighton moves to Rome and his family return to England and settle in Bath

As a result of this upbringing, Leighton was fluent in German, French and Italian.

His twenties were spent living in Rome and then Paris, developing his career as an artist before moving to London in 1859. He continued to travel to Italy almost annually for the rest of his life.

Countries he visited on at least one occasion were: Algeria, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, Scotland, Spain, Switzerland, Syria and Turkey.

Leighton appears always to have travelled alone, although in Italy he often spent time with his great friend, the artist Giovanni Costa and his family.

One result of these travels was the diversity of architectural influences that Leighton was able to bring to the design and decoration of his house.