

Garden Gems of Devon, Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly 12th - 19th May 2023 (7 nights)



Join us on our tour of Cornwall and Devon, the most charming and quintessential corner of England. We visit private and world-famous gardens: Glendurgan, the Lost Gardens of Heligan and Hestercombe, and make a fabulous trip to the Isles of Scilly to visit Tresco Abbey Garden. The coastal and moorland scenery of south-west England is unsurpassed.

Friday 12th May

We meet at **London Paddington Train Station** and take the mid-morning, scenic train journey to Devon. Our first visit is to **Hestercombe Gardens**. The formal Edwardian Garden has been described as 'Lutyens at his best'. We have a tour of the gardens followed by time for lunch (independent). In the late afternoon we check into the **4-star Dart Marina Hotel**. In the early evening we take a **private river cruise** from the hotel jetty along the River Dart before returning for dinner (included).



Saturday 13th May

This morning we head to **The Garden House in Dartmoor National Park**. The ten-acre garden was developed in the 1940s and is viewed as one of the finest in Britain. We enjoy a tour with the head gardener followed by lunch (included). **Wildside Nursery & Garden** is our next stop. This is the private garden of Keith Wiley, an inspiring proponent of the 'new naturalism' movement in gardening. We return to **Dartmouth** where your evening is at leisure to explore this charming town.



Sunday 14th May

Today, we cross the River Dart on the car ferry and head to **Coleton Fishacre**, a 1920's country retreat with gardens leading to the sea. We tour the gardens with the head gardener, look inside the house and have lunch (independent). In the afternoon we continue on to **Greenway House**, former summer home of crime writer, Agatha Christie. We take **the heritage steam train** back to Dartmouth for dinner in the hotel (included).



Monday 15th May

After checking out, we head to Cornwall. En-route we make a visit to a **wonderful private garden** which is located in a sheltered valley and runs down to an enchanting beach. We will enjoy a tour with the head gardener followed by lunch (included) in the gardens. Next we visit the **The Lost Gardens of Heligan**. 30 years ago the gardens were rediscovered and underwent a ground breaking restoration project. We arrive in the late afternoon at the **4-star Carbis Bay Hotel & Spa, St Ives**. Dinner in the hotel (included).

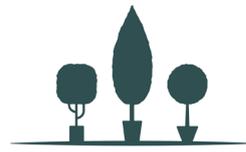


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Tuesday 16th May

The morning is at leisure to enjoy the facilities at the hotel which include the spa, outdoor heated pool and 25-acre beach. Alternatively you can take a walk along the south-west coastal path. At lunchtime we make a visit to the pretty seaside town of **St Ives** where there is time to explore the shops, museums and have lunch (independent). Tickets are included for a visit to the **Tate St Ives and the Barbara Hepworth Museum & Sculpture Garden**. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

Wednesday 17th May

This morning we take a short flight by small aircraft (approx. 15 seats) to the Isles of Scilly, just 35 miles off the coast of Cornwall. We then take the inter-island boat to visit **Tresco Abbey Gardens**. This exotic tropical garden is home to species from 80 countries. We have a tour of the gardens followed by lunch (independent) at the garden. We return to the mainland for dinner in the hotel (included).

Please note: If you prefer not to join the tour this day, please let us know at the time of booking and we may be able to adjust your tour price. Flights are subject to fair weather conditions. If travel is not possible, another garden visit will be substituted.

Thursday 18th May

Today we begin with a visit to **Glendurgan Garden**, a valley garden with outstanding spring displays of rhododendrons. We enjoy a tour with the owner followed by lunch (included) in his home.

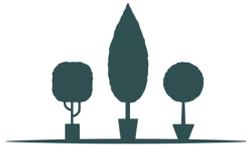
In the afternoon, we enjoy a **wonderful private garden on the Lizard Peninsula**. Here we meet the owner and enjoy a guided tour of the gardens which surround the elegant Georgian house that have been skilfully developed over the last 20 years. Your evening is at leisure.

Friday 19th May

We check-out in the morning and visit a **delightful private Cornish garden** for our final garden tour and lunch (included). In the early afternoon we board the train for the return journey to **London Paddington Train Station** where we expect to arrive in the late afternoon. From here, you can take the Heathrow Express train to the airport if needed.

Please note: Some of the gardens on this tour are large and have steep slopes with uneven paths and steps. Please speak to us if you are unsure if this tour is suitable for you.

[Full details of tour joining and departure can be found on our website.](#)



OUR HOTELS

Our hotels are 4-star and selected for their high standards of comfort and service. All rooms are ensuite and offer free wifi access.

The Dart Marina Hotel, Dartmouth (3 nights)

A tastefully modernised 4-star hotel, beautifully situated overlooking the River Dart and just a 10-minute riverside stroll into Dartmouth. All bedrooms have lovely views, comfortable furnishings and the restaurant is award-winning.



The Carbis Bay Hotel & Spa, St Ives (4 nights)

This superb coastal retreat offers its own 25-acre beach, breathtaking views of Carbis Bay, individually designed bedrooms, award-winning dining and a luxurious spa with an outdoor heated pool.



TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in £GBP

£4,900 price per person (sharing twin or double room)
£600 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

Prices include:

- 7 nights' accommodation at 4-star waterfront hotels with en-suite facilities.
- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches and 5 dinners.
- All garden visits including tours with garden owners and head gardeners.
- All tour gratuities (driver, tour director and hotels).
- Deluxe coach travel with professional driver.
- Flights and boat transport to and from the Isles of Scilly.
- An information pack with detailed booklet about the gardens we will be visiting.
- Services of your Sisley tour director throughout.

Prices exclude:

- Airfares (Isles of Scilly flights are included).
- Passport and/or visa fees if applicable.
- Meals not included in the tour, drinks, laundry, and telephone calls.

Tour Payment:

A 10% non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place(s) on the tour. Your balance payment is due 90 days prior to the tour departure.

BOOK YOUR TOUR

There are three ways to book your garden tour:

With your own travel agent:

You can book a Sisley Garden Tour in your local currency through your own travel agent. Just provide us with their contact details in your booking form and we will take care of the rest.

With our travel partner in the USA:

After 20 happy years of partnership, Worldwide Traveler has retired as our US travel partner. We are currently seeking to appoint a new representative to work with in the US. Please contact us for details.

With Sisley Garden Tours:

All clients are welcome to book a tour directly with us. We can accept payment in GBP£ by bank transfer or by credit/ debit card.

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Booking form: To book your place(s) please complete our online booking form at www.sisley.co.uk/2023-booking-form. As soon as we receive your booking form, we will confirm availability on the tour of your choice and arrange collection of your deposit which secures your booking.

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