

# Great Houses and Gardens of Yorkshire & the Lake District

## 2nd - 9th September 2023 (7 nights)



This delightful, late season tour takes in some of the very finest country houses and gardens of Yorkshire and the Lake District. We'll explore York, one of England's greatest historic cities and travel through the spectacular landscapes of the Yorkshire Dales and Lake District National Parks visiting iconic stately homes and hidden, private gardens.

### Saturday 2nd September

Our tour starts in the early afternoon at our base for the first four nights of the tour, the 5-star **Grand Hotel** in the heart of historic **York**. From here we'll take a walking tour of York. We will explore medieval streets, the 'Shambles', city walls and make a visit to the mighty, medieval **York Minster**. Dinner in the hotel (included).



### Sunday 3rd September

Today we begin at one of the most recognised and loved of Britain's stately homes, **Castle Howard**. It is home to the Howard family and made famous by its central role in the filming of Brideshead Revisited and more recently, Bridgerton. We'll be treated to a pre-opening tour of the house, followed by free time to explore the gardens. After lunch (independent) we'll discover one of Yorkshire's newest and most interesting gardens, **Scampston Walled Garden**. It a contemporary master-piece of the renowned Dutch designer, Piet Oudolf. We return to York and enjoy dinner (included) in the hotel.



### Monday 4th September

We begin our day with a visit to **Newby Hall**, a delightful Queen Anne-style house with award-winning gardens, and home to one of the world's finest dolls house collections. We have a private guided tour of the house before enjoying a traditional **English Afternoon Tea in the private Orangery** (included). In the afternoon, we visit one of Yorkshire's finest private gardens, **Littlethorpe Manor**. The head gardener will take us on a tour of the garden, which recently enjoyed a major extension and now boasts a stunning apothecaries garden. Your evening is at leisure in York.



### Tuesday 5th September

Our first garden today is located within the **Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**. This **private garden** has been developed since 2009 and features 12 distinct garden rooms with exceptional plant combinations. We take a tour with the owner then make our way to the handsome market town of **Helmsley**, where there is free time for lunch (independent). In the afternoon we visit a second stunning private garden that was designed by Tom Stuart-Smith and incorporates a vast, productive walled garden, stepped parterres and a deep gorge woodland garden. We enjoy **dinner in a local country pub** (included).

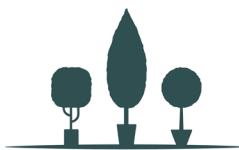


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## Wednesday 6th September

Checking out of our hotel, we head west and stop at the Royal Horticultural Society's northern home, **Harlow Carr**. There is time to explore these fabulous gardens and the excellent shop. We then travel through the **Yorkshire Dales National Park** and stop off for lunch (included) at a **Yorkshire Dales pub**. Afterwards, we visit the nearby **Parcevall Hall**, a delightful Arts & Crafts style garden and unique bedrock limestone rock garden. In the afternoon, we travel onwards to the **Lake District – England's largest National Park** and inspiration to some of our most celebrated poets and authors. We check into the **4-star Lakeside Hotel** on the shores of Lake Windermere. Dinner at the hotel (included).

## Thursday 7th September

We begin the day with a visit to the Elizabethan **Levens Hall** with its unique and ancient collection of topiary figures. The gardens were laid out in the 1690's and have changed little since. We have a tour of the gardens, time to visit the hall and have lunch (independent). Later we head to **Holker Hall**, the seat of Lord and Lady Cavendish – great garden enthusiasts. We take a tour of the magnificent Jacobean stately home, set in exceptionally beautiful countryside. This evening we enjoy dinner in the hotel (included).

## Friday 8th September

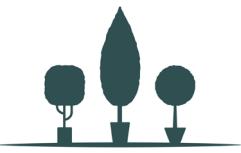
This morning, we take a **private lake cruise** from our hotel to Bowness-on-Windermere. We continue through the Lake District National Park and make a stop in **Grasmere**, home of William Wordsworth and the famous gingerbread shop. We continue onto **Lowther Castle**, an intriguing contemporary garden, designed by Dan Pearson and set within the dramatic ruins of the castle. We have lunch (included) in the Sculpture Gallery followed by a tour of the gardens. In the afternoon, we take a scenic drive back to our hotel for dinner (included).

## Saturday 9th September

Our final day takes us back to York. Before leaving the Lake District, we make a visit to **Hill Top**, the home of Beatrix Potter, author, illustrator, natural scientist and conservationist, best known for her Tales of Peter Rabbit. The cottage feels as if Beatrix has just stepped out into the surrounding countryside that she loved so well. We have lunch (included) on our return journey to York, arriving late-afternoon for independent onward travel.

**NOTE:** Our tour starts and ends in the city of York. We can assist with travel planning. This tour can be combined with our Scotland tour to create a fascinating 2-week exploration of the north of the UK.

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



## OUR HOTELS

Our hotels are 4 and 5-star and selected for their high standards of comfort and service. All rooms are ensuite and offer free wifi access.

### The Grand, York (4 nights)

The Grand was once the HQ for the North Eastern Railway Company, one of the wealthiest businesses of the Edwardian era. Now reborn as a luxury 5-star hotel, but retaining its original splendour, The Grand, York features beautiful public spaces, spacious rooms, two restaurants and bars and a delightful spa.



### The Lakeside Hotel, Newby Bridge, the Lake District (3 nights)

This comfortable 4-star hideaway is located on the shores of Windermere in the Lake District National Park. With restful bedrooms, delicious fine dining inspired by fresh local produce, beautiful gardens and indulgent spa, Lakeside is the perfect place to relax and soak up the atmosphere.



## TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in £GBP

**£4,000** price per person (sharing twin or double room)  
£560 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

## Prices include:

- 7 nights' accommodation at 4 and 5-star hotels with en-suite facilities.
- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches and 6 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.
- An information pack with detailed booklet about the gardens we will be visiting.
- Services of your Sisley tour director throughout.

## Prices exclude:

- Airfares.
- 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 on 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](http://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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