



## Historic Houses & Hidden Gardens of Eastern England

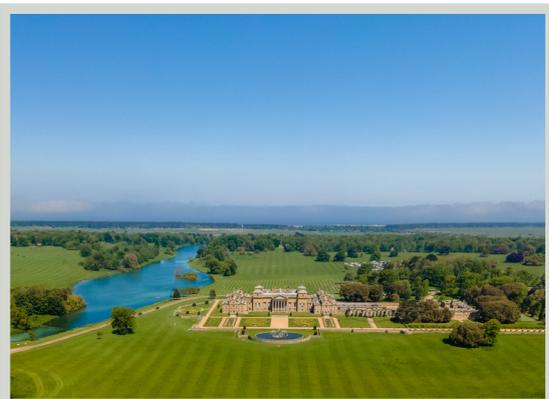
### 17th - 24th June 2023 (7 nights)



Join us on our new, exclusive garden tour to Eastern England and explore fascinating historic houses and discover its hidden gardens. The counties of Norfolk and Suffolk were once some of the wealthiest in England and are home to some superlative country estates, picturesque villages, rolling countryside and beautiful gardens.

#### Saturday 17th June

After our morning pick up at Heathrow Airport, we head north to our first hotel, the charming **4-star Titchwell Manor Hotel**, on the North Norfolk Coast. En-route we visit a **delightful private garden** which surrounds an idyllic thatched cottage where we meet the owner who is a skilled and knowledgeable plantswoman and enjoy a guided garden tour and lunch (included) in the garden. We check into the hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner in the hotel (included).



#### Sunday 18th June

We begin our day with a private guided tour of the 18th century Palladian style **Holkham Hall**, home of the Earl of Leicester. Afterwards, there will be time for lunch (independent) and a visit to the walled garden. An exciting project is underway to rejuvenate the 6 acres of walled garden which were originally laid out by Samuel Wyatt during the late 1700s.



In the afternoon we visit a **fascinating private walled garden**, designed by Arne Maynard. There is also a lake with picturesque island and historic dovecote to explore. We meet the owner and have tea in the ancient barn. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

#### Monday 19th June

Today we take a scenic drive along the north Norfolk coast to **East Ruston Old Vicarage**. This beautiful, 32-acre masterpiece garden contains many garden rooms with herbaceous borders, gravel gardens, sub-tropical gardens, a box parterre, sunken rose garden, Mediterranean garden, desert wash and a large woodland garden. We visit when the garden is closed to the public and will be joined by the owner for an introductory talk followed by a walk through the garden. Lunch will be served in the garden room (included). In the afternoon we stop off at **Holt** for some free time in this historic market town before returning to the hotel where your evening is at leisure.



#### Tuesday 20th June

After a leisurely start, we visit the local town of **Burnham Market**. This historic centre makes a pleasant stop for some lunch (independent) and shopping. We continue from here to

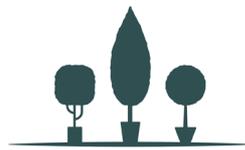


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a **stunning private property** where we will be taken on a tour of the extensive walled gardens. In the early evening, we enjoy a private tour of **Sandringham House**, a much loved country home of Her Majesty The Queen. We are treated to an exclusive tour of the house followed by drinks. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

### Wednesday 21st June

After checking out of the hotel, we head south towards Suffolk. Our first garden visit of the day is to the enchanting **Elsing Hall** – a medieval moated manor house dating from 1470. We meet the owners and take a stroll through the gardens that they have developed over the last 30 years. We continue onto a **unique garden which is the home of renowned garden designer, George Carter**. The 2-acre formal garden is arranged round the farmhouse and is a predominantly ‘green’ garden. After lunch (included) we explore the gardens with the owner.

We arrive in Lavenham in the late afternoon and check into the **4-star Swan Hotel**. Your evening is at leisure to explore the fabulous Suffolk town of **Lavenham**.

### Thursday 22nd June

Our first visit today is to **Wyken Hall Garden**, a garden divided into rooms which surrounds the Elizabethan manor house. Afterwards, we head to the historic town of **Bury St. Edmunds** for lunch (independent) and free time. Later we make a visit to **Columbine Hall**. The hall is over 600 years old and is surrounded by a deep and wide moat. We will meet the owner for a tour of the fascinating house and glorious gardens. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

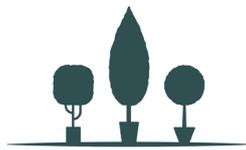
### Friday 23rd June

Today we begin with a visit to **the home of Beth Chatto OBE**, who was an award-winning plantswoman, author and lecturer. After a talk about the gardens there is time to explore and have lunch (independent). In the afternoon we visit the privately-owned **Helmingham Hall** for an exclusive tour of the magnificent gardens. We return to the hotel for our final night dinner together (included).

### Saturday 24th June

After checking out of the hotel, we visit a most intriguing garden, **Ulting Wick**. The 11-acre garden has been redesigned, extended and developed over the past 20 years by the current owners. Lunch (included) will be served in one of the historic barns. In the afternoon, we drop off at The Sheraton Heathrow Hotel and Heathrow Airport Terminal 3 for inter-terminal transport links and the Heathrow Express train travel into London.

[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.

### Titchwell Manor, North Norfolk (4 nights)

Titchwell Manor is an attractive, boutique 28-bedroom country retreat offering relaxed fine dining. The Victorian farmhouse has recently been restored and offers bright airy bedrooms, an excellent restaurant, pretty garden with seating and a warm welcome. It is perfectly located for exploring the nearby gardens and coastline.

### The Swan Hotel, Lavenham (3 nights)

Set in the heart of the charming and historic medieval village of Lavenham, this luxury 4-star hotel has an oak beamed interior giving it a cosy feel and a sense of stepping back in time. The rooms are comfortably furnished and the hotel has a bar, two restaurants, a spa and garden and a very comfortable lounge.



## TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in £GBP

**£4,200** price per person (sharing twin or double room)  
£650 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

### Prices include:

- 7 nights' accommodation at 4-star 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.
- 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 GBPE 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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