



## Iconic English Gardens with Chelsea Flower Show - Tour 2 20th - 27th May 2023 (7 nights)



Visit the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show on members-only day, the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley, the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and the majestic Hampton Court Palace. We also spend four days in Kent, exploring some of England's most iconic gardens including Great Dixter, Sissinghurst Castle and Leeds Castle.

### Saturday 20th May

We meet at the Sheraton Heathrow Hotel and depart mid-morning. We make the short journey to the **Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew**. On arrival we will have a guided tour of the extensive gardens which have been designated as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. There is then free time to further explore and have lunch (independent). In the afternoon we check into the **4-star Richmond Harbour Hotel**, Richmond. Dinner in the hotel (included).



### Sunday 21st May

This morning we enjoy a **private cruise along the River Thames to Hampton Court Palace** which is our first stop today. Discover the world of King Henry VIII and his Tudor Court and the vast formal gardens that extend over 60 acres. There is free time for lunch (independent). In the afternoon we return to the hotel for dinner (included).



### Monday 22nd May

Today we visit **RHS Wisley** – the Royal Horticultural Society's headquarters. We will have a guided tour of the superb and varied gardens, followed by lunch (included) in the Tulip Room. We return to the hotel in the afternoon where your evening is at leisure.

### Tuesday 23rd May

Today we enjoy the first members-only day at the **RHS Chelsea Flower Show**. Marvel at the magnificent floral displays proudly presented by the best nurseries and specialist growers in the main pavilion. Be inspired by the extraordinary show gardens created by the leading lights in horticulture and enjoy the extensive array of gardening tools and gifts. Later, we travel to Kent and check into the **4-star Chilston Park Hotel**. Dinner in the hotel (included).



### Wednesday 24th May

Our first visit today is a pre-opening guided tour of **Great Dixter House and Garden**, a cottage garden on a grand scale developed by the late Christopher Lloyd. The gardens are now curated by internationally renowned gardener, Fergus Garrett. Afterwards, we head to the delightful medieval town of **Rye** for lunch (included) and shopping.

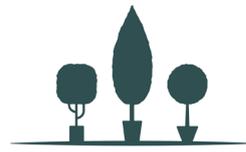


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We continue onto **Godinton House and Gardens**, a superb ancient estate where we will enjoy a private guided tour of the splendid formal gardens. Both the Jacobean house and gardens have been lovingly restored. We return to the hotel where your evening is at leisure.

#### Thursday 25th May

After a leisurely start, we make our way to **Pashley Manor**, an immaculate garden with emphasis on colour and form that surrounds a beautiful, timbered Tudor house with 18th century additions. We enjoy an introductory talk and time to explore the gardens and have lunch (independent).

In the afternoon we visit **Leeds Castle**, said to be ‘the loveliest castle in the world’. There is time to explore the magnificent medieval castle and its extensive gardens. We have dinner in a **traditional English pub** (included).

#### Friday 26th May

Today we begin with a visit to **Chartwell House**, home of Sir Winston Churchill, wartime British Prime Minister. Chartwell is much more than just a fascinating house, it boasts an extensive garden and his studio which is home to the largest collection of Churchill’s paintings. Lunch (independent) at Chartwell.

In the afternoon we are treated to an exclusive visit to the beautiful private gardens at **Long Barn**. This was the first home of Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson, where they ‘served their gardening apprenticeship’, before moving to Sissinghurst. We meet the owner who will tell us about this historically important house and garden. We have our final night dinner in the hotel’s Orangery (included).

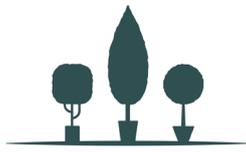
#### Saturday 27th May

After checkout, our last visit is a pre-opening tour of **Sissinghurst Castle Gardens**, a romantic garden created around a slender brick-built castle tower. Its designer Vita Sackville-West’s own words describe the garden, “Profusion, even extravagance and exuberance within the confines of the utmost linear severity”. We enjoy a tour of the gardens followed by free time for lunch (independent) and further exploration.

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.](#)

**NOTE:** This tour includes one year’s individual membership of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).



## 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.

### **Richmond Harbour Hotel & Spa, Richmond Hill (3 nights)**

Sitting at the top of Richmond Hill, this beautiful 18th century Georgian property has been named as one of the 100 Best British Hotels by the Sunday Times for its unrivalled park-side position, luxury spa and contemporary interiors. The hotel has recently been fully renovated and offers delightful bedrooms, a plant-filled restaurant and lovely spa.



### **Chilston Park Hotel, Kent (4 nights)**

Over the years Chilston Park Hotel has been home to eminent politicians, writers, lords and viscounts and today it is renowned as one of the best hotels in Kent. It is a classic British country house hotel housed in a 17th century manor house with attractive décor, antiques and 22 acres of beautiful grounds to explore. The restaurant has gained 2 AA Rosettes for its delicious seasonal, local food.



#### **TOUR PRICE:**

All tours are priced in £GBP

**£4,350** price per person (sharing twin or double room)  
£440 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

#### **Prices include:**

- 7 nights' accommodation at 4-star hotels with en-suite facilities.
- Breakfast daily, 2 lunches and 5 dinners.
- All garden visits including tours with garden owners and head gardeners.
- All tour gratuities (driver, tour director and hotels).
- One year's membership of the Royal Horticultural Society RHS
- 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 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](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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