

## Classic Cotswolds with the Royal Gardens at Highgrove 2nd - 7th June 2024 (5 nights)



Join us on our exclusive garden tour to The Cotswolds – an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with stone walls, open skies, rolling grasslands, beech woods and captivating villages. We stay at a delightful hotel from which we explore wonderful gardens and quintessential English towns and villages. We enjoy access to many private gardens and marvel at the King's own garden at Highgrove.

### Sunday 2nd June

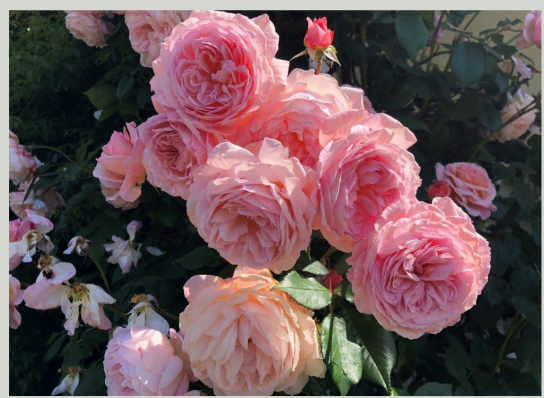
After our morning pick-up at the **Sheraton Heathrow Hotel**, Heathrow Airport, we head north to the charming, **4-star Lygon Arms Hotel**, located in the heart of the picturesque Cotswolds town of **Broadway**.



En-route we stop at **Barnsley House** - the late Rosemary Verey's wonderful former home and gardens. We have time to see the gardens and potager, then have lunch (included). In the afternoon we make a stop in **Burford** to see a beautifully planted private garden, before continuing onto the hotel for check-in. In the evening we have dinner (included) in the hotel.

### Monday 3rd June

Today we explore the beautiful Elizabethan home of the Throckmorton family since 1409, **Coughton Court**. We enjoy a private tour of the gardens and have lunch with the owners (included). The 25-acre grounds feature a walled garden, a rose labyrinth boasting over 200 varieties of roses, a bog garden and a delightful courtyard garden.



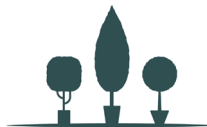
In the afternoon we visit the superb garden at **Morton Hall**. This 8-acre historic garden has undergone an extensive make-over in recent years and is one of England's most exciting private gardens to visit. We meet the owner for a tour and refreshments. Your evening is at leisure to dine out in **Broadway** (independent).

### Tuesday 4th June

We begin with a visit to nearby **Bourton House Garden**. This garden is inspirational with stunning colour combinations and many exotic plants. We return to Broadway for free time to explore its museums, eclectic shops and have lunch (independent). Then on to **Kiftsgate Court**, a delightfully laid out plantsman's garden created by three generations of women who have all left their individual mark on the garden. It is located on top of a hill with magnificent views over the Vale of Evesham.



We end the day with an exclusive after-hours visit to the famous **Hidcote Manor Garden**. Major Lawrence Johnston is claimed to have been the originator here of the 'garden room'. We will enjoy the gardens, as very few do, after closing. We have an



introduction by one of the volunteers and then stroll through the garden at leisure, ending with drinks on the terrace. We return to Broadway for dinner (included).

### Wednesday 5th June

This morning we visit **Sezincote** – an extraordinary house displaying the finest Mogul architecture set amidst the Cotswolds Hills and surrounded by a romantic water garden. We will have a private guided tour of the house and free time to explore the gardens. From here we make a stop in the Cotswolds market town of **Stow-on-the-Wold** where you will have time to browse the shops, look around the ancient church and have lunch (independent).



In the afternoon we are treated to a garden tour at **one of the Cotswolds' most beautiful private gardens**. The garden surrounds an attractive Georgian house with carefully crafted planting. One of the most impressive features is the Dovecote Garden. Dinner is in a local restaurant (included).

### Thursday 6th June

Today our highlight is a visit to the **Royal Gardens at Highgrove**, the private home of HRH King Charles III and Queen Camilla. These gardens have been created by King Charles over 30 years and are widely regarded as some of the most innovative in the UK. After our tour of the gardens, we have lunch in the private Garden Room (included).



We continue to the attractive market town of **Cirencester** with its Roman heritage and beautiful, 11th century church. There is time for you to explore independently and do some shopping. We return to the hotel for our final night's dinner (included).

*Please note: Visits to Highgrove are limited and dependent on the King's diary. Dates are released in early spring each year, therefore it is not possible to guarantee a visit before this time. Our itinerary may be re-ordered to accommodate the visit, or an alternative garden will be included should a visit not be possible.*

### Friday 7th June

After checking out of the hotel, our final garden visit is to **Upton Wold**. We will be taken on a tour to explore this intriguing garden that has been created over the last 40 years by the owners and includes the national collection of walnut trees. We have lunch (included) in the Garden Room.

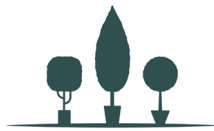
In the late afternoon we drop off at the Sheraton Heathrow Hotel and Heathrow Airport Terminal 3 for inter-terminal transport links and the Heathrow Express train travel into London.

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

**Note:** This tour can easily be combined with our Exclusive Gardens & Magnificent Roses in the Heart of England tour.



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## OUR HOTEL

Our hotel is 4-star and selected for its high standard of comfort and service. All rooms are ensuite and offer free wifi access.

### The Lygon Arms, Broadway (5 nights)

Awarded Editor's Choice Historic Hotel 2021 by The Good Hotel Guide, this renowned Cotswolds hotel is one of Britain's most historic inns – its guest list has included both King Charles I and Oliver Cromwell.

Today the hotel offers stylishly comfortable rooms, numerous lounges and snugs, superb outdoor areas, gardens and an elegant swimming pool & spa. The restaurant – Grill by James Martin – may be located within a grand 16th century hall, but the sleek marble tables and laid-back leather seats set a decidedly modern tone.

NB: This hotel does not have a lift due to the historic nature of the building and some rooms are accessed via a staircase.



### TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in GBP£

**£4,100** price per person (sharing twin or double room)  
£690 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

### Prices include:

- 5 nights' accommodation at a 4-star hotel with ensuite facilities.
- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches and 4 dinners.
- Assistance with luggage at the hotel.
- All garden visits including tours with garden owners and head gardeners.
- Deluxe coach travel with professional driver.
- Transfers to and from the hotel and Heathrow Airport at the start and end of the tour.
- An information pack with detailed booklet about the gardens we will be visiting.
- Services of your Sisley tour director throughout.
- All tour gratuities (driver, tour director and hotels).

### 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 120 days prior to the tour departure.

## BOOK YOUR TOUR

To book your place(s) please complete our online booking form at

[www.sisley.co.uk/booking-form/](http://www.sisley.co.uk/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.

There are three ways to pay for your tour and you will be asked on the booking form which you prefer:

### With our travel partner in North America:

You can book your tour in USD\$ or CAD\$ by credit/debit card, check or bank transfer with our partners at DHTour – a London and UK specialist travel agent who can assist with all aspects of your trip.

### 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.

### With your own travel agent:

We are happy to work with your preferred travel agent. Just provide us with their contact details on the booking form and we will take care of the rest.

### Booking terms & conditions:

Full details of our booking terms & conditions can be found at [www.sisley.co.uk/terms-and-conditions](http://www.sisley.co.uk/terms-and-conditions).

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