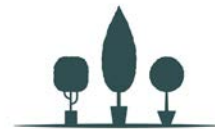


SISLEY GARDEN TOURS

Delighting visitors on exclusive garden tours for over 30 years.



2024



Why travel with Sisley?

2024 will be our 32nd year as a family-run business, offering small group garden tours to Britain's finest gardens and beyond. The company was founded by the late Tony Sissons, a garden writer and plantsman and is now run by Tony's daughter-in-law, Fran Pride and close family friend, Colette Walker. Colette and Fran are both registered Blue Badge Tourist Guides, keen travellers and garden enthusiasts.

We have built up an in-depth knowledge of the gardens and places we visit, and have long-standing relationships with the garden owners, hotels and coach companies we work with. You can be assured that from the moment you join our tour, we'll do our utmost to give you a wonderful and inspirational holiday experience.

Our tours include:

- Visits to the finest gardens of varying styles, many of which surround notable homes and castles. We often visit outside of regular hours for an exclusive experience.
- Many private gardens that are rarely open to the public.
- The opportunity to meet garden owners and head gardeners with time to gain a real insight into their gardens.
- Delightful countryside, pretty villages and historic towns & cities.
- 4 & 5-star hotels or your own English castle, and never more than one hotel change on each tour.
- Breakfast, lunch and/or dinner included every day.
- All tour gratuities.
- An experienced Sisley tour director to guide you.
- A deluxe coach with professional driver throughout.
- Small groups (no more than 22 passengers) with interesting and like-minded companions.
- A first class and personal service from the outset.
- The ability in many instances, to combine our tours, for a longer holiday experience.



**We look forward to welcoming you soon,
with warmest wishes, Colette and Fran**

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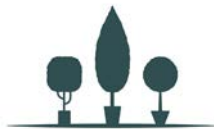
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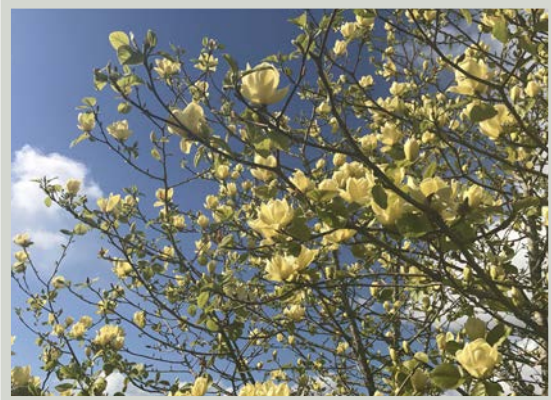
Garden Gems of Cornwall, Devon & the Isles of Scilly 9th - 16th May 2024 (7 nights)



Join us on our tour of Cornwall and Devon, the charming and picturesque south-west corner of the British Isles. 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.

Thursday 9th May

We meet at **London Paddington Train Station** and take the mid-morning, scenic train journey to Cornwall. There will be time for lunch (independent) on the train. Our first visit is to **the Lost Gardens of Heligan**. The gardens were rediscovered 33 years ago and underwent a ground-breaking restoration project. In the late afternoon we check in to the **4-star Carbis Bay Hotel & Spa, St Ives**. Dinner is in the hotel (included).



Friday 10th May

Today we begin with a visit to a **wonderful private garden on the Lizard Peninsula**. The gardens surround the elegant Georgian house and have been skilfully developed over the last 20 years. We meet the owner who will take us around the gardens, then we have lunch (included).

In the afternoon we visit a beautiful **private garden on an ancient Cornish estate**. We walk through the gardens with the delightful and characterful owner. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).



Saturday 11th May

We take a short flight to the **Isles of Scilly**, an outstandingly beautiful archipelago which lies just 35-miles off the coast of Cornwall. An inter-island boat transports us to Tresco island to visit the world-famous **Tresco Abbey Gardens** – a glorious 19th century sub-tropical garden, home to 20,000 plants from more than 80 countries. We have a tour of the gardens followed by lunch (independent). We return for dinner in the hotel (included).

NB: *Flights (in small planes of approx. 15 seats) are subject to fair weather conditions. If travel is not possible, another garden visit will be substituted. 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.*



Sunday 12th May

This morning we visit **Glendurgan Garden**, a valley garden with outstanding spring displays of rhododendrons. We enjoy a tour with the owner followed by an exclusive lunch (included) in his home. We spend the afternoon in the pretty seaside town of **St Ives** where there is time to explore the shops, harbour and galleries. Tickets are included for **Tate St Ives** and **the Barbara Hepworth Museum & Sculpture Garden**. Your evening is at leisure (dinner independent).

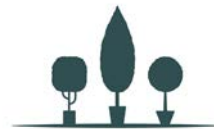


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Monday 13th May

After check out, we wend our way into Devon and visit **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 Garden is our next stop. This is the private garden of Keith Wiley, an inspiring proponent of the 'new naturalism' movement in gardening. We arrive in the late afternoon at the **5-star Bovey Castle Hotel** to check in. Dinner is in the hotel (included).

Tuesday 14th May

This morning, enjoy **time at leisure** to use the hotel's facilities and amenities which include the indoor pool, spa, deer park, falconry, archery and over 275 acres of beautiful grounds to explore. There is time for lunch in the hotel (independent).

In the afternoon we make a visit to nearby **Castle Drogo**. Designed by Edwin Lutyens, it was the last castle to be built in England. We enjoy the superb gardens and castle before heading into the pretty Dartmoor town of **Chagford** for dinner (included).

Wednesday 15th May

Today we begin with a visit to **RHS Rosemoor**. Gifted to the Royal Horticultural Society by Lady Anne Berry in 1988, and known for its many garden 'rooms', RHS Rosemoor now spans 65 stunning acres. We enjoy a guided tour followed by free time for lunch (independent).

Later we visit a fascinating private garden, **Plaz Metaxu**. Developed over 30 years by an art historian, this thought-provoking garden is filled with classical references and vistas. We meet the owner for a walk through this wonderful garden. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

Thursday 16th May

After check-out, we make a visit to **Hestercombe Gardens**. The formal Edwardian garden has been described as 'Lutyens at his best'. We have a tour of the gardens followed by a private lunch (included).

After lunch, we board the train at Taunton Station 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.

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

Note: This tour can easily be combined with one of our Chelsea Flower Show tours to make a longer holiday. During train travel you will be responsible for managing your own luggage on and off the train.



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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. The 4-star hotel offers four restaurants and two bars, all with wonderful sea views. The coastal foot-path passes alongside the hotel offering lovely coastal walks.

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

Bovey Castle Dartmoor (3 nights)

Standing within 275 acres of beautiful countryside, 5-star Bovey Castle first opened as a hotel and golf resort in 1930. The 60 individually-designed bedrooms, both in the main manor house and the mews, offer luxurious surroundings with breathtaking views out across Dartmoor National Park. The hotel also has an indoor pool, sauna and spa.



TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in GBP£

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£600 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

Prices include:

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- All garden visits including tours with garden owners and head gardeners.
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- Flights and boat transport to and from the Isles of Scilly.
- First-class train travel to and from London at the start and end of the tour.
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Prices exclude:

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Great English Gardens with Chelsea Flower Show – Tour 1

17th - 24th May 2024 (7 nights)

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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 Hever Castle.

Friday 17th May

We meet at the **Sheraton Heathrow Hotel** and depart mid-morning. Our first visit is to **Chartwell House**, home of Sir Winston Churchill the British wartime Prime Minister. Chartwell is much more than just a fascinating house, it boasts an extensive garden with far-reaching views and Churchill's studio which is home to the largest collection of his paintings. Lunch (independent) at Chartwell. In the late afternoon we check in to the 4-star **Spa Hotel, Royal Tunbridge Wells**. Dinner is in the hotel (included).

Saturday 18th May

We begin the day with a pre-opening visit to **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 perfectly: "*Profusion, even extravagance and exuberance within the confines of the utmost linear severity*".

After free time for lunch (independent), we head 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. We stop at a **traditional English pub** for dinner on our return journey to the hotel (included).

Sunday 19th May

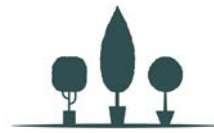
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We continue onto **Great Comp Garden**, an enormous achievement by two people who retired in 1957 from a busy London life. This is an informal garden set against a background of deciduous woodland. The gardens are now cared for by curator William Dyson, the UK's leading Salvia expert. Dinner is in the hotel (included).

Monday 20th May

This morning we take a pre-opening tour of **Hever Castle**. This picturesque, double-moated castle was the childhood home of





Anne Boleyn, second wife of King Henry VIII. The extensive grounds feature a 35-acre lake, fountains, and magnificent original Roman and Italian Renaissance statuary. Lunch is included at Hever Castle.

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 return to Tunbridge Wells where your evening is at leisure. (Dinner independent).

Tuesday 21st May



After check-out we head to central London to enjoy the first members-only day at the **RHS Chelsea Flower Show**. Marvel at the magnificent floral displays 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, sculptures, clothing and garden gifts for sale. There is time for lunch (independent). In the afternoon, we check in to the **4-star Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court**. Dinner is in the hotel (included).

Wednesday 22nd May



Today we visit **RHS Wisley** – the Royal Horticultural Society's flagship garden. We will have a guided tour of the superb and varied gardens which cover some 240 acres and inspire in any season, followed by lunch (included) in the Tulip Room. We return to the hotel in the afternoon where your evening is at leisure. (Dinner independent).

Thursday 23rd May



This morning we head 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). We depart mid-afternoon and return to the hotel where we take a **private cruise along the River Thames** from the hotel's jetty. We have dinner in the hotel (included).

Friday 24th May

On this final day of the tour, we will stroll across the road to **Hampton Court Palace**. Discover the world of King Henry VIII and his Tudor Court and the vast formal gardens that extend over 60 acres. You can spend as long as you wish here and have lunch independently whilst the hotel look after your luggage. We can assist with onwards travel planning to central London, Heathrow Airport or beyond.

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The Spa Hotel, Royal Tunbridge Wells (4 nights)

Situated in 14 acres of picturesque grounds on the edge of Royal Tunbridge Wells, The Spa Hotel is a 4-star family run hotel offering 70 well-appointed and individually styled bedrooms. Originally built in 1766 as a country mansion, the hotel is surrounded by glorious gardens and offers an indoor pool, gym and tennis court.



The Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court (3 nights)

Overlooking the River Thames, and built around the same time as Hampton Court Palace, this delightful 4-star hotel is refined, yet relaxed. It has recently undergone a complete refurbishment and the rooms are eclectic and stylish. The riverside bar, restaurant and terrace have spectacular views over the river and Hampton Court Palace is located just a few paces from the front door of the hotel.



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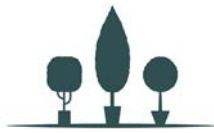
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Great English Gardens with Chelsea Flower Show – Tour 2

18th - 25th May 2024 (7 nights)

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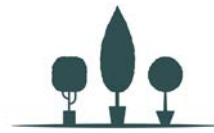


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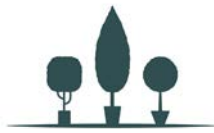
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Chelsea Flower Show, Cotswolds & the Royal Gardens at Highgrove 19th - 25th May 2024 (6 nights)



This delightful two-centre tour combines the world-famous RHS Chelsea Flower Show on members-only day, RHS Wisley and the Royal Gardens at Highgrove, with a selection of superb private gardens in the Cotswolds. On this tour you can be assured of wonderful scenery, great hotels and inspirational gardens.

Sunday 19th May

After our morning pick up at the **Sheraton Heathrow Hotel** at Heathrow Airport, we head to the **Royal Horticultural Society's flagship garden at RHS Wisley**. We enjoy a guided tour so you'll be sure to see the very best of these impressive and extensive gardens, which cover some 240 acres and inspire in any season. We have lunch (included) in the Tulip Room. In the afternoon we check in to the **4-star Foxhills Hotel**. Dinner is in the hotel (included).

Monday 20th May

We begin our day at **The Manor at Upton Grey** with its garden designed by Gertrude Jekyll in 1908. The current owner spent years researching the garden's history, then set about restoring it, and it is now considered to be the most complete and authentic Jekyll designed garden still in existence.

We continue to **West Green Garden**, one of England's finest manor house gardens created by acclaimed garden designer and Chelsea Flower Show award winner, Marylyn Abbott. We enjoy lunch in the gorgeous garden conservatory (included), time in the gardens and a floral demonstration. We return to the hotel where your evening is at leisure (dinner independent).

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Later, we travel to the Cotswolds and check in to the **4-star Close Hotel in Tetbury**. Dinner is in the hotel (included).

Wednesday 22nd May

Today, we begin with a visit to **Rodmorton Manor**, one of the finest Arts & Crafts houses in Britain. It is still owned by the Biddulph family for whom it was built in 1909. We enjoy a private tour of the house followed by time to explore the gardens. We then return to **Tetbury** for free time for shopping and lunch (independent).





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In the afternoon, we visit the **Royal Gardens at Highgrove**. This is the private home of His Majesty King Charles III and Queen Camilla. It is widely regarded as one of the most innovative gardens in the UK and is managed on the strictest sustainable and organic principles. We enjoy dinner at Highgrove (included).

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Thursday 23rd May

We begin the day with a pre-opening visit to **Iford Manor**, a Grade I Italianate garden designed by the architect and landscape gardener, Harold Peto. The manor house is also famed for its tranquil beauty and romantic setting. We will have a tour of the gardens with the owner.

We then drive through the historic **city of Bath** to a **privately owned house, with award-winning gardens** which were designed and developed by Julian and Isabel Bannerman over twenty years. The gardens are truly romantic and a rare treat. We will enjoy a light lunch (included) then take a stroll through the gardens before departure. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

Friday 24th May

After a leisurely start, we visit the attractive market town of **Cirencester** with its Roman heritage and beautiful, 11th century church. There is time for you to explore independently and have lunch. In the afternoon we visit **Througham Court Garden**. This extraordinary private garden is inspired by scientific facts and theories, and the numbers and patterns found in nature. Afterwards, we continue on to **Miserden Garden**, a delightful Cotswolds garden that was designed, in part, by Edwin Lutyens. After meeting the owner and exploring the garden, we have a private dinner (included) in the Glasshouse Cafe.

Saturday 25th May

This morning we visit a **delightful private garden**, originally designed by Arne Maynard, with the picturesque River Avon at its heart. We enjoy a final lunch (included) in the garden. 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.

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Foxhills Hotel & Spa, Ottershaw (2 nights)

Foxhills is an oasis of tranquillity with a 19th century manor house at its centre on a 400 acre estate with picturesque woodland. The hotel boasts two championship golf courses and excellent leisure facilities with four swimming pools. The executive bedrooms are complemented by three restaurants offering contemporary British cuisine.



The Close, Tetbury (4 nights)

This handsome hotel is located in the heart of Tetbury with its irresistible antique shops and boutiques. With just 20 bedrooms, each of which has been individually styled, this 16th century house was originally built for a gentleman farmer. Today, the hotel offers an appealing restaurant & bar, a beautiful walled garden and a team of friendly staff. NB: This hotel does not have a lift due to the historic nature of the building and most rooms are accessed via a staircase.



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- All garden visits including tours with garden owners and head gardeners.
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- First members-only day at Chelsea Flower Show.
- Deluxe coach travel with professional driver.
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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.



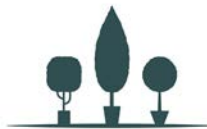
In the afternoon we visit the superb garden at **Morton Hall**. This 8-acre historic garden has undergone an extensive make-over in recent years and is one of England's most exciting private gardens to visit. We meet the owner for a tour and refreshments. Your evening is at leisure to dine out in **Broadway**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

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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.

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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.

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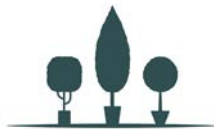
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Exclusive Gardens & Magnificent Roses in the heart of England 9th - 14th June 2024 (5 nights)



Join us on our new, exclusive tour to the heart of England and explore fascinating hidden gardens. We visit superlative country estates, picturesque villages, rolling countryside and beautiful gardens, and a highlight will be exploring the glorious rose garden at David Austin Roses' headquarters.

Sunday 9th June

After our morning pick up at the **Sheraton Heathrow Hotel**, Heathrow Airport, we head north to our base for this 5-night tour, the historic 4-star **Ettington Park Hotel**. En-route we stop for lunch (independent) and exploration at the World Heritage Site of **Blenheim Palace**, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. It is a monumental and historic palace with fabulous formal gardens including the scented rose garden and 'Capability Brown' landscaped grounds stretching over 2,000 acres. This evening join your tour director and the rest of the group for dinner in the hotel (included).

Monday 10th June

Today we visit **David Austin Roses** – the lavish rose garden of David Austin, one of the world's leading rose breeders. The nursery features five themed gardens filled with over 700 rose varieties including shrub, old fashioned, climbing and species roses. The National Collection of English Roses is held in these gardens. It is a sensory delight.



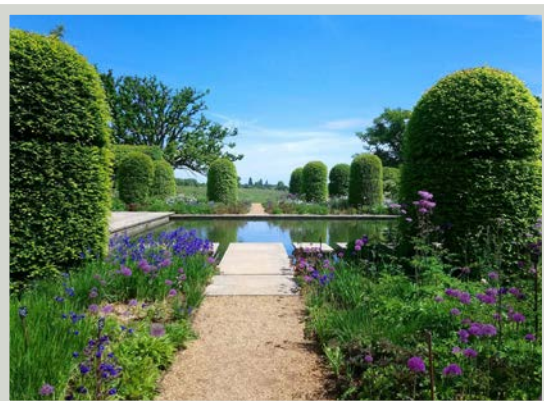
In the afternoon we continue onto the private garden of **Preen Manor** for lunch (included) and a tour of the garden with the owner. Created following the 'arts & crafts' aesthetic on the site of a 12th century monastery with beautifully planted garden rooms, the gardens give fine views over the surrounding countryside. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

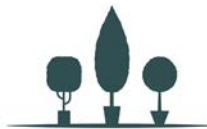
Tuesday 11th June

This morning we enjoy a private tour of **Kelmscott Manor**, the country retreat of William Morris, Victorian textile designer, poet, novelist and father of the Arts & Crafts Movement. He described it as 'heaven on earth'. The Grade-I listed house dating from 1570 and garden have recently undergone extensive conservation and refurbishment. We have lunch at Kelmscott Manor (included).



Afterwards we visit **Broughton Grange Gardens**. These private gardens are beautifully set in 350 acres of parkland, farmland and open meadow, with planting that owes its origins to the Victorian era. However, it is in the past 20 years that the beautiful garden rooms, designed by Tom Stuart-Smith, have been created, and now represent one of the most significant private contemporary gardens in Britain. We enjoy an exclusive tour with the Head Gardener before returning to the hotel for dinner (included).





Wednesday 12th June

This morning we are treated to an exclusive visit to gardens at **Daylesford House** which are exquisitely designed and maintained but rarely open to visitors. The magnificent 18th century landscape estate, created in 1790 for Warren Hastings, has been greatly restored and enhanced by the present owners, Lord and Lady Bamford. After, there is time in the delightful Cotswolds market town of **Stow-on-the-Wold** for lunch (independent) and shopping.

In the afternoon we make a stop at **Anne Hathaway's Cottage**, a typical English cottage garden surrounding the original thatched farm cottage – family home of the wife of playwright, William Shakespeare. We continue into **Stratford-upon-Avon** for a walk through the town with its many literary connections, and have dinner (included) at the rooftop restaurant of the Royal Shakespeare Company Theatre.

Please note: If you wish to attend a performance at the RSC, tickets go on sale in early 2024 and can be purchased online. The hotel is a 6-mile taxi journey from the theatre.

Thursday 13th June

A private pre-opening visit to **Cottesbrooke Hall** is our first stop of the day. This is a wonderful, privately owned Queen Anne-style house with immaculate, award-winning gardens. We will enjoy a tour of the gardens with the Head Gardener. A number of distinguished designers have been involved in the development of the gardens – more recently James Alexander Sinclair and Arne Maynard.

In the afternoon, we continue on to **Coton Manor** – a beautiful garden that occupies a hillside position extending down from the 17th century manor house. We have lunch (included) and meet the owner for an introduction to the 10-acre garden which has luxuriant borders that will delight the plant enthusiast. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

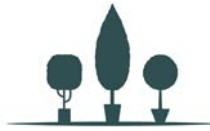
Friday 14th June

After check-out, our final visit is to a **fabulous private garden**, surrounded by Cotswolds stone barns, which has been developed over the last 20 years. We will meet our host and enjoy lunch in the garden (included). 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.

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Ettington Park, near Stratford-upon-Avon (5 nights)

Ettington Park is a luxury, 4-star Victorian mansion, dating from the 1850s with fantastic Gothic details. It is set within 40 acres of lush parkland with the River Stour running through. Ettington was the historic home of the Shirley family, whose ownership dates from the time of the Domesday Book but the house, as we see it today, was remodelled between 1858 and 1862 for Evelyn Shirley.

The hotel now offers stylishly furnished rooms, award-winning dining, a steam room and an indoor swimming pool. The grounds are lovely to wander through and guests can visit the ruins of the former Church of Holy Trinity which is situated overlooking the hotel.



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£4,100 price per person (sharing twin or double room)
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A Garden Lovers' Tour of Chester, Chatsworth & the Peak District 16th - 22nd June 2024 (6 nights)



This delightful, new two-centre tour focuses on the beautiful gardens and scenery of Cheshire and the stunning Peak District National Park. We spend time in the historic city of Chester, explore the majestic Chatsworth House – Britain's finest stately home, discover some fabulous private gardens and enjoy a visit to the Royal Horticultural Society's newest garden, RHS Bridgewater.

Sunday 16th June

We meet at **London Euston Train Station** for our mid-morning departure. We take a relaxing train journey to Warrington with lunch on the train (independent). We then meet our coach and make our way to **RHS Bridgewater Garden**, the newest member of the RHS family of gardens. Reviving the gardens of the historic 156-acre Worsley New Hall estate represents one of the largest gardening projects in Europe this decade. Leading landscape architect Tom Stuart-Smith was appointed to create the master plan and design the Paradise Garden within the extensive walled garden.

We continue on to the **4-star Hotel Indigo, Chester** to check in and have dinner (included).

Monday 17th June

Today we visit **two of Cheshire's finest private gardens** that are seldom open to the public. Our first visit is to a garden of contemporary delights, created by its owners and head gardener. With new areas always under development, it is a garden full of big ideas. We have lunch in a **traditional English pub** (included).

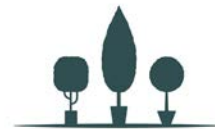
After lunch, we head to **the second wonderful private garden** which has been described as the 'Highgrove of the north'. The owner's only instruction to his head gardener and chief designer was simply to make it 'amazing'. We return to Chester where your evening is at leisure (dinner independent).

Tuesday 18th June

We begin today with a visit to one of the best private gardens in the country, **Wollerton Old Hall**. It is set around a 16th century 'hall house' and has been developed over the last 25 years in the English Garden tradition with echoes of Arts & Crafts. We will have a light lunch (included) and a tour of the gardens with the Head Gardener. Wollerton Old Hall is an absolute Sisley favourite!

In the afternoon we head back to **Chester** for a **walking tour** of this fascinating historic city, founded on the River Dee by the Romans. Its distinctive black and white half-timbered buildings, with their unique covered walkways known as 'the Rows', are full of character and stories. Your evening is at leisure in Chester to enjoy dinner in one of its many eateries (independent).





Wednesday 19th June



After checking out of our hotel, we enjoy two fascinating gardens. First, we are treated to an exclusive tour and private lunch (included) at **Biddulph Old Hall**. This unique garden has been created in the romantic ruin of a 17th century manor house. It was home to the pre-Raphaelite artist Robert Bateman and has been lovingly restored by the current owners.

We continue next door to **Biddulph Grange Gardens**. These extraordinary Victorian gardens take you on a global journey from Italy to the pyramids of Egypt, from a Chinese temple to a Himalayan glen. In the late afternoon we travel through the **Peak District National Park** to check in to the **4-star Cavendish Hotel, Baslow** on the Chatsworth estate. We have dinner in the hotel (included).

Thursday 20th June



This morning, we walk through the beautiful countryside to nearby **Chatsworth House** – home to the Duke of Devonshire and England's finest stately home. We have a tour of the gardens which have been developed by horticultural greats including Joseph Paxton and Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. We then have lunch (included) in the private Burlington Room. After lunch, we explore the wonderful interiors of the house. Later, we take a **scenic drive through the Peak District National Park** and return to the hotel. Your evening is at leisure to enjoy one of the village pubs and restaurants or dine at the hotel (independent).

Friday 21st June



Today we begin with a visit to the Tudor **Haddon Hall**, one of England's finest examples of a medieval manor. We will have a guided tour of the hall and gardens. Parts of the house date from the 12th century, but Arne Maynard – gold medal winner at RHS Chelsea Flower Show – as garden designer, is giving the gardens a historic make-over.

We stop in the charming Peak District market town of **Bakewell** for lunch (independent) and shopping. Later we visit the lovely gardens at **Thornbridge Hall** with its 12 acres of stylish English gardens before returning to the hotel for dinner (included).

Saturday 22nd June



We check out this morning and enjoy a private visit to **Felley Priory** – a 16th century house with beautiful gardens situated on the grounds of a former priory established by Augustinian monks in 1156. We have Afternoon Tea for lunch (included) in the garden before continuing onto East Midland Parkway Station. From here we take the train to **London St Pancras station**, arriving late afternoon – for your onward journeys.

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Hotel Indigo, Chester (3 nights)

This modern, boutique hotel is located close to the heart of the historic, walled city of Chester with its excellent restaurants, shops and handsome Cathedral. The individually styled bedrooms are complemented by contemporary bathrooms and a comfortable lounge area and bar. The on site restaurant, The Forge focuses on British ingredients and is led by notable chef, Mike Robinson.



The Cavendish Hotel, Baslow (3 nights)

Located in one of the Peak District's most picturesque villages, the Cavendish Hotel at Baslow became the property of the Chatsworth estate around 1830 and in the early 1970s was rebuilt as the Cavendish Hotel. The Duchess of Devonshire selected the decor and furnishings, some of which came from Chatsworth House. NB: This hotel does not have a lift due to the historic nature of the building and some rooms are accessed via a staircase.



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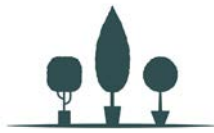
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Grand Houses and Gardens of Yorkshire & the Lake District

23rd - 30th June 2024 (7 nights)



This delightful, high season tour takes in some of the very finest country houses and gardens of Yorkshire and the Lake District. We will 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.

Sunday 23rd June

Our tour starts in the early afternoon at the **5-star Grand Hotel** in the heart of historic **York**. You can have lunch independently before meeting the group. From here we will take a walking tour of this delightful city. We will explore medieval streets such as the 'Shambles', see the city walls and make a visit to the mighty, medieval **York Minster**. Dinner is in the hotel (included).



Monday 24th June

We begin our day with an exclusive visit to **Newby Hall**, a delightful Queen Anne-style house with award-winning gardens. We have a private guided tour of the gardens and house before enjoying a traditional **English Afternoon Tea** (included).

In the afternoon, we make a stop at the Royal Horticultural Society's northern home, **RHS Harlow Carr**. There is time to explore these fabulous and extensive gardens and the excellent shop. We return to York where your evening is at leisure for dinner (independent).



Tuesday 25th June

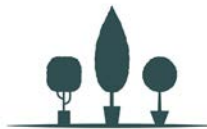
Our first visit today is to a **fascinating private garden** hidden in a beautiful valley with the perfect walled garden created on its south sloping valley side. We will meet the owner who will show us around. We then enjoy **lunch at Sisley director, Colette Walker's home** (included) to see her garden.

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 (dinner independent).



Wednesday 26th June

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 will be treated to a pre-opening tour of the house, followed by free time to explore the gardens. After lunch (independent) we discover one of Yorkshire's newest and most interesting gardens, **Scampston Walled Garden**. It is a contemporary masterpiece of the renowned Dutch designer, Piet Oudolf, a leading figure of the New Perennial Movement. We return to York and enjoy dinner (included) in the hotel.



Thursday 27th June

After checking out of our hotel, we head west and travel through the scenic **Yorkshire Dales National Park**. We visit **Parcevall Hall**, tucked into a sheltered valley. It is a delightfully peaceful Arts & Crafts style garden with a unique bedrock limestone rock garden. We then make a stop for lunch (included) at a traditional **Yorkshire Dales pub**.

After lunch, we travel onwards to the **Lake District – England's largest National Park** and inspiration to some of our most celebrated poets and authors. Next is the Elizabethan **Levens Hall** with its unique and ancient collection of topiary figures. The gardens were laid out in the 1690s and have changed little since. We have time to visit the hall before taking a tour of the gardens with the Head Gardener. In the late afternoon, we check in to the **4-star Lakeside Hotel** on the shores of Lake Windermere. Dinner at the hotel (included).

Friday 28th June

We begin the day with a visit to the inspiring private garden of Chelsea gold-medal winning garden designer, Lady Arabella Lennox-Boyd at **Gresgarth Hall**.

We then head to the northern Lakes to visit **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. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

Saturday 29th June

This morning, we take a **private lake cruise** from our hotel's jetty to Bowness-on-Windermere. From here we visit a **fabulous private garden** designed in the Arts & Craft era. In the afternoon, we stop in the lakeland town of **Grasmere**, home of poet, William Wordsworth. There is time for lunch (independent) and a spot of shopping. On our return to the hotel, we visit **Hill Top**, the cottage home of Beatrix Potter; author, illustrator, scientist and conservationist, best known for her Tales of Peter Rabbit. Dinner (included) in the hotel.

Sunday 30th June

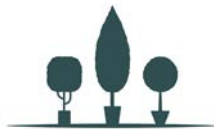
Our final day takes us back to York. Before leaving the Lake District we explore the impressive **Holker Hall** on the Lakeland Peninsulas. We enjoy a garden tour and have time to see the magnificent Jacobean stately home. We then have lunch (included) before returning to York, arriving late-afternoon for independent onward travel.

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

Note: Our tour starts and ends in the city of York. We can assist with travel planning. This tour can easily be combined with our Garden Lover's Tour of Chester, Chatsworth House & the Peak District.



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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, features beautiful public spaces, spacious rooms, two restaurants, bars and indoor swimming pool 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, an indoor pool and indulgent spa, The Lakeside is the perfect place to relax and soak up the atmosphere.



TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in GBP£

£4,600 price per person (sharing twin or double room)
£450 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, 5 lunches and 5 dinners.
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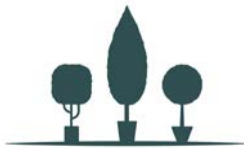
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‘Marvels of Monmouthshire’ - an exclusive garden tour in partnership with *The English Garden Magazine*. 25th - 28th June 2024 (3 nights)



Join us for an exciting four-day tour opening the gates of some of the most exclusive gardens in Monmouthshire with Sisley Garden Tours and *The English Garden* magazine.

Accompanied by an expert local guide, we'll explore historic garden gems, gardens of innovative contemporary design and private, personal gardens of exceptional beauty.

Based at the award-winning Angel Hotel, Abergavenny, we will spend four days travelling around the beautiful Monmouthshire countryside. You can expect good food, the company of fascinating garden owners and head gardeners and first class service.



Tuesday 25th June

After independent journeys to Abergavenny, we'll meet in the early afternoon at **The Angel Hotel** in Abergavenny, our four-star base for the tour.

This elegant former coaching inn is located at the heart of the vibrant 'foodie' town of Abergavenny. Car parking is available at the hotel or Abergavenny is a 2.5-hour train ride from London (see our tour joining & tour end arrangements for more information [here](#)).



Our first visit is to the privately owned, **Highfield Farm**, the home of two self-confessed 'plantaholics' whose knowledge of botany and plant breeding is unsurpassed. They will show us around their 3-acre garden which is densely planted to generate an exuberant display through the seasons. Highfield Farm was recently voted the regional winner of 'The Nation's Favourite Garden' competition.

We return to Abergavenny and enjoy a private welcome dinner (included) at the hotel.

Wednesday 26th June

Today we are treated to three of the finest Arts & Crafts gardens in Britain designed and created by Henry Avray Tipping. A distinguished architectural historian, garden designer of note and architectural Editor of *Country Life* magazine for 17 years in the early 1900s, Tipping developed these gardens over a period of 40 years. We will be joined by Helena Gerrish who is a leading authority on Tipping and has written two books and many papers about his work.



We begin with a talk and a garden tour at Helena's own garden, **High Glanau Manor**. Helena has restored the garden at High Glanau to the original 1923 design and we are invited to have coffee in the house and see Tipping's own study.

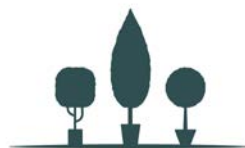


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We then head to **Wyndcliffe Court** for lunch (included). Designed in 1922 by Tipping in the 'Italianate' Arts & Crafts style, this garden is impressively unaltered. The gardens feature ancient, sculpted topiary, a sunken garden, walled gardens, roses, ponds, and woodland.

Our final exclusive visit of the day is to **Mounton House** - a masterpiece restored. This extensive Edwardian house and garden, designed by Tipping from 1911, has been recently re-imagined by the current owners with the help of award-winning garden designer, Arne Maynard. We are privileged to access this garden with Helena, who has recently written a book about its restoration.

We return to Abergavenny where your evening is at leisure to enjoy one of the many fine restaurants or pubs in the town.

Thursday 27th June

After a leisurely start this morning we visit **Llanover Gardens**. This wonderful estate sits in the Usk Valley at the foot of the Black Mountains. The 18-acre Grade II-listed garden features a walled 'round garden', impressive arboretum and extensive herbaceous borders and lawns. We will enjoy a guided tour with the very knowledgeable owner.

We pause, nearby, for a light lunch (included) in a restored chapel.

In the afternoon, we head south to a most picturesque farmhouse that is the home of the renowned garden designer Arne Maynard. We have a guided tour of his gardens at **Allt y Bela**. These magical gardens incorporate formal topiary, dramatic earth sculpture and gentle native planting, which allows the garden to melt into the landscape with no boundaries at all.

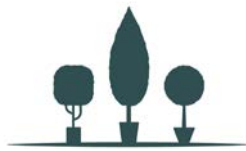
We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

Friday 28th June

After checking out of the hotel, we visit **The Laskett**. This is the personal, 4-acre garden of Sir Roy Strong CH and his late wife Julia Trevelyan Oman CBE, reflecting their careers in the arts with design influences both from history and from contemporary gardeners. The garden has been bequeathed to, and is now managed by Perennial, a charity dedicated to helping people in horticulture.

We will be welcomed by the garden manager and enjoy a tour of the gardens, followed by a private lunch in Sir Roy Strong's former home. After lunch, we return to The Angel Hotel, Abergavenny to say our goodbyes

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The Angel, Abergavenny (3 nights)

The Angel is a smart, lively hotel in the middle of picturesque Abergavenny. The elegant former coaching inn, has 32 comfortable rooms, a stylish restaurant with an excellent reputation and a separate cosy bar. The interiors have been finished with a subtle country feel, elegant chandeliers, big ferns in vases and works by local artists.

The Welsh market town of Abergavenny sits at the edge of the Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park and was voted Condé Nast Travellers' top 10 places to visit in the UK. There are eclectic, independent shops, an excellent daily market and the impressive St Mary's Abbey and medieval tithe barn. Don't miss the delicious Angel bakery opposite the hotel.



TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in £GBP

£2,850 price per person (sharing twin or double room)
£225 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

Prices include:

- 3 nights' accommodation at the 4-star Angel Hotel with en-suite facilities.
- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 2 dinners.
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Discovering England's Iconic Summer Gardens 3rd - 11th July 2024 (8 nights)



This spectacular high-season tour explores some of England's very best gardens in the delightful Cotswolds and in Kent – known as 'the Garden of England'. We will enjoy gardens in their full profusion, private tours, fascinating historic houses and attractive scenery, not to mention members-only day at the RHS Hampton Court Garden Festival.

Wednesday 3rd July

Our tour departs the **Sheraton Heathrow Hotel** at Heathrow Airport mid-morning and heads straight to the **RHS Hampton Court Garden Festival**. You have time to explore the show gardens, fabulous floral displays, talks and music and have lunch (independent). In the late afternoon we check in to the **4-star King's Head Hotel** in the heart of the historic Cotswolds market town of **Cirencester**. Dinner is in the hotel (included).



Thursday 4th July

After a leisurely start, we stop at one of the most attractive towns in the Cotswolds, **Stow-on-the-Wold**, where there is time for lunch (independent) and shopping. We then go on to **Kiftsgate Court**, a delightfully laid out plantsman's garden on the Cotswolds escarpment 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 garden, as very few do, after closing with an introductory talk, a stroll through the garden and drinks on the terrace. Before returning to the hotel, we stop off at a local bistro for dinner (included).



Friday 5th July

Today we visit the **Royal Gardens at Highgrove**, the private home of HRH King Charles III and Queen Camilla. These gardens are widely regarded as some of the most impressive in the UK. After our tour of the gardens, we have lunch in the private Garden Room (included). In the afternoon we visit **Rodmarton Manor**, one of the finest Arts & Crafts houses in Britain. We enjoy a private tour of the house followed by time to explore the gardens. We return to Cirencester where your evening is at leisure for dinner (independent).



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.

Saturday 6th July

We begin today with a visit to a **wonderful private garden** located close to Cirencester. We then head to the pretty town of **Painswick** for lunch (independent) and a visit to **Painswick Rococo Garden**, an important historic garden which is a delight. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

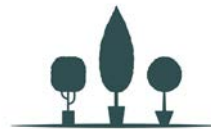


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Sunday 7th July

After check-out we travel south-east to Kent. We make a stop at **Chartwell House**, the fascinating home and garden of Sir Winston Churchill, the British wartime Prime Minister. There is time for lunch (independent). In the afternoon, we check in to the very special **Astor Wing** at **Hever Castle**. We have a **private tour of this romantic, double-moated medieval castle** followed by dinner in the Tudor Dining Suite (included).

Monday 8th July

This morning we enjoy time at leisure at **Hever Castle** to explore the extensive gardens and have lunch (independent). In the afternoon we visit **Town Place Garden**. This private 3-acre garden, set around a 17th century Sussex farmhouse features over 600 roses. Afterwards we continue onto a **superb, private 6-acre garden** that is divided by hedges into smaller gardens, reflecting different periods of English garden design. We are treated to dinner in the Coach House (included).

Tuesday 9th July

The morning starts with a pre-opening tour of **Sissinghurst Castle** – the epitome of the English garden with its series of garden rooms, each filled with different planting schemes and unique designs. In the afternoon we have lunch (included) and time to explore the exquisite gardens at **Gravetye Manor** - former home of the celebrated gardener, William Robinson. It is a riot of colour and features a wonderful oval walled garden. We return to Hever Castle where we enjoy English Afternoon Tea (included).

Wednesday 10th July

Today we have a pre-opening guided tour of **Great Dixter**, a cottage garden on a grand scale created by the late gardening writer and lecturer, Christopher Lloyd. There is free time for lunch (independent) and shopping in **Royal Tunbridge Wells**. Later we enjoy an exclusive visit to **Long Barn**, the garden developed by Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson before they moved to Sissinghurst. We return to Hever for our final night's dinner in the Great Hall (included).

Thursday 11th July

Our last day is spent at **RHS Wisley**, the home of the Royal Horticultural Society. We will enjoy a guided tour so you will be sure to see the very best of these impressive gardens. Lunch is (included) in the private Tulip Room. 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.

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



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The King's Head, Cirencester (4 nights)

The King's Head is an elegant boutique hotel dating from the 15th century with 45 stylish bedrooms, located in the heart of the historic Cotswolds market town of Cirencester. Today it is a haven of style and comfort. It is brilliantly located for exploring the shops, museums and restaurants in this lovely town.



Hever Castle, Kent (4 nights)

The luxurious, exclusive-use Astor Wing is attached by an enclosed bridge over the moat to Hever Castle, childhood home of Anne Boleyn – 2nd wife of King Henry VIII. The well-appointed accommodation offers antique furnishings and original features along with all modern comforts. Guests are able to explore the grounds at Hever Castle after the castle closes. There is an outdoor heated pool, tennis court and billiards room for your exclusive use. NB: This hotel does not have a lift due to the historic nature of the building and some rooms are accessed via a staircase.



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- Assistance with luggage at the hotels.
- All garden visits including tours with garden owners and head gardeners.
- One year's membership of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).
- Members-only day at RHS Hampton Court Garden Festival.
- Deluxe coach travel with professional driver.
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Scotland's Finest Castles and Gardens 1st - 8th September 2024 (7 nights)



This spectacular tour explores the very best castles and gardens in Scotland, as well as following some of its most scenic driving routes through the Scottish Borders and Highlands. Expect majestic castles, beautiful planting schemes, private gardens and the vibrancy of Edinburgh.

Sunday 1st September

We meet at the **Doubletree by Hilton Edinburgh Airport Hotel** in the late morning. From here we board our coach for our 4-hour, scenic journey to **Inverness**. We will make a stop for lunch (independent) at the **House of Bruar** with its excellent shops and restaurants. Later, we check in to the **5-star Ness Walk Hotel, Inverness**. We have dinner in the hotel (included).



Monday 2nd September

Today our first visit is to **Logie House and Steading** – an extensive estate originating from the 17th century with a vast array of herbaceous plants. We have free time in the Steading with its café for lunch (independent), eclectic shops and art gallery before meeting the owner for a tour of the gardens.

In the afternoon we continue to the majestic 14th century **Cawdor Castle** which was built as a private fortress by the Thanes of Cawdor and is famed for its connections with Shakespeare's Macbeth. We have a guided tour of the castle and time to explore the gardens before enjoying a private dinner in the castle restaurant (included).



Tuesday 3rd September

We have a very beautiful drive today, westwards across the Highlands to **Inverewe Garden**, a lush garden full of unusual and wonderful plants which thrive thanks to the warmth of the Gulf Stream. We have lunch at Inverewe (independent).

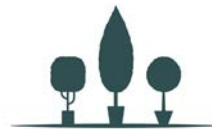
We continue to **Durnamuck Garden**, a private coastal plantsman's garden on Little Loch Broom with stunning views. We meet the owners to hear how they developed this unique space and visit a second nearby private garden that they manage. Afterwards, we return to Inverness for dinner (included) in the hotel.



Wednesday 4th September

We begin with a **private garden located in a magnificent Highland glen**. We have a tour of the gardens with the owner followed by lunch (included). This glorious garden is full of shrubs, herbaceous plants, specimen trees, sculptures and spectacular views down the Findhorn River.

In the afternoon we visit **one of Scotland's most exclusive castles** to see its magnificent walled garden. Afternoon Tea in the garden house is included. We return to the hotel where your evening is at leisure (dinner independent).



Thursday 5th September

After checking out of our hotel, we make our way to Inverness station to take the scenic train journey to **Perth**. There is time for lunch (independent) on the train. The coach will meet us in Perth and take us to the impressive **Drummond Castle** gardens. We will enjoy a tour of these majestic gardens, originally laid out in 1630. This formal garden is said to be one of the finest in Europe and the largest of its type in Scotland.

In the late afternoon we check in to the **4-star Radisson Blu Hotel** located on the Royal Mile, Edinburgh. Dinner is in the hotel (included).

Friday 6th September

Today we begin with a scenic drive through the beautiful Scottish Borders to **Abbotsford**, the former home of the 19th century novelist and poet, Sir Walter Scott. We have a tour of the house and garden then drive into the borders town of **Melrose** for lunch (independent).

In the afternoon, we see a **beautifully designed and planted private, contemporary garden** developed around a farmstead which was rescued from dereliction. We meet the owner of this splendid garden that displays excellent structure, imaginative use of objects and eye-catching planting. Dinner is at a restaurant in Edinburgh (included).

Saturday 7th September

We begin our day with a tour of **Jupiter Artland**. This private collection of sculptures and land forms is situated in a 100-acre parkland surrounding a Jacobean manor house. The 35 site-specific works include pieces by Andy Goldsworthy, Ian Hamilton Finlay and Charles Jencks. Lunch is included at Jupiter Artland.

Our second stop of the day is at a **private estate** which has one of the best contemporary walled gardens in the UK. This stunning one-acre garden will be at its peak in early September with bold colours and innovative design. We return to Edinburgh in the afternoon and your evening is at leisure (dinner independent).

Sunday 8th September

After check out, we walk up The Royal Mile to the majestic **Edinburgh Castle**, a historic fortress which dominates the skyline of the city. We make a visit to the Castle, then have drinks on the terrace of our private dining room with views over the city and castle. Afternoon Tea (included) is served in the Gatehouse Suite of Edinburgh Castle. We return to the hotel to wave goodbye for your onward journeys.

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Note: Our tour starts and ends in Edinburgh. We can assist with travel planning.



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Ness Walk Hotel, Inverness (4 nights)

Ness Walk is a luxury hotel in Inverness with stunning 5-star accommodation and sumptuous dining in the Torrish Restaurant. In a central, yet tranquil location on the banks of the River Ness, the interiors reflect the seasonal landscape with a flow of soft colours and textiles.



The Radisson Blu Hotel, Edinburgh (3 nights)

This comfortable and well appointed hotel is designed to blend into the surrounding medieval architecture with its own 16th century-style façade. The hotel is situated in the very heart of the 'Old Town' and offers all modern facilities within, including an indoor pool. The hotel is conveniently located for local restaurants, museums, shops and Edinburgh Castle.



TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in GBP£

£5,100 price per person (sharing twin or double room)

£750 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, 3 lunches and 5 dinners.
- All garden visits including tours with garden owners and head gardeners.
- Deluxe coach travel with professional driver.
- Train travel between Inverness and Perth on day five 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.
- Travel to and from Edinburgh at the start and end of the tour.
- 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/

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:

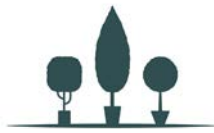
We are happy to work with your preferred travel agent. Just provide us with their contact details on the booking form and we will take care of the rest.

Booking terms & conditions:

Full details of our booking terms & conditions can be found at www.sisley.co.uk/terms-and-conditions.

Please see the **Frequently Asked Questions** section on our website for further information.

www.sisley.co.uk/frequently-asked-questions/



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many people will be on my tour?

Our groups vary in size and are typically between 16 – 20 clients, no more than 22. A minimum of 14 clients is required to run a tour. Unlike a large coach company we can offer a truly personal experience.

How many times will I change hotel during my tour?

Our main aim is to give you a relaxing, fun and informative tour experience and the trials of multiple hotel changes are one of our 'pet hates'! We never use more than two hotels during a one-week tour and often base 5-night tours at one beautiful hotel, chosen for its location, service and comfort.

What type of hotels do Sisley Garden Tours use?

We use 4 and 5-star hotels ranging from modern custom-built hotels to historic country houses. All our hotels are chosen for their excellent levels of comfort and service and their location, to minimise travel time to our tour destinations. Many hotels have leisure facilities and all bedrooms are en-suite. Most of our favourite hotels are located in beautiful historic buildings and for this reason, rooms are often different shapes and sizes and the layout of the hotel may be 'unusual'.

Not all hotels have air-conditioning or lifts to every floor. Access to your room may require a flight of stairs. Assistance with your luggage is provided. Please ask us if you would like more information on a specific hotel.

Do the rooms have bathtubs or showers?

All hotel rooms are private ensuite. Bathroom facilities can vary and you may find that some rooms will have a tub, some with showers, some both.

What kind of room should I book?

When booking we need to know what kind of room you require; a twin room (two single-sized beds in a room), a double room (one standard-sized bed for two) or a single room (a double room for solo occupancy).

How much luggage can we bring?

Luggage is restricted to one standard sized suitcase and one carry-on per person. Where train travel is included in a tour, you will need to be able to manage your own luggage on and off the train.

Is portage included?

We include portage wherever possible in the hotels. There are no porters available at British train stations.

I am a single traveller. Is it possible to share a room? Why must I pay a single supplement?

We do not 'match up' single travellers but if you are keen to find a room share, we will put you in touch with any other single travellers with the same request. Hotels charge per room which makes solo occupancy more expensive than sharing. All solo travellers are allocated a double room.

Can Sisley Garden Tours arrange additional nights' accommodation in the tour hotels at the start or end of the tour?

Yes, if rooms are available we will be happy to arrange extra nights for you. Please let us or your travel agent know at the time of your booking and we will confirm availability and prices. Where tours start at Heathrow Airport, many clients flying in long haul from overseas find it beneficial to fly in the day before and stay at an airport hotel so that they are fully rested for the tour start.

Can special dietary restrictions be accommodated?

We will do our best to accommodate dietary restrictions and allergies, but you must ensure that they are made clear to us at the time of booking so we can share the information with the hotels and restaurants.

Is it necessary to have a good level of mobility?

Our aim is for every client to fully enjoy our tours. In order to achieve this, you do need to be fit enough to participate fully. Please bear in mind

that you will have to climb steps to get on and off the coach several times per day, walk around large gardens, manage stairs in the hotels and showers over the bath. If you have any queries as to whether our tours are suitable for you, please check with us.

I have some health problems, and want to know if this will be an issue?

If your health problem is minor and you can self-manage it without extra care or special facilities, then we should be able to accommodate you. While our primary aim as tour directors is to look after all our clients' needs, we must ensure that the particular needs of individuals do not adversely affect the experience of other group members.

How much walking is involved on tour?

The nature of the gardens and towns we visit means there is a reasonable amount of walking and standing involved in our daily itineraries. Where guided tours of gardens are included as part of our visit, clients may always opt out to rest and where we visit historic towns and villages, the amount of walking and independent exploration is up to the client. Should clients wish to take a day off from the tour, they are perfectly welcome to do so as long as we are returning to the same hotel in the evening. If you have a mobility problem or concern, you may not find our tours suitable. Please contact us if you have any doubts.

Are airport transfers included in the tour price?

Unless the tour itinerary specifically states that the tour starts at the airport, transfers are not included. See individual itineraries for tour ending points. We can assist with arrival or departure planning.

What is the dress code?

Day wear is informal and we would recommend layers for variable temperatures, a waterproof jacket and appropriate footwear. In the evening we suggest 'smart casual'. Gentlemen are not required to wear a jacket or tie.

What is a typical day on a Sisley Garden Tour?

Days can sometimes be fairly long, but we aim to take things at a relaxed pace and build in time for relaxation in the day. We might typically leave at 9 am and arrive back at our hotel at 5 pm, however, some days may be longer and others shorter depending on the day's itinerary.

What sort of vehicle do we travel in?

Sisley Garden Tours has a number of established partnerships with professional coach operators who provide both a professional driver and deluxe midi-coach for our tours, in addition to the services of your Sisley tour director. We like to use local companies with excellent local knowledge and the coaches we use are chosen for their comfort and sized appropriately for the tour group. Our coaches benefit from air conditioning and PA system.

How much driving do we do?

We design tours so that there is as little wasted time as possible on the coach and plenty to see while aboard. Inevitably, there are days when travelling between locations may involve motorway driving and more mileage. We do travel along scenic routes wherever possible and you will see more of the countryside and local village life than on a regular tour.

Am I expected to leave gratuities?

All tour gratuities are included in the price including tour director, coach driver and hotel tips. However, if during the tour you visit a café or restaurant independently or have used a taxi, it is common to leave a small gratuity (typically 10%) if you have received good service.

What meals are included?

Delicious breakfasts, lunch and/or dinner are included daily (see tour itinerary for details of meal inclusions). One thing to remember, dinner times in the UK are usually from 7pm.

Do you include entrance fees to attractions?

All entries to the gardens and flower shows set out in the tour itinerary are included in the price. In addition, we include entrance fees to historic houses that form part of our itinerary when they are open to the public and a number of garden talks/ tours by head gardeners and garden owners.

What is not included in a Sisley garden tour?

Air fares (except where included in the itinerary); drinks; items of a personal nature; entrance fees when not included in our tour itinerary; guide books and other literature for sale at the gardens we visit; incidental expenses such as telephone bills, newspapers, laundry and room service incurred at the hotels is the responsibility of the individual client. All expenses are to be settled at check-out.

Will I need a visa?

It is your responsibility to obtain any visas which might be necessary for you to join the tour. Please check with your local consular office as to any visa requirements for entry into the UK.

What happens if I have to cancel?

If a tour is running but you have to cancel, through illness or any other reason (including Covid-19), you would be due a refund of your tour costs in line with our standard Terms & Conditions – see page 35. We strongly recommend cancellation cover is taken out as part of your travel insurance.

Do I need to take out travel insurance for my trip?

It is a condition of booking that you, and all members of your party, take out comprehensive travel insurance before you travel on a Sisley Garden Tour and that it is adequate for your needs. Your insurance must include cover for medical and repatriation expenses, personal injury and personal liability. We strongly recommend you also obtain cover on booking for loss of baggage, money and valuables, delay, curtailment, missed departure, cancellation expenses and legal expenses. You will be asked to provide your travel insurer name, contact number and policy number before you join our tour.

Do I need to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to take a tour?

At the time of publication, it is mandatory to be vaccinated against COVID-19 before joining our tours. You may be asked to provide evidence of your vaccination status on arrival. If you are unable to be vaccinated due to medical reasons, please get in touch before booking.

Is my deposit refundable if I cannot travel due to Covid-19 restrictions in 2024?

If we are prevented from running a tour on which you are booked due to Covid-19 restrictions in the UK, you will receive a refund. All deposits are held in a secure client account until the date of tour departure. At no point is client money used for the general running of the business.

Will I be able to get a refund if the tour is running but I cannot travel from my local area because of Covid-19?

If a tour is running but you are prevented from joining it due to any particular localised circumstances, such as flight cancellation, an adverse weather event, ill health, or indeed Covid-19 local travel restrictions, you would be due a refund of your tour costs in line with our standard Terms & Conditions – see page 35.

Who goes on a Sisley Garden Tour?

Our clients come from all over the world with many joining us from the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Europe. All tour commentaries are in English.

Do you offer bespoke tour planning?

We are delighted to design and operate bespoke tour itineraries (minimum group size of 12). Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

How can I contact Sisley Garden Tours?

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BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

Sisley Garden Tours Standard Terms & Conditions

Tour Price Includes: Accommodation at 4 and 5-star hotels with ensuite facilities; breakfast daily; lunch and/or dinner each day; admissions to gardens & RHS shows in the itinerary; deluxe coach travel with professional driver; guest speakers and guides as described in an information pack provided at the start of your tour; services of your Sisley tour director; all tour gratuities.

Tour Price Excludes: Airfares; transfers (unless otherwise stated in the itinerary); passport fees where applicable; lunches and dinners (unless otherwise stated in the tour itinerary); beverages; laundry; telephone calls; souvenirs and items of a personal nature.

Payment: Payment is due in two parts; The deposit secures your place on the tour at the time of booking. Final payment is required 120 days before the tour commencement date. Payments are non-transferable.

Covid-19 Vaccination: It is mandatory to be vaccinated against COVID-19 before joining our tours. You may be asked to provide evidence of your vaccination status on arrival. If you are unable to be vaccinated due to medical reasons, please get in touch before booking your tour.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by the client: More than 120 days prior to departure – loss of deposit; between 119 days and 60 days – loss of 50% of tour cost; 59 days and less before departure – 100% cancellation penalty. All cancellations should be made in writing and emailed to Sisley Garden Tours. A phone call is also a good idea. For this reason, purchase of cancellation insurance as part of your travel insurance policy at the time of booking is strongly recommended.

Cancellation by the company: Sisley Garden Tours reserve the right to cancel your tour. In this event they will give a refund of all moneys paid up until 60 days before departure. In no case except for reasons of war, natural disasters, fire, civil disturbances, riots, terrorist action, closure of port or airport, industrial disputes, force majeure or similar events beyond our control will cancellation take place within 60 days of the departure

date. In the event of a cancellation within 60 days under these conditions, Sisley Garden Tours retains the right to make a partial refund at their own discretion. A minimum of 14 passengers are required to run a tour. If the minimum number of bookings has not been received, Sisley Garden Tours reserves the right not to run the tour and refund all moneys paid.

Travel Insurance: It is a condition of booking that you, and all members of your party, take out comprehensive travel insurance before you travel on a Sisley Garden Tour and that it is adequate for your needs. Your insurance must include cover for medical and repatriation expenses, personal injury and personal liability. We strongly recommend you also obtain cover on booking for loss of baggage, money and valuables, delay, curtailment, missed departure, cancellation expenses and legal expenses. You will be asked to provide your travel insurer name, contact number and policy number before you join our tour.

Surcharges: We guarantee that your tour will not be subject to any surcharge except for those resulting from fuel surcharges and government action. Only amounts in excess of 5% will be surcharged. If this means paying more than 10% of the tour price, you are entitled to cancel your tour within 14 days of receiving surcharge invoice. You will receive a full refund of all money paid to Sisley Garden Tours.

Liability: We have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that proper arrangements have been made for the tour advertised and that the suppliers of the services are efficient and reputable. Every booking is subject to the conditions imposed by shipping, airline, rail, coach, hotel, restaurant, visitor attraction and insurance. We cannot be held liable for any loss or expenses suffered by you as a result of your late arrival at the start of your tour, or at any time during your tour for other than reasons within our control. Any wilful damage to property is your sole responsibility and the company will not be responsible for any costs incurred due to such action or measures taken up by the various authorities or principals. Damage will be charged to you and must be paid for at that time. We cannot accept claims when an inferior vehicle is used as relief

or replacement in an emergency. Sisley Garden Tours reserves the right to withdraw tour membership from any person at any time if their behaviour is likely to affect the smooth operation of the tour or adversely affect the enjoyment or safety of other passengers and Sisley Garden Tours shall not be under any liability to such person whatsoever. This is without any liability whatsoever on the company's behalf for homeward travel arrangements or refund of holiday costs. The decision of the tour director will be final. Sisley Garden Tours will not be held responsible for closure of gardens or attractions named in the tour itinerary. Under such circumstances every endeavour will be made to find an alternative. Sisley Garden Tours reserve the right to substitute hotels. In the event that a passport is lost or one of the group members is taken ill or has an accident, Sisley Garden Tours will assist to the best of their ability but must reserve the right to carry on with the tour. It may be necessary to leave the tour member to rejoin later at his/her own expense.

Complaints: If you have a complaint during your holiday, please notify your tour director immediately so that he/she can try to resolve the problem. If the matter is not resolved to your satisfaction, you should inform the company in writing within 28 days of the end of the tour. The company will not consider claims outside this period.

Tour Accuracy: The running order of the tour may change. Subject to changes outside of our control, all elements of the itineraries will be included in the final programme. All the facts in the published itinerary about gardens, facilities, accommodations and other services are checked so that they are as accurate as possible. However, changes do happen that are not within our control. Such changes are regrettable and where a major change takes place, we will inform you whenever possible.

These conditions shall be interpreted, construed and enforced in all respects in accordance with English law and you and we each irrevocably agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts in respect of any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with these conditions.