Chelsea Flower Show & the Great Gardens of Kent
14th - 21st May 2027 (7 nights)

We visit the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show on members-only day, the RHS Garden at Wisley, medieval Windsor Castle and the majestic Hampton Court Palace. We also spend four days in Kent, exploring some of England's iconic gardens including Great Dixter, Sissinghurst, Long Barn and the moated Hever Castle.

Friday 14th May

We meet at the **Sheraton Heathrow Hotel** at Heathrow Airport and depart mid-morning. Our first visit is to **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. Lunch is included. In the late afternoon we check in to the 4-star **Spa Hotel, Royal Tunbridge Wells**. Dinner is in the hotel (included).

Saturday 15th May

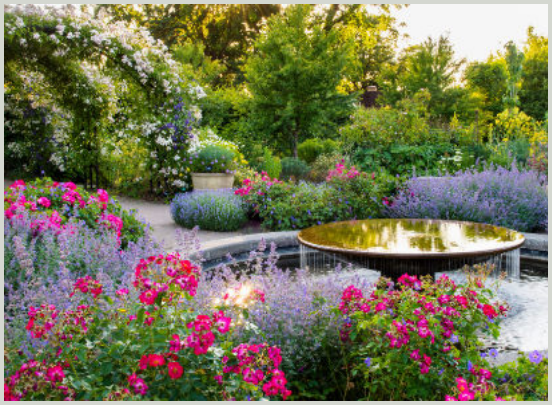
We begin the day with a pre-opening visit to **Sissinghurst Castle Gardens** – the epitome of the English garden with its series of garden rooms, each filled with different planting schemes and unique designs. We have lunch (included) at Sissinghurst. Our next visit is to the beautiful private gardens 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. Dinner is in the hotel (included).

Sunday 16th May

Our first visit today is a pre-opening guided tour of **Great Dixter**, a cottage garden on a grand scale developed by the late Christopher Lloyd. The gardens are now superbly curated by internationally renowned gardener, Fergus Garrett. We then make a stop at **Chapel Down Vineyard** for Sunday lunch in their stylish restaurant (included). In the afternoon, we visit **a small but fascinating private garden** renowned for its topiary. We meet the artistic owner who has created this garden during the last 30 years. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

Monday 17th May

This morning we enjoy a pre-opening tour of the medieval, double-moated **Hever Castle**, the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, second wife of King Henry VIII and mother of Elizabeth I. The extensive grounds feature a 35-acre lake, fountains and magnificent original Roman and Italian Renaissance statuary. We enjoy Afternoon Tea (included) for lunch. We return to **Royal Tunbridge Wells** for a walk along the 'Pantiles' where the remainder of your afternoon and evening is at leisure (dinner independent).



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Tuesday 18th May

After check-out we head to 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 late-afternoon we check into the 4-star **Castle Hotel Windsor** where we have dinner (included).

Wednesday 19th May

Today we make a visit to the majestic **Hampton Court Palace.** Discover the world of King Henry VIII and his Tudor Court and the vast formal gardens that extend over 60 acres. We enjoy a tour on arrival followed by free time to explore the interiors, chapel and extensive gardens. Lunch (independent). In the afternoon, we make a stop at Runnymede, where the historic Magna Carta was first signed, and board our river boat to take a leisurely **private cruise along the River Thames** back to Windsor. A buffet dinner will be served on board (included).

Thursday 20th May

There is some free time to enjoy Windsor before we visit two properties created by Tom Stuart-Smith, award-winning landscape architect. We have lunch on arrival (included) then see Tom's own garden, **The Barn Garden** on the Serge Hill estate. Next, we have the opportunity to explore a significant recent addition, **The Plant Library**, part of the Serge Hill Project to promote gardening, creativity and health. In the afternoon, we return to Windsor and walk from our hotel across to **Windsor Castle** where we enjoy the splendour of this royal residence. Your evening is at leisure (dinner independent).

Friday 21st May

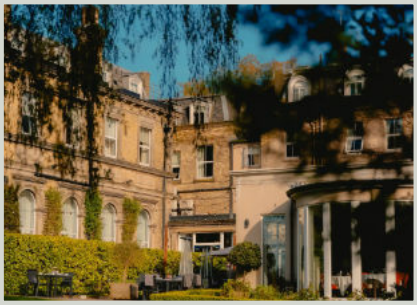
On this final day of the tour, we visit **RHS Wisley** – the Royal Horticultural Society's flagship garden. We will have a guided tour of the superb and varied gardens which cover some 240 acres and inspire in every season, followed by a private lunch (included) in the Tulip Room. In the afternoon we drop off at the Sheraton Heathrow Hotel and Heathrow Airport Terminal 3 for inter-terminal transport links and trains into London.

Click here to read full details of the tour joining and tour end arrangements.

Note: This tour includes one year's individual membership of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). Some garden visits await final confirmation at the time of publication.

OUR HOTELS

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



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.
A/C - yes | Lift to all floors - yes | Spa & Pool - yes.

The Castle Hotel, Windsor (3 nights)
The Castle Hotel is an historic, elegant hotel located in central Windsor, opposite the Guildhall and a stones throw from Windsor Castle. It has recently been fully refurbished and offers 108 stylish rooms offering a blend of heritage charm and contemporary amenities.
A/C - yes | Lift to all floors - yes | Spa & Pool - no.

TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in GBP£

£6,590 price per person (sharing twin or double room)
£700 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

Prices include:

- 7 nights' accommodation at 4-star hotels with en-suite facilities.
- Breakfast daily, 5 lunches and 5 dinners.
- 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)
- First members-only day at Chelsea Flower Show.
- Deluxe coach travel with professional driver.
- An information pack with detailed booklet about the gardens we will be visiting.
- Services of your Sisley tour director throughout.
- All tour gratuities (driver, tour director and hotels).
- This tour starts and ends at Heathrow Airport.

Prices exclude:

- Airfares.
- Passport and/or visa fees if applicable.
- Meals not included in the tour, drinks, laundry, and incidentals.

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
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As soon as we receive your booking form, we will confirm availability on the tour of your choice and arrange collection of your deposit which secures your booking.

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With our travel partner in North America:
You can book your tour in USD$ or CAD$ by credit card or check with our partners at DHTour.

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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.

Travel Insurance and Booking Terms & Conditions:
It is mandatory for all overseas visitors to Britain to have travel insurance before joining our tour. Full details of our booking terms & conditions can be found at **www.sisley.co.uk/terms-and-conditions**.

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