

Chelsea Flower Show & the Great Gardens of Kent

17th - 24th May 2026 (7 nights)



Visit the world-famous RHS 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.

Sunday 17th May

We meet at the **Sheraton Heathrow Hotel** and depart mid-morning. After dropping our luggage at the Mitre Hampton Court Hotel, 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. In the afternoon, we check in to the **4-star Mitre Hampton Court Hotel**. Dinner is in the hotel (included).



Monday 18th 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).

In the late afternoon, we take a **private cruise along the River Thames** back to our hotel. We will enjoy a traditional **English Afternoon Tea** on board (included).

Tuesday 19th May

Today we 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). We return to the hotel, late-afternoon, for dinner (included).

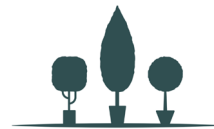


Wednesday 20th May

After check-out we head south to the charming county of Kent to visit **Chartwell**, the home of former British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill. There is time to explore the house, fine garden and his painting studio followed by lunch (independent).

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. In the late afternoon we check into the **4-star Spa Hotel, Royal Tunbridge Wells**. Dinner is in the hotel (included).





Thursday 21st 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. 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 then return to **Royal Tunbridge Wells** for a walk along the historic 'Pantiles' where the remainder of your afternoon and evening is at leisure (dinner independent).

Friday 22nd 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 in the delightful medieval town of **Rye**, where there is time to explore and have lunch (independent). In the afternoon we visit the private garden of **Fairlight End**. This scenic garden integrates the countryside and garden landscape with contemporary features. En-route back to the hotel we stop at **Chapel Down Vineyard** for dinner in their stylish restaurant (included).

Saturday 23rd 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*". There is time here for lunch (independent).

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. Dinner is in the hotel (included).

Sunday 24th 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.

Full details of tour joining and departure can be found on our website.

Note: This tour includes one year's individual membership of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). Some garden visits await final confirmation at the time of publication. This tour can easily be combined with our Garden Gems of Cornwall, Devon and the Isles of Scilly tour.

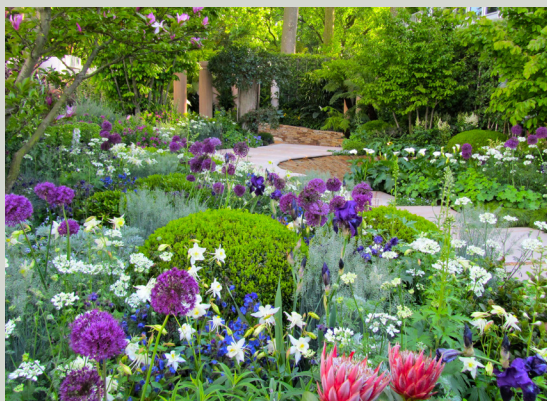


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OUR HOTELS

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

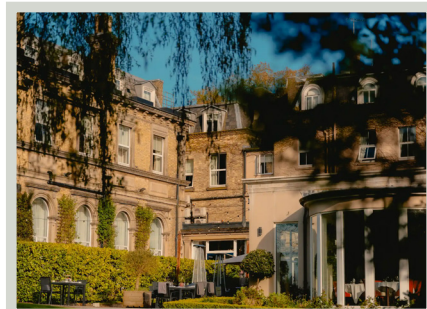
The Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court (3 nights)

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.



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.



TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in GBP£

£5,650 price per person (sharing twin or double room)
£550 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

Prices include:

- 7 nights' accommodation at 4-star hotels with en-suite facilities.
- Breakfast daily, 2 lunches and 6 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.
- Transfers to and from the hotel and Heathrow Airport at the start and end of the tour.
- An information pack with detailed booklet about the gardens we will be visiting.
- Services of your Sisley tour director throughout.
- All tour gratuities (driver, tour director and hotels).

Prices exclude:

- Airfares.
- Transfers from the hotel at the 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 card or check 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 via secure online payment link.

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:

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