

## Cotswolds Exclusive with the Royal Gardens at Highgrove

### 15th - 21st June 2025 (6 nights)



Join us on our exclusive garden tour to the Cotswolds – an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We stay at two delightful hotels from which we explore wonderful gardens and quintessential English towns and villages. We enjoy special access to many private gardens and marvel at the King's own garden at Highgrove.

#### Sunday 15th June

After our morning pick-up at the **Sheraton Heathrow Hotel**, Heathrow Airport, we head west to the charming, 4-star **Old Bell Hotel**, located in the heart of the attractive Cotswolds town of **Malmesbury**. En-route we stop at a **delightful private garden**, originally designed by Arne Maynard, with the picturesque River Avon at its heart. We enjoy lunch (included) in the garden before continuing onto the hotel for check-in. In the evening we have dinner (included) in the hotel.

#### Monday 16th June

Today, we begin with a visit to a **fabulous private garden**, surrounded by beautifully restored Cotswolds stone barns, which has been developed over the last 20 years on the family's farm. We will meet our host for a tour, then enjoy lunch in the restored barn (included).

In the afternoon we visit **Thorougham Court Garden**. This extraordinary private garden is inspired by scientific facts and theories, and the numbers and patterns found in nature. Again, we meet the very knowledgeable owner who is a scientist and landscape designer, who will show us around her unique garden. We return to Malmesbury where dinner is in the hotel (included).

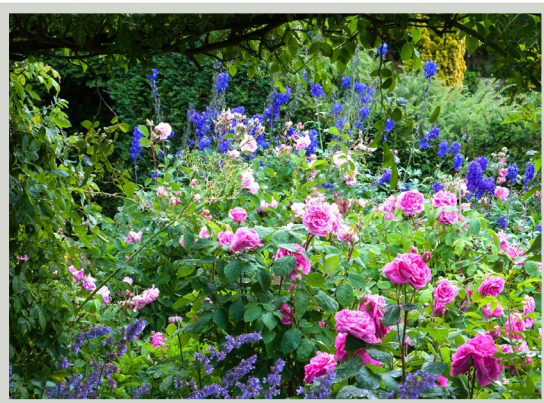
#### Tuesday 17th June

Our highlight today is a visit to the **Royal Gardens at Highgrove**, the private home of HM 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 return to Malmesbury where your evening is at leisure (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.*

#### Wednesday 18th June

After check out, we visit **Sezincote**, an extraordinary house





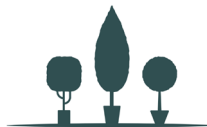


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displaying the finest Mogul architecture set amidst the Cotswolds Hills. We have time to explore the romantic water garden then enjoy a private guided tour of the house. We continue on to the quaint Cotswolds town of **Broadway** for a 'Fish & Chips' lunch (included), followed by free time to explore its museums, and eclectic shops.

In the afternoon, we check into the charming **4-star Lygon Arms Hotel**, situated in the heart of Broadway. Your evening is at leisure (dinner independent).

### Thursday 19th June

We begin today with a head gardener tour of a **beautiful private 6-acre walled garden** in the heart of the Cotswolds, originally laid out by acclaimed garden designer, Rosemary Verey. 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).

Then on to **Kiftsgate Court**, a delightfully laid out plantsman's paradise 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 take a stroll through the garden, ending with drinks on the terrace. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

### Friday 20th June

This morning we visit the striking garden at **Upton Wold**, where we will be taken on a tour to explore this intriguing garden that has been created over the last 40 years by the owners and includes the national collection of walnut trees. We have lunch (included) in the Garden Room. In the afternoon, we are treated to a **classic English manor house garden**, set within a 25-acre estate that has been designed by the notable garden designer, Dan Pearson. We return to Broadway for dinner (included) in a local restaurant.

### Saturday 21st June

After we check out, 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 late afternoon we drop off at the Sheraton Heathrow Hotel and Heathrow Airport Terminal 3 for inter-terminal transport links and the Heathrow Express and Elizabeth Line trains into London.

Full details of tour joining and departure can be found on our website. **Note:** Some garden visits await final confirmation at the time of publication.



## OUR HOTELS

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

### **The Old Bell Hotel, Malmesbury (3 nights)**

This 4-star is rumoured to be the oldest hotel in England and is certainly a characterful presence sitting adjacent to the ancient Malmesbury Abbey. It was purchased by the current owners (who also own Abbey House Gardens in the town), in 2021 and fully refurbished in 2022. It has an excellent reputation for food and is a comfortable and stylish hotel in this ancient Cotswolds town. NB: This hotel does not have a lift due to the historic nature of the building and some rooms are accessed via a staircase.



### **The Lygon Arms, Broadway (3 nights)**

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



## TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in GBP£

**£5,250** price per person (sharing twin or double room)  
£695 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

### **Prices include:**

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

### **Prices exclude:**

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

### **Tour payment:**

A 10% non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place(s) on the tour. Your balance payment is due 120 days prior to the tour departure.

## BOOK YOUR TOUR

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

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

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

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

### **With our travel partner in North America:**

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

### **With Sisley Garden Tours:**

All clients are welcome to book a tour directly with us. We can accept payment in GBP£ by bank transfer or by credit/debit card.

### **With your own travel agent:**

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

### **Travel Insurance and Booking Terms & Conditions:**

It is mandatory for all overseas visitors to the UK to have travel insurance before joining our tours. Full details of our booking terms & conditions can be found at [www.sisley.co.uk/terms-and-conditions](http://www.sisley.co.uk/terms-and-conditions).

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

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