

# Garden Gems of Cornwall, Devon & the Isles of Scilly 9th - 16th May 2026 (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: RHS Rosemoor, Glendurgan, the Lost Gardens of Heligan and Hestercombe, and make a fabulous trip to the Isles of Scilly to visit Tresco Abbey Garden.

# Saturday 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 34 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).

# **Sunday 10th May**

Our first visit of the day is to **Tremenheere Sculpture Garden** situated in a dramatic landscape with large-scale exotic, sub-tropical planting which provides the backdrop to a collection of inspiring art by internationally renowned artists. After the tour we enjoy lunch (included). In the afternoon we visit a private and unique 3-acre cliffside garden overlooking Lamorna Cove. We return on the scenic coastal road to the hotel for dinner (included).

# **Monday 11th May**

This morning 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 for a tour of the world-famous **Tresco Abbey Gardens** – a glorious 19th century sub-tropical garden, home to 20,000 plants from more than 80 countries. After the tour we have lunch (independent) and time for further exploration. 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.

# **Tuesday 12th May**

Today we begin with a visit to a wonderful private garden on the Lizard Peninsula. The gardens surround an elegant Georgian house and have been skilfully developed over the last 20 years. We meet the owner who will take us around the gardens and then give us lunch (included). 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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# Wednesday 13th May

After check out, 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. After lunch, we wend our way into Devon, arriving in the afternoon at the 5-star Bovey Castle Hotel for check in. Dinner is in the hotel (included).

# Thursday 14th May

This morning we cross the wild and beautiful **Dartmoor** National Park to visit The Garden House. 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. After a tour of the garden we return to the hotel where your evening is at leisure (dinner independent).

# Friday 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).

In the afternoon we make a stop in the pretty Dartmoor town of **Chagford** where there is free time for shopping. Later, we visit 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 returning to the hotel for our final dinner together (included).

#### Saturday 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 lunch (included).

In the afternoon, we board the train at Taunton Station for the return journey to London Paddington Train Station where we expect to arrive at around 5.30pm. From here, you can take the Heathrow Express or Elizabeth Line trains to the airport if needed.

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. 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.



### **OUR HOTELS**

Our hotels are 4 and 5-star and selected for their high standards of comfort and service. All rooms are ensuite and offer free wifi access.

# 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 footpath passes alongside the hotel offering lovely coastal walks. NB: This hotel does not have a lift and most rooms are accessed via a staircase. Assistance with your luggage will be provided.

#### **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 in the main manor house offer luxurious surroundings. The hotel has breathtaking views across Dartmoor National Park and includes an indoor pool, sauna and spa.





#### **TOUR PRICE:**

All tours are priced in GBP£

£5,950 price per person (sharing twin or double room) £1,200 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.
- Assistance with luggage at the hotels.
- All garden visits including tours with garden owners and head gardeners.
- Deluxe coach travel with professional driver.
- Flights and boat transport to and from the Isles of
- First-class train travel to and from London 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 (Isles of Scilly flights are included).
- 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.

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