

# Grand Houses and Gardens of Yorkshire & the Lake District

## 27th June - 5th July 2026 (8 nights)



This delightful, high season tour features the finest country houses and gardens of Yorkshire and the Lake District. We explore York, one of England's greatest historic cities, and travel through the spectacular landscapes of the Yorkshire Dales, North York Moors and Lake District National Parks visiting iconic stately homes and hidden, private gardens.

### Saturday 27th 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. We depart by coach to visit the Royal Horticultural Society's northern home, **RHS Harlow Carr**. There is time to explore these fabulous and extensive gardens and the excellent shop. Dinner is in the hotel (included).

### Sunday 28th June

This morning we visit a **private garden in the rolling countryside of the Yorkshire Wolds** where we meet the owner to hear about the creation of their wonderful garden. Later we visit **Scampston Hall** for lunch (included) and an introductory talk from the head gardener. We'll learn about this contemporary walled garden designed by Piet Oudolf, founder of the new perennial movement.

In the afternoon we continue onto one of the most recognised and loved of Britain's stately homes, **Castle Howard** - made famous by its central role in the filming of *Brideshead Revisited* and more recently, *Bridgerton*. We enjoy a private tour of the house followed by time to see the gardens before returning to York where your evening is at leisure for dinner (independent).

### Monday 29th 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 tour of the house with its stunning 'Robert Adam' interiors before enjoying a traditional **English Afternoon Tea** (included) and a tour of the gardens. We also enjoy a private floral demonstration by a local British flower grower. On our return to York, we stop at a small private garden for dinner (included).

### Tuesday 30th June

Our first visit today is to a **fascinating private garden** hidden in a beautiful valley in the **North York Moors** with the perfect walled garden created on its south sloping valley side. We will meet the owner who will show us around. We continue on to the **pretty market town of Helmsley** for some free time before visiting a **stunning private garden** that was designed by Tom Stuart-Smith. This masterpiece incorporates a vast, productive walled garden, stepped parterres and a deep gorge woodland garden. We enjoy dinner in a local country pub (included).





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### Wednesday 1st July

This morning we take a **walking tour of the delightful city of York**. We will explore medieval streets such as the ‘Shambles’, see the city walls and make a visit to the mighty, medieval **York Minster**. We have lunch in the **14th century Bedern Hall** (included). Your afternoon and evening will then be at leisure to further explore York and its excellent museums and shops (dinner independent).

### Thursday 2nd July

After checking out 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 redesign. We then travel west through the scenic **Yorkshire Dales National Park** making a stop at the charming village of **Grassington** for lunch (independent). For fans of the famous vet, James Herriot, you will recognise the village. In the afternoon, we travel onwards to the **Lake District – England’s largest National Park**. We check in to the **4-star Low Wood Resort and Spa** overlooking Lake Windermere, near Ambleside. Dinner at the hotel (included).

### Friday 3rd July

This morning we visit the inspiring private garden of Chelsea gold-medal winning garden designer, Lady Arabella Lennox-Boyd, at **Gresgarth Hall**. From here we head to a **fabulous private garden** designed in the Arts & Craft era for lunch (included) and a look around this attractive garden. We then make our way to the Elizabethan **Levens Hall** with its unique and ancient collection of topiary figures. We have a tour of the garden with the head gardener and time to see the hall. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

### Saturday 4th July

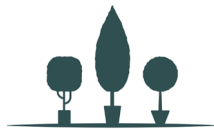
This morning we take a scenic drive through the northern Lakes to visit **Lowther Castle**. We have a tour of this intriguing contemporary garden designed by Dan Pearson and set within the dramatic ruins of the castle. There is time for lunch (independent). We continue onto the pretty town of **Grasmere** before taking a **private lake cruise on Windermere** back to our hotel for our final night dinner together (included).

### Sunday 5th July

Today we explore the impressive **Holker Hall** and the south Lakeland Peninsulas. We enjoy a garden tour and have time to see the magnificent Jacobean stately home before enjoying a private lunch (included). We then return to York, making a stop en-route at Oxenholme Lake District train station, arriving in York in the late-afternoon.

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 provide advice on travel planning.



## 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 Grand, York (5 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.



### Low Wood Bay Resort and Spa, Ambleside (3 nights)

This luxury Lake District spa hotel is nestled on the Windermere shoreline in the heart of the Lake District National Park. We stay in the exclusive Winander Suite of rooms with pale-grey woods, stylish copper lighting and huge windows. The comfortable lounges and roof terrace have views over the Langdale Pike hills and Windermere. Guests can enjoy the indoor swimming pool, resort gym and fitness facilities. However, the indoor & outdoor thermal spa areas and treatments are available by prior booking at additional cost.



## TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in GBP£

**£5,950** price per person (sharing twin or double room)  
£950 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

### Prices include:

- 8 nights' accommodation at 4 and 5-star hotels with en-suite facilities.
- Breakfast daily, 5 lunches and 6 dinners.
- Assistance with luggage at the hotels.
- All garden visits including tours with garden owners and head gardeners.
- 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).

### Prices exclude:

- Airfares.
- Travel to and from York 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/](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 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:

It is mandatory for all overseas visitors to the UK and Europe 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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