

Grand Houses and Gardens of Yorkshire & the Lake District

6th - 14th July 2025 (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.

Sunday 6th July

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).



Monday 7th July

We begin our day with an exclusive 'closed day' visit to **Newby Hall**, a delightful Queen Anne-style house with award-winning gardens. We have a private guided tour of the house with its stunning 'Adam' interiors before enjoying a traditional **English Afternoon Tea** (included). In the afternoon, we tour the gardens with the head gardener and enjoy a floral demonstration. We return to York where your evening is at leisure (dinner independent).



Tuesday 8th July

Today we begin at 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 tour of the gardens followed by time to explore the house and have lunch (independent). 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).



Wednesday 9th 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 10th July

After checking out of our hotel, 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

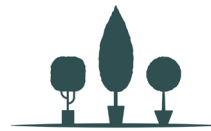


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major extension and now features an apothecaries garden. We then travel west through the scenic **Yorkshire Dales National Park** making a stop at the charming village of **Grassington** for lunch (independent). For fans of the famous vet, James Herriot, you will recognise the village as the filming location of the recent television series. 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 11th July

We begin the day with a visit to the inspiring private garden of Chelsea gold-medal winning garden designer, Lady Arabella Lennox-Boyd at **Gresgarth Hall**. Next is the Elizabethan **Levens Hall** with its unique and ancient collection of topiary figures. The gardens were laid out in the 1690s and have changed little since. There is time for lunch (independent) and to visit the hall, before taking a tour of the gardens with the head gardener. We have dinner in a local pub (included).

Saturday 12th 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). In the afternoon, we visit **Hill Top**, the cottage home of Beatrix Potter; author, illustrator, scientist and conservationist, best known for her Tales of Peter Rabbit. Your evening is at leisure (dinner independent).

Sunday 13th July

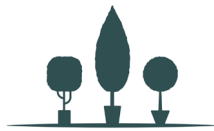
This morning we take a scenic drive through the northern Lakes to visit **Lowther Castle**. We have a tour of this intriguing contemporary garden, designed by Dan Pearson and set within the dramatic ruins of the castle. We continue onto **Hutton-in-the-Forest**, a historic house with magnificent gardens which were laid out in the 17th century. We have lunch (included) and time to explore. We return to the hotel for our final night dinner together (included).

Monday 14th July

This morning, after check out, we take a **private lake cruise** from our hotel's jetty to Bowness-on-Windermere. From here we visit a **fabulous private garden** designed in the Arts & Craft era where we tour the garden with the owner and have 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 for independent onward travel.

[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 tour starts and ends in the city of York. We can assist with travel planning. This tour can be combined with our Discovering England's Iconic Summer Gardens tour.



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 (4 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 (4 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. The hotel features an extensive spa with indoor and outdoor pools.



TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in GBP£

£5,550 price per person (sharing twin or double room)
£850 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 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.
- 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/

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:

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