

Summer Gardens with Hampton Court Flower Show 2nd - 8th July 2017 (6 nights)



Beautiful English countryside of the Cotswolds and Kent, wild flowers and gardens at their best with roses and herbaceous borders in their prime. Experience historic Stratford-upon-Avon and visit Anne Hathaway's cottage garden, David Austin's world famous rose nursery, Hidcote Manor, Kiftsgate and Coughton Court before heading south to enjoy the lovely Hever Castle, Sissinghurst, Windsor Castle, RHS Wisley and the wonders of a members-only day at RHS Hampton Court Flower show.

Sunday 2nd July

Our Tour starts at the charming, **4-star Hallmark Hotel The Welcombe**, located close to the historic town of Stratford-upon-Avon. Make your own way to the hotel or join us for your morning transfer from Heathrow Airport. En-route we'll stop for lunch and exploration of the World Heritage Site of **Blenheim Palace** – the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. It is a monumental palace with fabulous formal gardens and 'Capability Brown' landscape grounds. Join your tour director and the group for dinner in the hotel.



Monday 3rd July

Today we visit the lavish rose garden of **David Austin**, one of the world's leading rose breeders. See over 800 varieties, including shrub, old fashioned, climbing and species roses. In the afternoon we visit the beautiful Elizabethan home of the Throckmorton family since 1409, **Coughton Court** where we enjoy a light lunch (included). The 25-acre grounds have been described by the Royal Horticultural Society as 'breathtaking'. We return to the hotel for dinner.

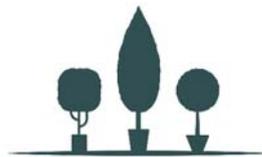


Tuesday 4th July

Enjoy a morning drive through **Stratford-upon-Avon** to visit **Anne Hathaway's Cottage**, a typical English cottage garden of the end of the 19th century around the original thatched farm cottage family home of William Shakespeare's wife. Afterwards we move onto the delightful Cotswolds market town of **Broadway**, full of independent cafés, art & antique shops, for a lunchtime stop.



Then on to **Kiftsgate Court**, a delightfully laid out plantsman's garden on top of a hill with magnificent views over the Vale of Evesham, and a claim to the largest rose in England. Colour predominates with roses and campanulas making a breathtaking impact everywhere in June and July. We end the day at **Hidcote Manor Garden**. We will enjoy the gardens, as very few do, after closing. We'll be guided through the gardens by one of the knowledgeable volunteers then enjoy a **private dinner at Hidcote**.



Wednesday 5th July

We leave our Stratford hotel and head to the members-only day at **RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show**, the Royal Horticultural Society's greatest annual flower show, in a magnificent historical setting. The Tudor Palace was built in the 16th century by Thomas Wolsey with Sir Christopher Wren adding extensions in the 17th-century. In contrast to its wonderful historic setting, the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show showcases the best of new conceptual garden design and offers gardeners an opportunity to see the very best floral and plant displays at their peak in July.

After the show, we continue on to our **luxury 4-star hotel, the Macdonald Windsor Hotel**, in the centre of historic Windsor for dinner and our last three nights of the tour.

Thursday 6th July

Today our garden visits take in two of the most beautiful and romantic castle gardens in England. We head for the Garden of England, Kent and begin our day with a private pre-opening tour of **Sissinghurst Castle** - created by the internationally acclaimed novelist Vita Sackville-West and one of the best known and inspirational gardens in the world.

We then proceed to **Hever Castle**, the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, second wife of King Henry VIII. Marvel at this double-moated castle and its garden, with a 35 acre lake, fountains, cascade, topiary chess set, rose garden and magnificent original Roman and Italian Renaissance statuary. We return to our hotel for dinner.

Friday 7th July

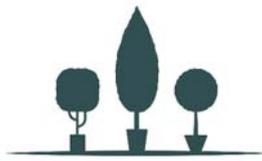
Our last day of the tour takes us to **Wisley Garden**, the famous home of the Royal Horticultural Society. It is full of ideas, inspiration and information. There is always a part of the garden at its best. The shop offers as large a collection of books on gardening as anywhere in the world.

In the afternoon we visit the magnificent **Windsor Castle** located directly opposite our hotel, the largest and oldest occupied Castle in the world – home to Her Majesty The Queen. Dinner at the hotel.

Saturday 8th July

We say good-bye in Windsor where you check-out from the hotel and make your own way by train to central London, by taxi or public transport to Heathrow Airport at a time that suits your own travel. We can advise on departure planning.

Please note: This Tour includes one year's individual membership of the Royal Horticultural Society.



OUR HOTELS

Our hotels are 4-star and are selected for their high standards of comfort and service. All rooms are en-suite and offer free wi-fi access.

Hallmark Hotel The Welcombe, Stratford-upon-Avon

This luxury country house hotel, located just outside the historic town of Stratford upon Avon, stands in 157 acres of glorious grounds featuring a beautiful Italian garden and water features. The hotel offers excellent leisure facilities including golf course, swimming pool and spa.



The Macdonald Windsor Hotel, Windsor

Just opposite Windsor Castle, this Georgian townhouse has been beautifully converted into a lovely contemporary hotel in the centre of historic Windsor. The cobbled streets around the hotel and Windsor Castle offer a delightful mix of eclectic shops and cafes.



TOUR PRICES:

Prices are per person, based on twin/double room share, with single supplement shown separately. Prices are payable in £GBP. For clients travelling from USA & Canada, our tours can be booked through our travel partners shown below.

	All countries except USA	USA
Summer Gardens with Hampton Court Flower Show (6nts)	£2,450 (GBP)	\$3,700 (USD)
Single supplement	£450 (GBP)	\$650 (USD)

PRICES INCLUDE:

Prices based on twin/double room share. Accommodations at 4-star hotels with en-suite facilities; buffet breakfast daily; dinner every evening; one lunch; admissions to members-only day at RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show; admissions to gardens detailed in the itinerary above; deluxe coach travel with professional driver; guest speakers and guides as described in an information pack provided at the start of the tour; services of a Sisley tour director; one year's membership to the RHS. Arrival transfers are included only if you are joining the tour at Heathrow Airport on the first morning of the tour. Please see FAQ's for further information.

PRICES EXCLUDE:

Airfares; passport fees; lunches except where indicated in the itinerary; beverages; laundry; gratuities; telephone calls; souvenirs and items of a personal nature.

CONTACT US AND BOOK YOUR TOUR:

We would be delighted to answer any queries about our tours and can be contacted at:

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Our booking forms and terms & conditions can be found on our website at www.sisley.co.uk

Please contact us directly to book your tour. For clients travelling from the USA and Canada we have travel partners to assist with your tour booking and travel arrangements.

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