

## Cotswolds Exclusive with the Royal Garden at Highgrove 23rd - 28th June 2019 (5 nights)



Join us on our exclusive garden tour to The Cotswolds – an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with stone walls, open skies, rolling grasslands, beech woods and captivating villages.

We will be staying at a sumptuous 5-star hotel from where we wend our way, each day to explore wonderful gardens and quintessential English towns and villages. We will enjoy private guided tours, many by the owners themselves and see all the gardens at the height of their summer glory.

### Sunday 23rd June

After our morning pick-up at Heathrow Airport, we head north to the charming, **5-star Ellenborough Park Hotel**, located close to the historic town of Cheltenham.



En-route we'll stop for lunch and independent exploration at the World Heritage Site of **Blenheim Palace**, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. It is a monumental and historic palace with fabulous formal gardens and 'Capability Brown' landscaped grounds stretching over 2,000 acres.

This evening join your tour director and the rest of the group for welcome drinks before sitting down together for dinner (included).

### Monday 24th June



Today we explore three very different gardens, each superb in its own right. We begin with **Bourton House Garden**, an inspirational garden with stunning colour combinations and rare, unusual and exotic plants. We continue onto **Sezincote** – an extraordinary house displaying the finest Mogul architecture set amidst the Cotswolds Hills and surrounded by a romantic water garden. We enjoy a private guided tour of the house followed by free time to explore the gardens.

From here we continue to the private garden of **Upton Wold**. We'll have lunch (included) over-looking the gardens and then be taken on a tour of the garden.

We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

### Tuesday 25th June



We begin today with a quintessentially English garden that surrounds the historic **Sudeley Castle**. There is time to visit both the castle and the garden. We then stop at the picturesque Cotswolds market town of **Broadway** for a lunchtime stop. Then on to **Kiftsgate Court**, a beautifully laid out plantsman's garden on top of a hill with magnificent views and a claim to the largest rose in England.



We end the day with a with an exclusive visit to the famous **Hidcote Manor Gardens**. 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 (included).

### Wednesday 26th June

This morning we visit the private gardens of their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall, **Highgrove Garden** - widely regarded as one of the most inspired and innovative gardens in the UK. (Please see note regarding Highgrove below).

In the afternoon we explore **Cirencester**, an attractive Cotswolds market town with Roman origins. There will be time to explore its independent shops, church and Roman heritage. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

### Thursday 27th June

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. Lunch included.

In the afternoon we visit the superb private garden at **Morton Hall**. This 8 acre historic garden has undergone an extensive make-over in recent years and is one England's most exciting gardens to visit. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

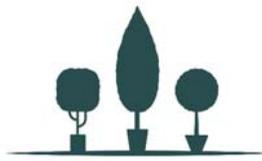
### Friday 28th June

We begin our final day with a visit to the private gardens of **Thorougham Court**, Dr Christine Facer's garden and personal 'design laboratory'. We will enjoy a guided garden tour with Dr Facer, followed by refreshments (included).

From here we continue onto **Barnsley House** for lunch (included). During Rosemary Verey's lifetime, a tour of British gardens would not have been complete without a visit to her wonderful gardens at Barnsley House.

We make two drop offs: Heathrow Airport and central London. We can advise on departure planning.

**HIGHGROVE:** In February each year, the Prince of Wales' office at Highgrove releases dates on which pre-booked visits to the gardens will be available for the period April - October. Dates are limited and dependent on the Prince's diary. It is therefore not possible to guarantee tickets to Highgrove before these dates are released. Our itinerary may be re-ordered to accommodate the visit to Highgrove or an alternative garden will be included should tickets not be available during our tour week.



## OUR HOTEL

Our hotel is 5-star and selected for its high standard of comfort and service. All rooms are en-suite and offer free wi-fi access.

### Ellenborough Park Hotel, near Cheltenham Spa

Ellenborough Park, an ancient house dating from the 1500's on the site of the original Cheltenham racecourse estate has been restored as an exceptional luxury 5-star country house hotel, located just 10 minutes from the Cotswolds town of Cheltenham Spa.

Set within 90 acres of parkland the Hotel comprises 62 rooms & suites with an indian-themed spa and outdoor heated swimming pool. We have chosen Ellenborough Park for its wonderful service and particular attention to the comfort of its guests.



## TOUR PRICES:

Prices are per person, based on twin/double room share, with single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room) shown separately. Prices are payable in £GBP. For clients travelling from USA, our tours can be booked in your local currency through our travel partner shown below, or you can book through your own travel agent or consultant. Just ask them to contact us.

Cotswolds Exclusive with the Royal Garden at Highgrove (5 nights)	Price per person (sharing twin or double room) £GBP	Single Supplement £GBP
	£2,950	£490

## PRICES INCLUDE:

Accommodation at a 5-star hotel with en-suite facilities based on twin/double room share; buffet breakfast daily; 3 lunches and 5 dinners; admissions to gardens; deluxe coach travel with professional driver; guided tours as described in an information pack provided at the start of the tour; services of your Sisley tour director throughout; arrival transfers are included only if you are joining the tour at Heathrow Airport on the first morning of the tour.

## PRICES EXCLUDE:

Airfares; passport and/or visa fees; beverages; laundry; telephone calls; lunches and dinners (except where included in the itinerary); gratuities; souvenirs and items of a personal nature. Please see our FAQs for further information.

## 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](http://www.sisley.co.uk)

Please contact us directly to book your tour or ask your Travel Agent to contact us. For clients travelling from the USA, you can book our tours through Worldwide Traveler and pay in \$USD.

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