

Cotswolds Highlights with Chelsea Flower Show 19th - 25th May 2019 (6 nights)



This two-centre tour makes the most of the stunning Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty where we explore both private and much-loved gardens, then moves towards London, from where we visit the Chelsea Flower Show and enjoy a special event at one of our favourite gardens.

Highlights of the tour include a private dinner at Hidcote Manor Gardens, an exclusive rose workshop at West Green House, a day at Chelsea Flower Show and two of the finest private gardens in the Cotswolds.

Sunday 19th May



After our morning pick-up at Heathrow Airport, we head north to the charming, **4-star King's Head Hotel**, located in the heart of the historic Cotswold's market town of **Cirencester**.

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 20th May



Today we visit two of the Cotswold's most exciting private gardens. Firstly we pay a visit to **Thenford Arboretum and Gardens**, which has been carefully developed with a dazzling array of specimen trees and now covers over 70 acres. The formal gardens feature herbaceous borders, a rose garden, walled garden, rill and medieval fishponds.

Afterwards we visit **Broughton Grange Gardens**. The gardens are beautifully set in 350 acres of parkland, farmland and open meadow, with planting that owes its origins to the Victorian era. However, it is in the past twenty years that the beautiful garden rooms, designed by Tom Stuart-Smith, have been created, and now represent one of the most significant private contemporary gardens in Britain. We have a light lunch (included) followed by a guided garden tour.

We return to Cirencester where your evening is at leisure.

Tuesday 21st May



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. Afterwards we move onto 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 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 22nd May

After a relaxing morning with time to stroll around Cirencester, we make a visit to **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 depart mid-afternoon and make our way to the delightful **4-star Foxhills Hotel & Spa**. The hotel sits in extensive grounds and has superb leisure facilities which can be enjoyed before dinner in the hotel (included).

Thursday 23rd May

Today we enjoy a day at the **RHS Chelsea Flower Show**, a highlight every time this world class show is on our itinerary. You will see magnificent floral displays, extraordinary show gardens, garden tools and products, a host of garden structures and artefacts by world famous names at this classic event close to London's fashionable shopping.

In the afternoon we visit **Chelsea Physic Garden**, which is just a short walk from the flower show. Chelsea Physic Garden is the oldest botanic garden in London and houses a unique living collection of around 5,000 different edible, useful, medicinal and historic plants.

We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

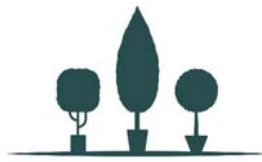
Friday 24th May

Today we enjoy a very special event at **West Green Garden** - one of England's finest manor house gardens, marrying traditional style with contemporary design - created by acclaimed garden designer and Chelsea Flower Show award winner, Marylyn Abbott. We will enjoy morning coffee and a private talk to discover the secrets of cultivating the right rose in the right place. Following our talk, we will enjoy lunch in the gorgeous garden conservatory (included) and free time to explore the stunning gardens. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

Saturday 25th May

For our final visit of the tour, we go to **RHS Wisley**, the home of the Royal Horticultural Society. We enjoy a guided tour so you'll be sure to see the very best of these impressive gardens. There will be time for lunch (independent).

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



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.

The Kings Head, Cirencester

The Kings Head is an elegant boutique hotel with 45 stylish bedrooms, located in the heart of the historic Cotswolds market town of Cirencester. The exact age of the Kings Head is not known, but it was certainly in existence as a coaching inn in the middle of the fourteenth century. Today it is a haven of style and comfort.



Foxhills Hotel & Spa, Ottershaw

Foxhills is an oasis of tranquility with a 19th century manor house at its centre on a 400 acre estate with picturesque woodland. The hotel boasts two championship golf courses and excellent leisure facilities with four swimming pools. The executive bedrooms are complimented by three restaurants offering contemporary British cuisine.



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 Highlights with Chelsea Flower Show (6 nights)	Price per person (sharing twin or double room) £GBP	Single Supplement £GBP
	£2,875	£370

PRICES INCLUDE:

Accommodation at 4-star hotels with en-suite facilities based on twin/double room share; buffet breakfast daily; 3 lunches and 5 dinners; admissions to gardens and Chelsea Flower Show; 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 fees; lunch/dinner (except where indicated in the itinerary); beverages; laundry; gratuities; telephone calls; souvenirs and items of a personal nature. Please see our FAQs for further information.

CONTACT US AND BOOK YOUR TOUR:

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