

## Iconic Late Summer Gardens and Houses 8th - 13th September 2019 (5 nights)



This spectacular late-season tour explores some of our very best English gardens and houses. We are based at a delightful hotel with lovely grounds, and will enjoy extraordinary gardens in their full profusion, private tours at fascinating historic houses, attractive scenery and experience the RHS Wisley Flower Show. A tour not to be missed by genuine garden-lovers!

### Sunday 8th September

After our morning pick up at Heathrow Airport, we head to **Wisley Garden**, the home of the Royal Horticultural Society. We will enjoy the floral extravaganza that is the **Wisley Flower Show** featuring the National Dahlia Society Show. Full of ideas and information, the garden delights and inspires in any season of the year. We stay for lunch (independent) at Wisley.



Then we check into the lovely **4-star Barnett Hill Hotel** for the duration of the tour. This evening join your tour director and the rest of the group before sitting down together for dinner (included).

### Monday 9th September

We begin our day with a visit to **Polesden Lacey**, a fabulous Edwardian country retreat. We enjoy a private pre-opening tour of the house, followed by time to explore the gardens and have some lunch (independent).



In the afternoon we are treated to a private visit of **Bramdean Gardens** where we meet the owners and have a tour of their enchanting gardens.

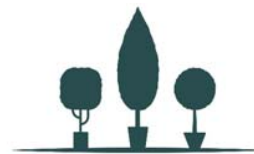
Our final visit of the day is to **Bury Court Barn**. The courtyard garden was created by owner John Coke in collaboration with Piet Oudolf, Dutch garden designer and a pioneer of the New Perennial movement. Dinner is included at Bury Court Barn overlooking the gardens.

### Tuesday 10th September

We start the day with a private pre-opening tour of **Great Dixter House and Garden**, a cottage garden on a grand scale. The well-known gardening writer and lecturer Christopher Lloyd developed the garden until his death in 2006. The gardens are now superbly curated by internationally renowned gardener, Fergus Garrett.



In the afternoon we visit **Chartwell House**, the home of Sir Winston Churchill. Chartwell is much more than a house, it boasts extensive gardens with far reaching views, a studio which is home to the largest collection of Churchill paintings and fascinating exhibits. We have a traditional pub dinner before returning to the hotel (included).



### Wednesday 11th September

This morning we begin with a private visit to **Sussex Prairie Garden** - a stunning 8-acre garden which consists of a series of interlocking arcs of large planted borders in a naturalistic style. The garden will be at its peak when we visit.

After we go to **Nymans Garden**, one of the most fashionable and romantic gardens of the Edwardian and interwar years, and the creation of the Messel family. We will have time to explore the extensive gardens and house independently.

Next is **Gravetye Manor**, the enchanting home of William Robinson, author, botanist and gardener - now a boutique hotel. We are treated to lunch in the hotel restaurant (included), followed by a private tour of the gardens. We return to the hotel where your evening is at leisure (dinner independent).

### Thursday 12th September

Today we begin with a pre-opening visit to **Parham House**. This Elizabethan house contains an important collection of needlework, paintings and furniture, and features a 4-acre walled garden with stunning herbaceous borders.

After we make a stop at the beautiful town of **Petworth**, known for its excellent independent shops, eateries and antique centres. There is free time for lunch (independent).

In the afternoon we stop at the horticultural haven that is **Woolbeding Gardens**. Development of the gardens commenced in 1973 when American garden designer Lanning Roper was appointed, and who's distinctive design features are evident throughout, with clear structures, elegance and restraint being the principal elements used. From 2000, garden designers, Julian and Isabel Bannerman, were employed to develop the Pleasure Ground area.

We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

### Friday 13th September

After checking-out of our hotel we visit **Vann Garden**, a delightful private garden that was designed in part by Gertrude Jekyll in the 1920's. We will meet the owner for an introductory talk, have time to discover the gardens, and enjoy lunch in the historic Barn.

Our final visit of the tour is to the **Savill Garden** in the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead. There are 35-acres of gardens to discover, but we will be ably guided by the royal 'Keeper of the Gardens'. Lunch (independent).

In the late afternoon we make two coach drop-offs; the first at Heathrow Airport and the second in central London. We can advise on departure planning.





## OUR HOTEL

Our hotel is 4-star and selected for its high standard of comfort and service. All rooms are en-suite and offer free wi-fi access.



### Barnett Hill Hotel, near Guildford

The history of this fabulous Queen Anne-style country house dates back to 1905, when it was constructed by Frank Cook, grandson of renowned travel agent Thomas Cook as a family home. Many of Barnett Hill's original features still remain, including the summer house, tea house and greenhouse.

Today the newly refurbished hotel offers sumptuous accommodation, excellent dining and stunning grounds with the recent addition of relaxing beauty treatment rooms.



## 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.

Iconic Late Summer Gardens and Houses (5 nights)	Price per person (sharing a twin or double room) £GBP	Single Supplement £GBP
	£2,750	£350

## PRICES INCLUDE:

Accommodation at a 4-star hotel with en-suite facilities based on twin/double room share; buffet breakfast daily; 2 lunches and 4 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.

## CONTACT US AND BOOK YOUR TOUR:

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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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