

A Garden Lover's Tour of Ireland's Coast and Country 20th June - 27th June 2021 (7 nights)



Where the Gulf Stream finds Europe, there is a verdant island, bursting with the most incredible collection of gardens. Our fabulous tour features the very best Irish gardens - from the intimate private sanctuaries of Ireland's best gardeners, to the grand estates of the past and their plant hunting collections. Enjoy the lush green landscapes and meet the best story tellers in the world.

Sunday 20th June

After our morning pick-up at Dublin Airport, we make our way south-west towards Cork, stopping en-route at the **Irish National Stud and Japanese Garden**. We will take a tour of the stud farm and have time to explore the garden and have some lunch (independent).



We arrive, late afternoon, at our hotel – the wonderfully situated **4-star River Lee Hotel, Cork**. Join your tour director and the rest of the group for dinner (included).

Monday 21st June

Today we enjoy a walking tour of **Cork**. There will be time for lunch (independent) and shopping in Cork. In the afternoon we visit the small, but densely planted **Coosheen Garden**, owned by renowned plantswoman, Hester Forde.



We continue on to the picturesque town of **Kinsale** with its winding streets and natural harbour guarded by a 17th century fortress. We will have dinner (included) overlooking the bay.

Tuesday 22nd June

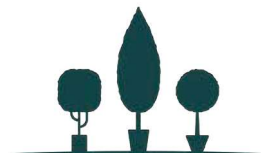
Today we make an early start and drive to Ireland's stunning south-western corner where we take a small boat to **Garnish Island**, sometimes known as Ilnacullin. The garden island of 37 acres was designed by Harold Peto, acclaimed architect and garden designer.

We continue around the bay to **Bantry House & Gardens**. Here we will meet the owners and enjoy a tour of the gardens and private lunch (included) in the house. The views over Bantry Bay are spectacular. We return to Cork for dinner in the hotel (included).



Wednesday 23rd June

Our first stop of the day is at **Lismore Castle**, the Irish residence of the Dukes of Devonshire (Chatsworth being their English seat). Here we have a guided garden tour followed by time to look in the gallery.



We stop for lunch (included) en-route to the world-famous **Blarney Castle**. We will meet one of the gardening team for an introductory talk then have free time to explore the gardens and visit the castle. We return to Cork where your evening is at leisure to sample Cork's traditional Irish pubs.

Thursday 24th June

Today we make an early start and en-route to our first garden, we make a short stop at **Waterford Crystal**. We then visit another of Ireland's best private gardens, **The Bay Garden**. We will have morning coffee and an introductory talk from the owner with time to explore her lovely garden creation.

Next, we arrive at **Mount Usher** for lunch (included) following which we will be taken on a guided tour of the gardens. Mount Usher is one of the finest examples of an authentic 'Robinsonian' style garden. We then check into the **5-star Powerscourt Hotel, Wicklow** where your evening is at leisure (dinner independent).

Friday 25th June

This morning is yours to enjoy at leisure in the hotel and make a visit (included) to **Powerscourt Gardens** - a sublime blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, statuary and ornamental lakes. In the afternoon we visit the charming private gardens of **Trudder Grange** which have developed over the last 30 years from a stony field into a garden full of shrubs and herbaceous borders. We continue to the wonderful **Avoca Nursery** for dinner in the Fern House (included).

Saturday 26th June

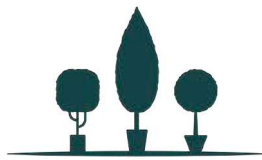
We begin today at the delightful and contemporary **June Blake's Garden** - a rare fusion of inspired design and painterly planting. We enjoy a guided tour around the gardens with June, followed by a private lunch (included) in one of the garden buildings.

After lunch, we meet Jimi Blake, and explore his fascinating, exuberant garden at **Hunting Brook**. This is one of Ireland's largest private collections of plants. We return to the hotel for our final night dinner together (included).

Sunday 27th June

We check-out in the morning and head back towards Dublin Airport. En-route we make a stop at **Helen Dillon's private garden**. We have a morning coffee and explore this small, but delightful garden. We continue into **Dublin** for a short driving tour of the city followed by a traditional Sunday pub lunch (included).

We can arrange taxis from here for anyone staying on in Dublin. For those heading home, we will make a drop off at Dublin Airport mid-afternoon. Full details of tour joining and departure can be found on our website.



OUR HOTELS

Our hotels are 4 and 5-star and are selected for their high standards of comfort and service. All rooms are ensuite and offer free wifi access.

The River Lee Hotel, Cork (4 nights)

Set on a picturesque bend in the river, just a short walk from Cork's historic city centre, The River Lee Hotel is an oasis of tranquillity. The recently refurbished hotel has a designer vibe with smart, spacious accommodation and impressive leisure facilities.



Powerscourt Hotel, Wicklow (3 nights)

Set amidst one of the country's most scenic and historic estates on the edge of the Wicklow Mountains, Powerscourt Hotel is a 5-star, 200 room hotel with Palladian-style architecture and luxury amenities. Rooms are comfortably appointed and the spa offers a calm retreat. Views from the hotel are towards the Sugarloaf Mountain and you can stroll through the grounds, to Powerscourt Gardens.



TOUR PRICES: Prices are per person, based on twin/double room share, with single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room) shown separately. Tours are priced in £GBP.

A Garden Lover's Tour of Ireland (7 nights)	Price per person (sharing a twin or double room) £GBP	Single Supplement £GBP
	£3,950	£700

PRICES INCLUDE: Accommodation at 4 and 5-star hotels with en-suite facilities based on twin/double room share; buffet breakfast daily; 5 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; all tour gratuities; arrival transfers are included only if you are joining the tour at Dublin 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); souvenirs and items of a personal nature.

Please see our FAQs for further information.

BOOK YOUR TOUR

Booking Form: Firstly please complete our online booking form at www.sisley.co.uk/booking-form. The form will ask you to indicate how you would like to book the tour from the following options:

- In \$USD by check or credit card with our appointed travel agent in the USA, Worldwide Traveler
- In your local currency through your own travel agent. The booking form asks for their contact details so that we can contact them to progress your booking
- In £GBP by credit card via Paypal or by direct bank transfer directly with Sisley Garden Tours

Tour Payment: Once we have received your booking form, we will confirm that places are available and ask you (or your preferred travel agent) for a 10% deposit to secure your booking. Tour balance payment is due 90 days prior to the tour.

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