

## Chatsworth Flower Show, Oxford and Private Cotswolds' Gardens 7th - 13th June 2020 (6 nights)



This wonderful tour celebrates the RHS Chatsworth Flower Show in the grounds of Britain's finest stately home, Chatsworth House. The two-centre tour makes the most of the stunning Peak District National Park and then moves to Oxford, from where we immerse ourselves in some fabulous private gardens of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

### Sunday 7th June

After our morning pick-up at Heathrow Airport, we make our way north towards the Peak District, stopping en-route for lunch (included). We visit **Kelmarsh Hall**, an elegant 18th century house with award-winning gardens - all designed and principally laid out by Nancy Lancaster - doyenne of the 'Country House Style'.



We arrive, late afternoon, at our hotel – the **4-star Losehill House Hotel & Spa** with beautiful views across the valley. Join your tour director and the rest of the group for dinner (included).

### Monday 8th June

Today we begin with a visit to the Tudor **Haddon Hall**, one of England's finest examples of a medieval manor. We have morning coffee in the Great Hall followed by a guided tour of the hall and gardens. Parts of the house date from the 12th century, but Arne Maynard – gold medal winner at Chelsea Flower Show – as garden designer, is giving the gardens an historic make-over.



We stop in the charming Peak District market town of **Bakewell** where there will be free time for lunch and shopping. After lunch we make a visit to the private gardens at **Thornbridge Hall**, 12 acres of quintessential English gardens, recently redeveloped and improved by the current owners. The aim of the original garden design was to create 500 shades of green seen from the house – it is beautifully executed. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

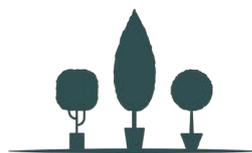
### Tuesday 9th June

This morning we enjoy a scenic drive through the **Peak District National Park** to **Arley Hall**. This wonderful house is home to Lord and Lady Ashbrook and has been in the family since the 15th century. Amongst the finest in Europe, the gardens have been created over the last 250 years by successive generations of the family. The double herbaceous border is its best known feature and is thought to be the first border of its kind planted in England.

We have a guided tour of the gardens followed by lunch (independent) and time to visit the hall.



Afterwards, we take a scenic drive through the Peak District National Park to **Buxton** where there is time to explore this fascinating spa town which has recently undergone extensive restoration of its beautiful Georgian buildings. On our return to the hotel, we have dinner (included).



### Wednesday 10th June

Today we visit the **RHS Flower Show at Chatsworth House** on its first members-only day. Chatsworth has a rich tapestry of gardening history with many leading creative thinkers making their mark, including Joseph Paxton and Lancelot ‘Capability’ Brown. There will be the opportunity to visit Chatsworth House – quite simply the most beautiful of all English country houses (entry included).

We depart the show mid-afternoon and make our way to the delightful university city of **Oxford** where we check in to the centrally located, **4-star Mercure Oxford Eastgate Hotel**. Dinner in the hotel (included).

### Thursday 11th June

Today we explore the south-east corner of **The Cotswolds** (designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). We make a private visit to **Westwell Manor Gardens**, home of the late garden designer, Anthea Gibson. This garden surrounds a fine Cotswolds manor house.

Afterwards, we drive a short distance to **Oxleaze Farm**. With year round interest, the garden features mixed borders, a vegetable potager, decorative fruit cages, pond and bog garden. We are treated to lunch (included) before heading back to Oxford. The evening is at your leisure – an opportunity to explore the many cafes and restaurants on our hotel’s doorstep.

### Friday 12th June

This morning, we begin with a visit to **Rockcliffe Garden**, a stunning private 8 acre garden, created over the last 30 years by the owners in the heart of the Cotswolds. We then enjoy free time in **Stow-on-the-Wold** for lunch. This is a traditional Cotswolds market town with independent shops, traditional tea rooms and antiques.

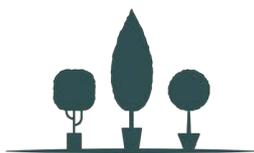
In the afternoon, we enjoy a ‘Sisley favourite’, the private gardens of **Eastleach House**. We meet the owner of this delightful garden that surrounds the attractive Arts & Crafts house. Our final evening together includes a private dinner (included) in one of Oxford’s most popular eateries.

### Saturday 13th June

This morning we meet a local expert for a guided walking tour of the city of **Oxford** including a visit to one of the Oxford University Colleges. After the tour there is time to explore the city and to visit **Oxford Botanic Gardens** (included), the oldest in Britain.

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

**NOTE: This tour includes one year’s individual membership of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).**



## 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.

### Losehill House Hotel & Spa, Peak District

Set in an Arts & Crafts building dating from 1914, this luxurious spa hotel occupies a secluded spot in the heart of the Peak District National Park with stunning views overlooking Win Hill. Rooms are well appointed and the spa offers indoor heated pool, outdoor heated jacuzzi and treatment rooms.



### Mercure Eastgate Hotel, Oxford

This contemporary hotel is housed in a 17th century townhouse in the heart of the city of Oxford. The famous novelists JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis frequented the hotel while being Fellows at Merton College and Magdalen College respectively. All rooms are 'Privilege' standard with Nespresso machines and feature headboards with scenes from the city.



## 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.

Chatsworth Flower Show, Oxford & Private Cotswolds' Gardens (6 nights)	Price per person (sharing a twin or double room) £GBP	Single Supplement £GBP
	£3,250	£460

## PRICES INCLUDE:

Accommodation at 4-star hotels with en-suite facilities based on twin/double room share; buffet breakfast daily; 2 lunches and 5 dinners; one years membership of the RHS; admissions to gardens and RHS Chatsworth 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 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:

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