

Chelsea Flower Show & the Gardens of Kent 20th - 27th May 2021 (7 nights)



Join us to visit the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show, the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, RHS Wisley and the majestic Hampton Court Palace. We then move to Kent – the Garden of England to explore some of England’s most attractive gardens, staying at the medieval Hever Castle. Garden highlights include Great Dixter, Sissinghurst Castle & Long Barn.

Thursday 20th May

Our tour begins at the **4-star Lensbury Hotel, Teddington** on the banks of the River Thames. We meet our travel companions for a light lunch (included) before visiting the majestic **Hampton Court Palace**. Discover the world of Henry VIII and his Tudor Court and the vast formal gardens that extend over 60 acres. We will enjoy an introductory talk followed by time for individual exploration of the palace and gardens. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).



Friday 21st May

This morning we head to the exclusive **RHS Chelsea Flower Show**. Marvel at the magnificent floral displays proudly presented by the best nurseries and specialist growers in the main pavilion. Be inspired by the extraordinary show gardens created by the leading lights in horticulture and see the ‘Fresh Gardens’ designed by emerging talent. Enjoy the extensive array of gardening tools, sculptures, clothing and garden gifts in the retail stalls. Your evening is at leisure where you can enjoy the many cafes and restaurants near the hotel.



Saturday 22nd May

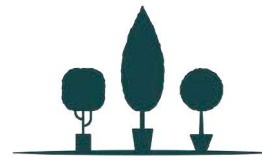
Today we visit a World Heritage Site, the **Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew**. Kew covers more than 320 acres of landscape and gardens and is home to 50,000 living plants. We will enjoy a guided tour of parts of the gardens with a knowledgeable guide, then have time for further exploration. What better way to end the day than with a leisurely **private river cruise along the River Thames** back to our hotel. On board, we enjoy a traditional English Afternoon Tea (included).



Sunday 23rd May

After checking out of our hotel, we make our way to **Penshurst Place**, a wonderful 13th century fortified manor house with an 11 acre formal Grade I listed garden. There is time for lunch (independent) here.

Later we check into the very special **Hever Castle**, the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, second wife of King Henry VIII. Our exclusive accommodation for four nights is the **Astor wing at Hever Castle**. We will enjoy a **private tour of the castle** before dinner in the Tudor Dining Suite (included).



Monday 24th May

Your time is at leisure this morning to explore the fabulous **gardens at Hever Castle** which can be accessed before the general public arrive. Marvel at this double moated castle and its garden, with a 35 acre lake, fountains and magnificent original Roman and Italian Renaissance statuary.

In the afternoon we make a visit to **Chartwell House**, home of British wartime Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill. After, we enjoy an exclusive visit to the beautiful private gardens at **Long Barn**, the first home of Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson, where they 'served their gardening apprenticeship' before moving to Sissinghurst. We have dinner at a **traditional Kent Pub** (included) before returning to Hever Castle.

Tuesday 25th May

We start the day with a private 'pre-opening' guided tour of **Sissinghurst Castle Gardens**. This is always one of our most enjoyed visits. We continue to the attractive town of **Royal Tunbridge Wells** where there will be free time for independent exploration, shopping and lunch.

In the afternoon there is a visit to **Great Comp**, an informal garden against a background of deciduous woodland with an apron of lawn. The gardens are now cared for by curator, William Dyson, the UK's leading Salvia expert. We return to Hever Castle for dinner (included).

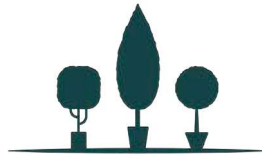
Wednesday 26th May

Our first visit today is a private, pre-opening guided tour of **Great Dixter House and Garden**, a cottage garden on a grand scale developed by the late Christopher Lloyd. The gardens are now superbly curated by internationally renowned gardener, Fergus Garrett. We continue onto **Pashley Manor**, an immaculate garden with emphasis on colour and form around a Tudor house with 18th century additions. After lunch (independent) we enjoy an introductory talk and time to explore the gardens. We return to Hever Castle for our final night dinner in the majestic and historic Castle Dining Room (included).

Thursday 27th May

After checking out of Hever Castle, we make our final garden visit of the tour to **RHS Wisley** - the Royal Horticultural Society's home. We will have a guided tour of the gardens with one of their knowledgeable guides followed by free time for further exploration and lunch (independent).

In the afternoon we return to Heathrow Airport where we drop off at The Sheraton Heathrow Hotel and Heathrow Terminal 3 for inter-terminal transport links and the Heathrow Express train travel into London. Full details of tour joining and departure can be found on our website.



OUR HOTELS

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

The Lensbury, Teddington (3 nights)

The Lensbury is set in 25 acres of manicured grounds, on the banks of the River Thames. Its location offers excellent access to Kew Gardens and Hampton Court Palace, as well as to central London for our visit to Chelsea Flower Show. The large, modern hotel features comfortable accommodation and public areas as well as a state-of-the-art health club with a 25-metre indoor pool.



Hever Castle, Kent (4 nights)

Our luxury accommodation will be the Astor wing - an Edwardian wing designed in the Tudor style attached to the castle by an enclosed bridge over the moat. The rooms are comfortably appointed with antique furnishings and original features and we will have exclusive use of the Astor wing during our stay. There is an outdoor heated pool, tennis court and billiards room for your exclusive use.



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.

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	£3,900	£420

PRICES INCLUDE: Accommodation at a 4-star hotel and exclusive accommodation at Hever Castle with en-suite facilities based on twin/double room share; buffet breakfast daily; 1 lunch and 6 dinners; admissions to gardens and RHS 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 tour director throughout; all tour gratuities.

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; arrival transfers.

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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