

Chelsea Flower Show, Highgrove & Private Cotswolds Gardens

22nd - 28th May 2022 (6 nights)



This delightful two-centre tour combines the world famous RHS Chelsea Flower Show on members-only day and the Royal Garden at Highgrove, with a selection of superb private gardens in the Cotswolds. On this tour you can be assured of wonderful scenery, great hotels and inspirational gardens.

Sunday 22nd May

Our tour begins with a visit to the Royal Horticultural Society's flagship garden at **Wisley**. We enjoy a guided tour so you'll be sure to see the very best of these impressive and extensive gardens, which cover some 240 acres and inspire in any season. There is time for lunch (independent). In the afternoon we check into the 4-star **Great Fosters Hotel**. Dinner in the hotel (included).



Monday 23rd May

This morning we head to the **Savill Garden**, one of Britain's finest ornamental gardens, located within Windsor Great Park. Commissioned by King George V, the garden was created in 1932 by Sir Eric Savill and it is as majestic today as it was then. We enjoy a guided tour of the gardens.

We continue onto the **Royal Borough of Windsor** for lunch (included). In the afternoon, you may choose to stay in town to visit Windsor Castle (entry not included), the home of Her Majesty The Queen, or return to the hotel to enjoy their own magnificent gardens. Your evening is at leisure.



Tuesday 24th May

This morning we check out of the hotel and make our way to the exclusive **RHS Chelsea Flower Show**. Today is members-only day so you can marvel at the magnificent floral displays proudly presented by the best nurseries and specialist growers in the main pavilion. See the extraordinary show gardens created by the leading lights in horticulture and enjoy the 'Fresh Gardens' designed by emerging talent.



Later in the afternoon, we drive to the **Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**. Here we check into the 4-star **Close Hotel** in the heart of **Tetbury**, one of the prettiest towns in the area. We have dinner in the hotel (included).

Wednesday 25th May

After a leisurely start, we visit the attractive market town of **Cirencester** with its Roman heritage and beautiful, 11th century church. There is time for you to explore independently and have lunch. In the afternoon we visit **Througham Court Garden**. This extraordinary private garden, designed by its owner, is inspired by scientific facts and theories, and the

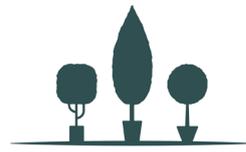


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numbers and patterns found in nature.

Afterwards, we continue on to **Miserden Garden**, a delightful Cotswolds garden that was designed, in part, by Edwin Lutyens. After strolling through the gardens and meeting the owner, we have a private dinner (included) in the garden restaurant.

Thursday 26th May

Today, we begin with a visit to **Rodmarton Manor**, one of the finest Arts & Crafts houses in Britain. It is still owned by the Biddulph family for whom it was built in 1909. We enjoy a private tour of the house followed by time to explore the gardens. We then continue onto the **Royal Garden at Highgrove** for lunch (included) and a tour. This is the private home of HRH the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall. It is widely regarded as one of the most innovative gardens in the UK and is managed on the strictest sustainable and organic principles. We return to the hotel where your evening is at leisure.

Please note: Visits to Highgrove are limited and dependent on the Prince's diary. Dates are released in early spring each year, therefore it is not possible to guarantee a visit before this time. Our itinerary may be re-ordered to accommodate the visit, or an alternative garden will be included should a visit not be possible.

Friday 27th May

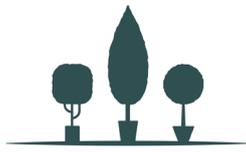
We begin the day with a pre-opening visit to **Iford Manor**, a Grade I Italianate garden designed by the architect and landscape gardener, Harold Peto. The manor house is also famed for its tranquil beauty and romantic setting. We will have a tour of the gardens, including the private walled garden with the head gardener.

We then drive through the **historic city of Bath** to a **privately owned house, with award-winning gardens** which were designed and developed by Julian and Isabel Bannerman over twenty years. The gardens are truly romantic and a rare treat. We'll enjoy a light lunch (included) then take a stroll through the gardens before departure. We return to Tetbury for our final night dinner (included).

Saturday 28th May

This morning we visit a delightful **private garden**, originally designed by Arne Maynard, and enjoy a final lunch together (included) in the garden. In the afternoon we drop off at The Sheraton Heathrow Hotel and Heathrow Airport 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.

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 ensuite and offer free wifi access.

Great Fosters, Egham (2 nights)

Once a 16th century hunting lodge, this chic country house hotel blends contemporary interiors with Jacobean fireplaces, antiques and oak panelling. The stunning gardens that surround the hotel feature a moat on three sides, ancient topiary sculptures and a sundial dating from 1585, that is thought to have been donated by Sir Francis Drake. The heated outdoor swimming pool is a lovely place to relax.

The Close, Tetbury (4 nights)

This handsome hotel is located in the heart of Tetbury with its irresistible antique shops and boutiques. With just 20 bedrooms, each of which has been individually styled, this 16th century house was originally built for a gentleman farmer. Today it is a vibrant hub, with an appealing restaurant & bar, a beautiful walled garden and a team of cheerful and friendly staff.



TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in £GBP

£3,700 price per person (sharing twin or double room)

£545 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

Prices include:

- 6 nights' accommodation at 4-star hotels with en-suite facilities.
- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches and 4 dinners.
- All garden visits including tours with garden owners and head gardeners.
- All tour gratuities (driver, tour director and hotels).
- One year's membership of the Royal Horticultural Society RHS
- Deluxe coach travel with professional driver.
- Gift information pack with detailed information about the gardens we will be visiting.
- Transfer to and from the hotel to Heathrow Airport at the start and end of the tour.
- Services of your Sisley tour director throughout.

Prices exclude:

- Airfares.
- Passport and/or visa fees if applicable.
- Meals not included in the tour, drinks, laundry, and telephone calls.

Tour Payment:

A 10% deposit is required to secure your place (s) on the tour. Your balance payment is due 90 days prior to the tour departure.

BOOK YOUR TOUR

There are three ways to book your garden tour:

With your own travel agent:

You can book a Sisley Garden Tour in your local currency through your own travel agent. Just provide us with their contact details in your booking form and we will take care of the rest.

With Worldwide Traveler in the USA:

You can book a Sisley Garden Tour in USD\$ with our partners at Worldwide Traveler - a full-service travel agent who can assist you with all aspects of your trip to the UK. Payment accepted by cheque or credit card.

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With Sisley Garden Tours:

All clients are welcome to book a tour directly with us. We can accept payment in GBP£ by bank transfer or by credit/ debit card via PayPal.

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