

## Cotswolds Exclusive with the Royal Garden at Highgrove 21st - 26th June 2020 (5 nights)



Join us on our exclusive garden tour to The Cotswolds – an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with stone walls, open skies, rolling grasslands, beech woods and captivating villages.

We will be staying at a sumptuous hotel from where we wend our way, each day to explore wonderful gardens and quintessential English towns and villages. We will enjoy private guided tours, many by the owners themselves and see all the gardens at the height of their summer glory.

### Sunday 21st June

After our morning pick-up at Heathrow Airport, we head north to the charming, **Lygon Arms Hotel**, located in the heart of the Cotswolds town of **Broadway**.



En-route we'll stop for lunch and independent exploration at the World Heritage Site of **Blenheim Palace**, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. It is a monumental and historic palace with fabulous formal gardens and 'Capability Brown' landscaped grounds stretching over 2,000 acres.

This evening join your tour director and the rest of the group for welcome drinks before sitting down together for dinner (included).

### Monday 22nd June

Today we explore the beautiful Elizabethan home of the Throckmorton family since 1409, **Coughton Court**. We enjoy a private guided tour of the gardens and have morning coffee (included). The 25 acre grounds are considered some of the finest in England and feature the famous walled garden, a rose labyrinth boasting over 200 varieties of roses and a delightful courtyard garden modelled on the traditional Elizabethan knot garden design.



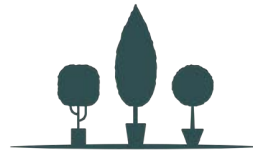
From here we continue to the private garden of **Upton Wold**. We'll have lunch (included) over-looking the gardens and then be taken on a private guided tour to explore this intriguing and rewarding garden featuring a fountain garden, rose garden, fruit and vegetable gardens, meadows and ponds – not to mention the national collection of walnut trees.

We return to Broadway where there is free time to explore the town followed by dinner in one of it's best restaurants (included).

### Tuesday 23rd June

We begin with **Bourton House Garden**. This privately owned garden won the prestigious HHA/Christie's 'Garden of the Year' Award following a twenty-year transformation from wilderness into inspirational garden with stunning colour combinations and rare, unusual and exotic plants. Afterwards, we move onto the delightful Cotswolds market town of **Chipping Campden**, full of cafés, art and antique shops, for a lunchtime stop.





Then on to **Kiftsgate Court**, a delightfully laid out plantsman's garden on top of a hill with magnificent views over the Vale of Evesham and a claim to the largest rose in England.

We end the day with an exclusive 'after hours' visit to the famous **Hidcote Manor Garden**. Major Lawrence Johnston is claimed to have been the originator here of the 'garden room'. We will enjoy the gardens, as very few do, after closing. We'll be guided through the gardens by one of the volunteers and then enjoy a private dinner at Hidcote (included).

### Wednesday 24th June

Today we visit the lavish rose garden of David Austin, one of the world's leading rose breeders. See over 800 varieties, including shrub, old fashioned, climbing and species roses. Lunch at **David Austin Roses** is included.

In the afternoon we visit the superb garden at **Morton Hall**. This 8 acre historic garden has undergone an extensive make-over in recent years and is one of England's most exciting gardens to visit. Your evening is at leisure in Broadway.

### Thursday 25th June

This morning we visit the private gardens of their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall, **The Royal Garden at Highgrove** - widely regarded as one of the most inspired and innovative gardens in the UK. After the garden tour we have lunch in the Orchard Restaurant (included). Please see note below.

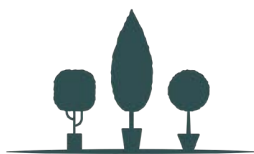
In the afternoon we explore **Cirencester**, an attractive Cotswolds market town with Roman origins. There will be time to explore its independent shops, church and Roman heritage. We have a private final night dinner in the hotel (included).

### Friday 26th June

We begin our last day with a visit to the private gardens of **Througham Court**, Dr Christine Facer's garden and personal 'design laboratory'. We will enjoy a guided garden tour with her followed by refreshments (included).

From here we continue to **Barnsley House** for lunch (included). A tour of British gardens is not complete without a visit to the late Rosemary Verey's wonderful gardens at Barnsley House. We then make two drop offs: Heathrow Airport and central London. We can advise on departure planning.

**HIGHGROVE:** In February each year, the Prince of Wales' office at Highgrove releases dates on which pre-booked visits to the gardens will be available for the period April - October. Dates are limited and dependent on the Prince's diary. It is therefore not possible to guarantee tickets to Highgrove before these dates are released. Our itinerary may be re-ordered to accommodate the visit to Highgrove or an alternative garden will be included should tickets not be available.



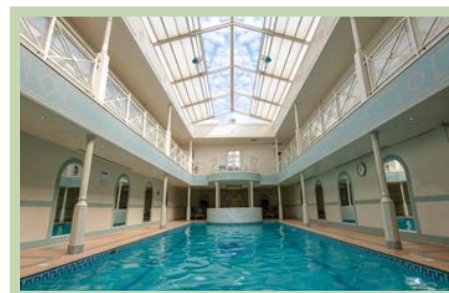
## OUR HOTEL

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

### The Lygon Arms, Broadway

Recently awarded the 'Best UK Newcomer or Back on the Scene Hotel' in the Condé Nast Johansens Awards for Excellence 2019, the Lygon Arms is located in the heart of the picturesque Cotswolds town of Broadway.

This renowned Cotswolds hotel is one of Britain's most historic inns – its guest list has included both King Charles I and Oliver Cromwell. Today the hotel offers stylishly comfortable rooms, numerous lounges and snugs, superb outdoor areas, gardens and an elegant swimming pool & spa.



## 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.

Cotswolds Exclusive with the Royal Garden at Highgrove (5 nights)	Price per person (sharing twin or double room) £GBP	Single Supplement £GBP
	£3,300	£525

## PRICES INCLUDE:

Accommodation at a luxury hotel with en-suite facilities based on twin/double room share; buffet breakfast daily; 4 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. Please see our FAQs for further information.

## CONTACT US AND BOOK YOUR TOUR:

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