

## Cotswolds Exclusive with the Royal Gardens at Highgrove 20th - 25th June 2021 (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 experience all the gardens at the height of their summer glory.

### Sunday 20th June

After our morning pick-up at Heathrow Airport, we head north to the charming, **4-star Lygon Arms Hotel**, located in the heart of the Cotswolds town of **Broadway**.



En-route we visit the picturesque Cotswolds town of **Burford**. During the day, we have exclusive access to four of **Burford's very best private gardens** – some of which have featured in *Gardens Illustrated* and *Country Life*. We will meet our host, a renowned garden designer and enjoy coffee (included) at one of the gardens. There will be time for lunch in one of Burford's excellent cafes or pubs (independent).

This evening join your tour director and the rest of the group for welcome drinks and dinner (included) in the hotel.

### Monday 21st June



Today we explore the beautiful Elizabethan home of the Throckmorton family since 1409, **Coughton Court**. We enjoy a private tour of the gardens and have lunch (included). The 25 acre grounds feature a walled garden, a rose labyrinth boasting over 200 varieties of roses, bog garden and a delightful courtyard garden.

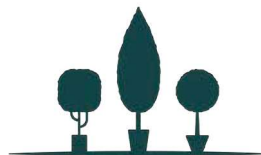
In the afternoon we visit the superb garden at **Morton Hall**. This 8 acre historic garden has undergone an extensive make-over in recent years and is one of England's most exciting private gardens to visit. We meet the owner for a tour and refreshments. We return to Broadway for dinner at Russell's Restaurant (included).

### Tuesday 22nd June



This morning we visit the private gardens of their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall, **The Royal Gardens 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 spend time in **Cirencester**, an attractive Cotswolds market town with Roman origins. There will be time to explore its independent shops, church and Roman heritage. Your evening is at leisure in Broadway.



### Wednesday 23rd June

We begin with a visit to **Bourton House Garden**. This privately owned garden is inspirational with stunning colour combinations, superb topiary and exotic plants. We return to Broadway for lunch (independent). 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).

### Thursday 24th June

Today we see two superlative private gardens in the Cotswolds, the first being **Rockcliffe Gardens**. These beautifully laid out gardens surround an attractive Georgian house. Planting is carefully crafted and there are themes and plants that run throughout. One of the highlights is the Dovecote garden. We make a stop in the Cotswolds market town of **Stow-on-the-Wold** where you'll have time for shopping and to look around the ancient church. Afternoon tea for lunch (included).

From here we continue to the private garden of **Upton Wold**. We will be taken on a tour to explore this intriguing garden featuring a fountain garden, rose garden, fruit and vegetable gardens, meadow and the national collection of walnut trees. We enjoy our final night dinner together in the hotel (included).

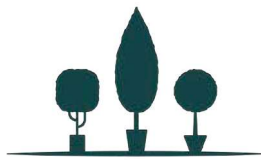
### Friday 25th June

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 refreshments (included) followed by a guided garden tour with Dr. Facer. 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.

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.

**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 beautifully refurbished and selected for its high standard of comfort and service. All rooms are ensuite and offer free wifi access.

### The Lygon Arms, Broadway (5 nights)

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.

The village of Broadway is one of the most popular in the area with its quaint houses, excellent shops, museums, cafes and restaurants.



**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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	£3,450	£350

**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; all tour gratuities; 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); 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](http://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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