

Cotswolds Highlights with Chelsea Flower Show 17th - 23rd May 2020 (6 nights)



This two-centre tour makes the most of the stunning Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty where we explore both private and much-loved gardens, then moves towards London, from where we visit the Chelsea Flower Show.

Highlights of the tour include a private dinner at Hidcote Manor Gardens, the private garden of internationally acclaimed designer, Tom Stuart-Smith, a day at Chelsea Flower Show and some of the finest gardens in the Cotswolds.

Sunday 17th May

After our morning pick-up at Heathrow Airport, we head north to the charming, **4-star King's Head Hotel**, located in the heart of the historic Cotswolds market town of **Cirencester**.



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 18th May

Today we begin with one of the Cotswolds' most exciting private gardens, **Ablington Manor**. This beautiful Cotswolds Manor is surrounded by equally stunning gardens which have been developed over almost 40 years by the current owner. We will enjoy a tour of the gardens with the owner, a treat as they are rarely open to the public.

We then make a visit to the famous **Barnsley House** for lunch (included). Any tour of British gardens would not be complete without a visit to the late Rosemary Verey's wonderful gardens. It is now a luxury boutique hotel but the gardens have been beautifully maintained. We return to Cirencester where your evening is at leisure.

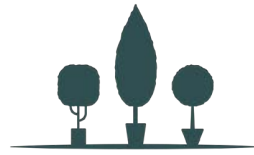


Tuesday 19th May

We begin today with a visit to **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.

We stop in the charming Cotswolds town of **Broadway** where there will be time for lunch and exploration. After we continue onto **Kiftsgate Court Gardens**, 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 conclude our day with an exclusive visit to the famous **Hidcote Manor Garden** where we will be treated to a private dinner (included) and access to the gardens once the crowds of the day have gone. Major Lawrence Johnston is claimed to have been the originator here of the ‘garden room’. It is exciting to see this first example in its original form with his skilful use of flowers, shrubs and trees.

Wednesday 20th May

We wave good-bye to the Cotswolds and begin our journey south. Our first garden visit is to the private gardens at **Malverleys**. This fabulous new English Flower Garden is set within the grounds of a country estate. We then continue onto **West Green Garden** – one of England’s finest manor house gardens, marrying traditional style with contemporary design – created by acclaimed garden designer and Chelsea Flower Show award winner, Marylyn Abbott. We will have lunch in the gorgeous garden conservatory (included) and free time to explore the stunning gardens.

In the afternoon, we check into our comfortable **4-star Foxhills Hotel & Spa**. Your evening is at leisure in the hotel.

Thursday 21st May

Today we enjoy a day at the **RHS Chelsea Flower Show**, a highlight every time this world class show is on our itinerary. You will see magnificent floral displays, extraordinary show gardens, garden tools and products, a host of garden structures and artefacts by world famous names at this classic event close to London’s fashionable shopping.

We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

Friday 22nd May

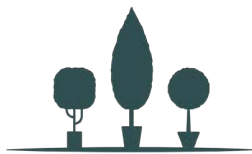
Today we visit two diverse gardens designed by the acclaimed designer, Tom Stuart Smith, **The Barn Garden** and **Serge Hill**. These lovely private gardens will delight with their stunning design, 5-acre wild flower meadow, and a series of different gardens overflowing with bulbs, herbaceous perennials and shrubs. We have lunch (included) at Serge Hill with introductory talks at both gardens.

We return to the hotel for our final night dinner (included).

Saturday 23rd May

For our final visit of the tour, we go to **RHS Wisley**, the home of the Royal Horticultural Society. We enjoy a guided tour so you’ll be sure to see the very best of these impressive gardens. There will be time for lunch (independent).

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



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.

The Kings Head, Cirencester

The Kings Head is an elegant boutique hotel with 45 stylish bedrooms, located in the heart of the historic Cotswolds market town of Cirencester. The exact age of the Kings Head is not known, but it was certainly in existence as a coaching inn in the middle of the fourteenth century. Today it is a haven of style and comfort.

Foxhills Hotel & Spa, Ottershaw

Foxhills is an oasis of tranquility with a 19th century manor house at its centre on a 400 acre estate with picturesque woodland. The hotel boasts two championship golf courses and excellent leisure facilities with four swimming pools. The executive bedrooms are complimented by three restaurants offering contemporary British cuisine.



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 Highlights with Chelsea Flower Show (6 nights)	Price per person (sharing twin or double room) £GBP	Single Supplement £GBP
	£3,250	£370

PRICES INCLUDE:

Accommodation at 4-star hotels with en-suite facilities based on twin/double room share; buffet breakfast daily; 3 lunches and 4 dinners; admissions to gardens and 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 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 fees; lunch/dinner (except where indicated in the itinerary); beverages; laundry; gratuities; telephone calls; souvenirs and items of a personal nature. Please see our FAQs for further information.

CONTACT US AND BOOK YOUR TOUR:

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