

Cotswolds Highlights with Chelsea Flower Show 16th - 22nd May 2021 (6 nights)



This two-centre tour starts close to London from where we visit the Chelsea Flower Show and RHS Wisley. It then moves to the stunning Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty where we explore both private and internationally renowned gardens.

Highlights of the tour include an exclusive dinner at Hidcote Manor Gardens, the private garden of acclaimed designer, Tom Stuart-Smith, the first 'members-only' day at Chelsea Flower Show and some of the finest gardens in the Cotswolds.

Sunday 16th May

After our morning pick-up at Heathrow Airport, we begin our tour with a visit 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) and a browse in Wisley's shop - famous for its collection of gardening literature. In the late afternoon we check into the charming, **4-star Foxhills Hotel & Spa**. This evening join your tour director and the rest of the group for dinner (included).

Monday 17th May

Today we visit three diverse gardens created by the talented and garden-loving Stuart-Smith family, all located around one Hertfordshire village. We first see **The Barn Garden**, home of the acclaimed designer, Tom Stuart Smith.



We then visit his sister's garden at **Serge Hill**. Kate is a keen plantswoman and will provide lunch in her garden (included). Finally we see Bella Stuart-Smith's delightful garden at **Pie Cottage**. These lovely private gardens will delight with their stunning designs and exuberant planting. Your evening is at leisure at Foxhills.

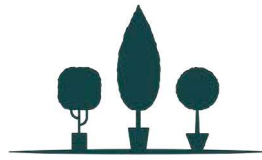
Tuesday 19th May

Today we enjoy the first, exclusive 'members-only' day at the **RHS Chelsea Flower Show**, a highlight every time this world class show is on our itinerary. 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. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).



Wednesday 19th May

Today we head north to the **Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** and en-route visit **Asthall Manor**, one of the prettiest gardens in the Cotswolds. The Jacobean manor, which was once the childhood home of the Mitford sisters, is surrounded by spectacular gardens.



We then make a visit to the famous **Barnsley House** for lunch (included) and to see the gardens created by the late Rosemary Verey. Now a luxury boutique hotel, the gardens have been beautifully maintained. We continue onto the Cotswolds market town of **Broadway** and check into the **4-star Lygon Arms Hotel**. Your evening is at leisure to enjoy one of the local eateries.

Thursday 20th May

We begin today 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), shopping and time to visit the museums.

In the afternoon we go to **Kiftsgate Court Gardens**, a delightfully laid out plantsman's garden. It is the creation of three generations of women gardeners and has 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'.

Friday 21st May

Today we visit two of the Cotswold's most exciting private gardens. Firstly we pay a visit to **Thenford Arboretum and Gardens**, which has been carefully developed with a dazzling array of specimen trees and now covers over 70 acres. The formal gardens feature herbaceous borders, a rose garden, walled garden, rill and medieval fishponds.

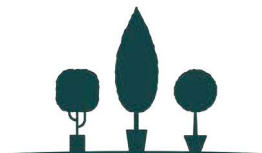
Afterwards we visit **Broughton Grange Gardens**. The gardens are set in 350 acres of parkland, farmland and open meadow. The beautiful garden rooms, designed by Tom Stuart-Smith, now represent one of the most significant private contemporary gardens in Britain. We have a light lunch (included) followed by a guided garden tour. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

Saturday 22nd May

We end the tour with a visit to 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.

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.

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.

Foxhills Hotel & Spa, Ottershaw (3 nights)

Foxhills is an oasis of tranquillity 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.



The Lygon Arms, Broadway (3 nights)

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. Tours are priced in £GBP.

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	£3,450	£500

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 the RHS Chelsea Flower Show; one year's membership to the RHS; 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 fees; lunch/dinner (except where indicated in the itinerary); beverages; laundry; telephone calls; 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. 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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