

Garden Gems of Cornwall, Devon & the Isles of Scilly

15th May -22nd May 2021 (7 nights)



Join us on our tour of one of the most charming and quintessential corners of England. We visit some world-famous gardens including the Lost Gardens of Heligan, the Eden Project, Hestercombe and we make a fabulous trip to the Isles of Scilly to visit Tresco Abbey Garden. The coastal and moorland scenery of south west England is unsurpassed.

Saturday 15th May

We meet at **London Paddington Station** and take a mid-morning train to Cornwall. We stop off at St Austell where we visit the **Eden Project**. An astonishing story of regeneration, the Eden Project is nestled in a former china clay mine. We continue by coach and check-in, late afternoon to the **4-star Carbis Bay Hotel & Spa** - a stunning coastal retreat with its own 25 acre beach and breathtaking views. Dinner in the hotel (included).



Sunday 16th May

Today we begin with a visit to **Glendurgan Garden** - a valley garden with outstanding spring displays of magnolias and rhododendrons. Here we enjoy a tour with the owner followed by lunch (included) in his home. In the afternoon we enjoy a scenic drive, passing the impressive castle of **St Michael's Mount** that sits atop a rocky outcrop, to the wonderful private garden at **Bonython Estate**. Here we meet the owner and enjoy a guided tour of the gardens which surround the elegant Georgian house and have been skillfully developed over the last 20 years. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).



Monday 17th May

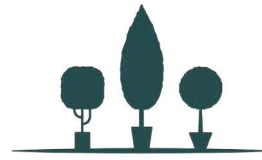
We take a flight to the **Isles of Scilly**, nestling just 35 miles off the coast of Cornwall, to visit **Tresco Abbey Gardens**. This tropical garden is home to species from 80 countries - the diversity of plant life is extraordinary. We have a guided tour followed by lunch (independent) at the garden. We enjoy some of the Tresco island scenery and take the return flight to the mainland. Dinner in the hotel (included).



NOTE: The day trip to the Isles of Scilly includes transport by small aircraft (approx. 15 seats) and by small inter-island boat. If you prefer not to join the tour this day, please let us know at the time of booking and we may be able to adjust your tour price.

Tuesday 18th May

Today we begin with a private tour of **Tregothnan Garden**. The estate, which has been in the Boscawen family since the 14th century, is the largest historic garden in Cornwall and the largest tea grower in Britain. Lunch is included at Tregothnan. In the afternoon we make a visit to the pretty seaside town of



St Ives where there is time to explore and, if you are interested, visit the Tate St Ives and Barbara Hepworth Museum and Sculpture Garden. Your evening is at leisure.

Wednesday 19th May

After checking out, we travel to **The Lost Gardens of Heligan**. 30 years ago the gardens were rediscovered and underwent a ground breaking restoration project. We will enjoy a guided tour of the gardens and there will be time for lunch (independent).

We then cross from Cornwall into Devon and check-in to our second base of the tour, the **4-star Dart Marina Hotel & Spa**. After settling into our rooms we take a **private river cruise** from the hotel's jetty along the River Dart before returning to the hotel for dinner (included).

Thursday 20th May

This morning, we head to **The Garden House in Dartmoor National Park**. The ten acre gardens were developed in the 1940s and are considered some of the finest in Britain. We enjoy a tour with the Head Gardener followed by a Devon cream tea lunch (included).

Wildside Nursery & Garden is our next stop. The owner and designer, Keith Wiley is a proponent of a 'new naturalism' movement in gardening, which seeks to work in harmony with nature. Later, your evening is at leisure with the chance to explore the charming town of Dartmouth.

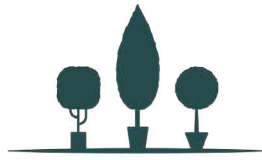
Friday 21st May

Today, we cross the River Dart on the car ferry and head to **Coleton Fishacre**, a 1920s country retreat, with luxuriant gardens by the sea with their own private beach. We tour the gardens with the Head Gardener, then there will be free time to look inside the exquisite house and have some lunch (independent). In the afternoon we continue onto **Greenway House**, former summer home of Agatha Christie. We return to the hotel in style, in the Pullman observation car of the **Dartmouth Steam Railway**. Final night dinner in the hotel (included).

Saturday 22nd May

We check out in the morning and head back towards Heathrow Airport. En-route we make a stop at **Hestercombe Gardens**. The formal Edwardian garden has been described as 'Lutyens at his best'. We have a tour of the extensive gardens then free time for lunch (independent).

In the late 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.



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.

The Carbis Bay Hotel & Spa, St Ives (4 nights)

This superb coastal retreat offers access to its own 25 acre beach and breathtaking views of the beautiful Carbis Bay. There are 47 individually designed bedrooms, award-winning dining and a luxurious spa including outdoor heated pool. The hotel is located on a 125 acre estate just outside the picturesque town of St Ives. Our rooms all have sea views.



The Dart Marina Hotel & Spa, Dartmouth (3 nights)

A tastefully modernised 4-star hotel and spa, beautifully situated overlooking the River Dart and just a 10-minute riverside stroll into Dartmouth. All bedrooms have lovely views, comfortable furnishings and the restaurant is award-winning. There is a beautiful spa and indoor pool. The hotel is situated in the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



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.

Garden Gems of Cornwall, Devon and the Isles of Scilly (7 nights)	Price per person (sharing twin or double room) £GBP	Single Supplement £GBP
	£4,250	£500

PRICES INCLUDE: Accommodation at 4-star hotels with en-suite facilities based on twin/double room share; buffet breakfast daily; 3 lunches and 5 dinners; admissions to gardens; 1st class train travel to Cornwall from London Paddington on day 1; deluxe coach travel with professional driver; transport to and from the Isles of Scilly; 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 only included if you are joining the tour at London Paddington on the first morning of the tour.

PRICES EXCLUDE: Airfares (Isles of Scilly flights included); 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 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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