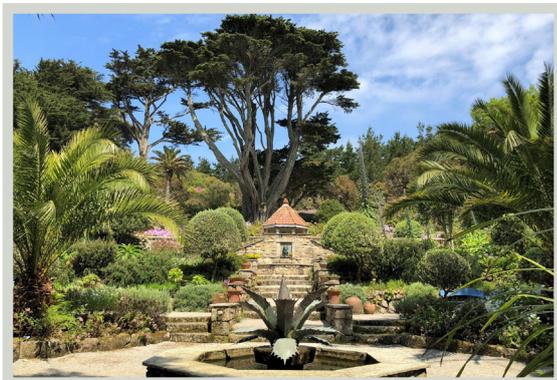


## Garden Gems of Cornwall, Devon & the Isles of Scilly

### 11th - 18th May 2022 (7 nights) & 14th - 21st May 2022 (7 nights)



Join us on our tour of Cornwall and Devon, the most charming and quintessential corner of England. We visit private and world-famous gardens: the Lost Gardens of Heligan, the Eden Project and Hestercombe, and 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.

#### Wednesday 11th May/Saturday 14th May

We meet at **London Paddington Train Station** and take the mid-morning, scenic train journey 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).



#### Thursday 12th May/Sunday 15th May

Today we begin with a visit to **Glendurgan Garden** - a valley garden with outstanding spring displays of rhododendrons. Here we enjoy a tour with the owner followed by lunch (included) in his home. In the afternoon we enjoy a visit to **a fabulous private garden on an ancient Cornish estate**, that has been farmed and settled for more than 700 years. The gardens have mostly been laid out in the last 20 years by the current owner, and incorporate the 18th-century walled garden, a new water feature sited in a gravel and palm garden, rockery, herbaceous beds, and a series of yew 'rooms'. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).



#### Friday 13th May/Monday 16th May

This morning we take a short 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 before taking 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 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.

#### Saturday 14th May/Tuesday 17th May

Today we begin with a wonderful private garden on the **Lizard Peninsula**. 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.

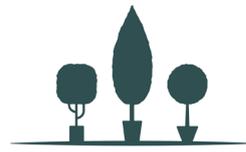


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We have lunch in the garden (included). In the afternoon we make a visit to the pretty seaside town of **St Ives**, where there is time to explore. Tickets are included for a visit to the **Tate St Ives and Barbara Hepworth Museum and Sculpture Garden**. Your evening is at leisure in St Ives or at the hotel.

### Sunday 15th May/Wednesday 18th May

After checking out, we travel to **The Lost Gardens of Heligan**. 30 years ago the gardens were rediscovered and underwent ground-breaking restoration. 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).

### Monday 16th May/Thursday 19th May

This morning, we head to **The Garden House in Dartmoor National Park**. The ten-acre garden was developed in the 1940s and is considered one of the finest in Britain. We enjoy a tour with the head gardener followed by a Devon cream tea lunch (included).

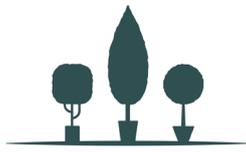
**Wildside Nursery & Garden** is our next stop. The owner and designer, Keith Wiley is a proponent of a 'new naturalism' movement in gardening, which seeks to work in harmony with nature. Later, your evening is at leisure with the chance to explore the charming town of **Dartmouth**.

### Tuesday 17th May/Friday 20th 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 the crime writer, 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).

### Wednesday 18th May/Saturday 21st May

Our final day starts with a visit to **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 drop off at the Sheraton Heathrow Hotel and Heathrow Airport 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) Tour 1 Cornwall hotel**

This superb coastal retreat offers its own 25-acre beach, breathtaking views of Carbis Bay, individually designed bedrooms, award-winning dining and a luxurious spa with an outdoor heated pool.



### **St Michael's Resort, Falmouth (4 nights) Tour 2 Cornwall hotel**

Located opposite to Gyllyngvase beach and just a short walk to the town of Falmouth, the resort boasts beautifully refurbished rooms, a spa and two restaurants.



### **The Dart Marina Hotel & Spa, Dartmouth (3 nights) both tours**

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.

#### **TOUR PRICE:**

All tours are priced in £GBP

**£4,400** price per person (sharing twin or double room)

£500 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

#### **Prices include:**

- 7 nights' accommodation at 4-star hotels with en-suite facilities.
- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 5 dinners.
- All garden visits including tours with garden owners and head gardeners.
- All tour gratuities (driver, tour director and hotels).
- 1st-class train travel to Cornwall from London Paddington on day one.
- Deluxe coach travel with professional driver.
- Flights and boat transport to and from the Isles of Scilly.
- Gift information pack with detailed information about the gardens we will be visiting.
- Services of your Sisley tour director throughout.

#### **Prices exclude:**

- Airfares (Isles of Scilly flights included).
- Passport and/or visa fees if applicable.
- Meals not included in the tour, drinks, laundry, and telephone calls.

#### **Tour Payment:**

A 10% deposit is required to secure your place (s) on the tour. Your balance payment is due 90 days prior to the tour departure.

#### **BOOK YOUR TOUR**

**There are three ways to book your garden tour:**

##### **With your own travel agent:**

You can book a Sisley Garden Tour in your local currency through your own travel agent. Just provide us with their contact details in your booking form and we will take care of the rest.

##### **With Worldwide Traveler in the USA:**

You can book a Sisley Garden Tour in USD\$ with our partners at Worldwide Traveler - a full-service travel agent who can assist you with all aspects of your trip to the UK. Payment accepted by cheque or credit card.

Contact: Beth Henry or Darrellynn Hanes

T: +1 (815)385 6900. E: beth@worldwidetraveler.net

##### **With Sisley Garden Tours:**

All clients are welcome to book a tour directly with us. We can accept payment in GBP£ by bank transfer or by credit/ debit card via PayPal.

Contact: Fran Pride or Colette Walker

T: +44 (0)1423 396506. E: tours@sisley.co.uk

**Booking form:** To book your place(s) please complete our online booking form at [www.sisley.co.uk/booking-form](http://www.sisley.co.uk/booking-form).

As soon as we receive your booking form, we will confirm availability on the tour of your choice and arrange collection of your deposit which secures your booking.

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