

A Garden Lover's Tour of Ireland's Coast and Country 11th - 18th June 2022 (7 nights) & 9th - 16th July 2022 (7 nights)



Where the Gulf Stream finds Europe, there is a verdant island, bursting with the most incredible collection of gardens. Our fabulous tour features the very best Irish gardens - from the intimate private sanctuaries of Ireland's best gardeners, to the grand estates of the past and their plant hunting collections. Enjoy the lush green landscapes and meet the best story tellers in the world. **Note: this tour will run on two departure dates.**

Saturday 11th June/Saturday 9th July

After our morning pick-up at Dublin Airport, we make our way south-west towards Cork, stopping en-route at the **Irish National Stud and Japanese Garden**. We will take a tour of the stud farm and have time to explore the garden and have lunch (independent).



We arrive, late afternoon, at our hotel, the wonderfully situated **4-star River Lee Hotel, Cork**. Join your tour director and the rest of the group for dinner in the hotel (included).

Sunday 12th June/Sunday 10th July

Today we visit the small, but densely planted **Coosheen Garden**, owned by renowned plantswoman, Hester Forde. We continue on to the picturesque town of **Kinsale** with its winding streets and natural harbour, guarded by a 17th century fortress. We will have Sunday lunch (included) overlooking the bay.



Later we enjoy a short walking tour of **Cork** followed by time at leisure in the evening.

Monday 13th June/Monday 11th July

Today we make an early start and drive to Ireland's stunning south-western corner where we visit **Bantry House & Gardens**. Here we will meet the owners and enjoy a tour of the gardens and private lunch (included) in the house. The views over Bantry Bay are spectacular.



Afterwards, we take a small boat to **Garinish Island**, sometimes known as Inacullin. The garden island of 37 acres was designed by Harold Peto, acclaimed architect and garden designer. We return to Cork for dinner in the hotel (included).

Tuesday 14th June/Tuesday 12th July

Our first stop of the day is at **Lismore Castle**, the Irish residence of the Dukes of Devonshire (Chatsworth being their English seat). Here we have a guided garden tour followed by time to look in the gallery. We have a picnic lunch in the gardens (included).

We then make a visit to the world-famous **Blarney Castle**, where we'll meet one of the gardening team for an introductory talk.

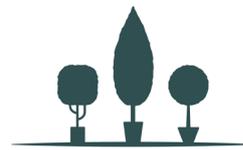


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There is free time to explore the gardens and visit the castle. We return to Cork where your evening is at leisure with the opportunity to sample Cork's traditional pubs.

Wednesday 15th June/Wednesday 13th July

After checking out of the hotel, we head north into Ireland's Ancient East. We make a short stop at **Waterford Crystal**, where there will be time for a comfort break and a look in the enticing shop.

Next, we arrive at **Mount Usher** for lunch (included), following which we will be taken on a guided tour of the gardens. Mount Usher is one of the finest examples of an authentic 'Robinsonian' style garden. We then check into the **5-star Powerscourt Hotel, Wicklow** where your evening is at leisure (dinner independent).

Thursday 16th June/Thursday 14th July

This morning is yours to enjoy at leisure in the hotel and stroll across to **Powerscourt Gardens** - a sublime blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, statuary and ornamental lakes (entry included). If you wish to join a tour of the gardens, we have arranged for a guide to show us around.

In the afternoon, we visit a **charming private garden** and meet the owner who has developed the gardens during the last 30 years, from a stony field into a garden full of shrubs and herbaceous borders. We continue to the wonderful **Avoca Nursery** for dinner in the Fern House (included).

Friday 17th June/Friday 15th July

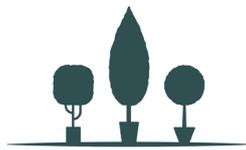
We begin today at the delightful and contemporary **June Blake's Garden** - a rare fusion of inspired design and painterly planting. We enjoy a guided tour around the gardens with June, followed by a private lunch (included) in one of the garden buildings.

After lunch, we meet June's talented brother, Jimi Blake, and explore his fascinating, exuberant garden at **Hunting Brook**. This is one of Ireland's largest private collections of plants. We return to the hotel for our final night dinner (included).

Saturday 18th June/Saturday 16th July

We check-out in the morning and head towards Dublin and make a stop at **Helen Dillon's private garden**. We have a morning coffee and explore this small, but delightful garden. We continue into **Dublin** for a short driving tour of the city followed by a traditional Sunday pub lunch (included).

We can arrange taxis from here for anyone staying on in Dublin. For those heading home, we will make a drop off at Dublin Airport mid-afternoon. [Full details of tour joining and departure can be found on our website.](#)



OUR HOTELS

Our hotels are 4 and 5-star and are selected for their high standards of comfort and service. All rooms are ensuite and offer free wifi access.

The River Lee Hotel, Cork (4 nights)

Set on a picturesque bend in the river, just a short walk from Cork's historic city centre, The River Lee Hotel is an oasis of tranquillity. The recently refurbished hotel has a designer vibe with smart, spacious accommodation and impressive leisure facilities.



Powerscourt Hotel, Wicklow (3 nights)

Set amidst one of the country's most scenic and historic estates on the edge of the Wicklow Mountains, Powerscourt Hotel is a 5-star, 200 room hotel with Palladian-style architecture and luxury amenities. Rooms are comfortably appointed and the spa offers a calm retreat. Views from the hotel are towards the Sugarloaf Mountain and you can stroll through the grounds, to Powerscourt Gardens.



TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in £GBP

£4,050 price per person (sharing twin or double room)
£700 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

Prices include:

- 7 nights' accommodation at 4-star and 5-star hotels with en-suite facilities.
- Breakfast daily, 6 lunches and 4 dinners.
- All garden visits including tours with garden owners and head gardeners.
- All tour gratuities (driver, tour director and hotels).
- Deluxe coach travel with professional driver.
- Gift information pack with detailed information about the gardens we will be visiting.
- Transfers to and from the hotel to Dublin Airport at the start and end of the tour.
- Services of your Sisley tour director throughout.

Prices exclude:

- Airfares.
- 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.

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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.

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Booking form: To book your place(s) please complete our online booking form at 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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