

Great Houses and Gardens of Yorkshire & the Lake District 11th - 18th September 2021 (7 nights)



This delightful, late season tour takes in some of the very finest country houses and gardens of Yorkshire and the Lake District. We'll explore York, one of England's greatest historic cities and travel through the spectacular landscapes of the Yorkshire Dales and Lake District National Parks visiting iconic stately homes and hidden, private gardens.

Saturday 11th September

Our tour starts in the early afternoon at our base for the first four nights of the tour, the **5-star Grand Hotel** in the heart of the historic city of **York**.

From here we'll take a walking tour of York. We will explore medieval streets, the 'Shambles', city walls and make a visit to the mighty, medieval **York Minster**. Dinner in the hotel (included).

Sunday 12th September

We begin our day with a visit to **Newby Hall**, a delightful Queen Anne style house with award winning gardens and home to one of the world's finest dolls house collections. Here we'll enjoy a private guided tour of the house before enjoying a traditional English Afternoon Tea in the private Orangery (included).

From here we take a drive through the Georgian spa town of **Harrogate** to the Royal Horticultural Society's northern home, **Harlow Carr** where we enjoy an exploration of the gardens and the RHS shop offering an incredible selection of gardening books. On our return to York, the evening is at your leisure.

Monday 13th September

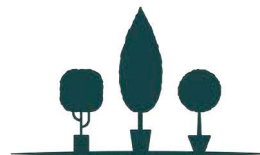
Today we enjoy a visit to one of Yorkshire's finest private gardens, **Littlethorpe Manor**. The designer and head gardener will take us on a tour of the gardens. After, we enjoy morning coffee in the gardens (included). We stop for a delicious pub lunch (included) before visiting a spectacular private garden in the afternoon. Your evening is at leisure in York.

Tuesday 14th September

Today we begin at one of the most recognised and loved of Britain's stately homes, **Castle Howard** – home to the Howard family and made famous by its central role in the filming of *Brideshead Revisited*. We'll be treated to a private pre-opening tour of the house and morning coffee, followed by free time to explore the gardens and grounds – all 1,000 acres of them!

After lunch we'll discover one of Yorkshire's newest gardens, **Scampston Walled Garden** – a contemporary masterpiece of the renowned Dutch designer, Piet Oudolf. We enjoy dinner (included) at one of York's most renowned restaurants.





Wednesday 15th September

Checking out of our York hotel, we head west, travelling through the **Yorkshire Dales National Park**. We make a stop at **Parcevall Hall**, a historic hall (now a retreat) hidden in a dale, which reveals a delightful Arts & Crafts style garden and unique bedrock limestone rock garden.

We stop off for lunch (included) in a rather special Yorkshire Dales pub. After lunch we travel onwards through the beautiful Dales countryside to the **Lake District**, one of the most scenic corners of England. Here we visit the Elizabethan **Levens Hall** with its unique and ancient collection of topiary. We will enjoy access to the Hall and a guided tour of the gardens with the head gardener before travelling onto the **4-star Lakeside Hotel** on the shores of Lake Windermere, for the final three nights of our tour. Dinner at the hotel (included).

Thursday 16th September

Today we visit the home of Chelsea gold-medal winning garden designer Arabella Lennox-Boyd at **Gresgarth Hall**. We'll enjoy a private visit to the gardens before heading to **Holker Hall**, the home of Lord and Lady Cavendish – great garden enthusiasts. We enjoy a tour of the magnificent Jacobean stately home, set in exceptionally beautiful countryside with gardens that merge into parkland framed by the lakeland hills. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

Friday 17th September

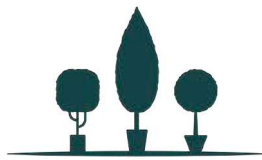
This morning we depart the hotel by boat for our **private lake cruise along Windermere** before visiting **Holehird Garden** - home of The Lakeland Horticultural Society. We make a stop for lunch (independent) and exploration in **Grasmere** then we go to **Hill Top**, the home of Beatrix Potter, author, illustrator, natural scientist and conservationist best known for her Tales of Peter Rabbit. The cottage feels as if Beatrix has just stepped out into the surrounding countryside that she loved so well. Final night dinner at the hotel (included).

Saturday 18th September

Our final day takes us back to York. En-route we stop at **Lowther Castle**, an intriguing contemporary garden, designed by Dan Pearson and set within the dramatic ruins of the castle. Here we have time to explore the gardens and enjoy lunch (included) in the Sculpture Gallery. We return to York late-afternoon for independent onward travel.

NOTE: Our tour starts and ends in the City of York. York is located on the main train line between London & Edinburgh and direct trains from London take under 2 hours. The nearest international Airport is Manchester Airport. There is a direct train service between Manchester Airport and York (1hr 45mins). 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 Grand, York (4 nights)

The Grand was once the HQ for the North Eastern Railway Company, one of the wealthiest businesses of the Edwardian era. Now reborn as a luxury hotel, but retaining its original splendour, The Grand, York features beautiful public spaces, spacious rooms, two restaurants and bars and a delightful spa. Within York's historic city walls, the hotel is ideally located to enjoy the many museums, restaurants and shops on its doorstep.



The Lakeside Hotel, Newby Bridge, the Lake District (3 nights)

This luxurious 4-star hideaway is located on the shores of Windermere in the Lake District National Park. With restful bedrooms, delicious fine dining inspired by fresh local produce, beautiful gardens and indulgent spa, Lakeside is the perfect place to relax and soak up the atmosphere.



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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	£3,400	£500

PRICES INCLUDE: Accommodation at 4 and 5-star hotels with en-suite facilities based on twin/double room share; buffet breakfast daily; 4 lunches and 5 dinners; admissions to gardens; 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.

PRICES EXCLUDE: Airfares; 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; transport to and from York at the start and finish of the tour.

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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