

Great Houses and Gardens of Yorkshire & the Lake District 3rd - 10th September 2022 (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 3rd 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 historic **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 4th 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*, and more recently, *Bridgerton*. We'll be treated to a pre-opening tour of the house, followed by free time to explore the gardens. After lunch (independent) we'll discover one of Yorkshire's newest and most interesting gardens, **Scampston Walled Garden**. It a contemporary master-piece of the renowned Dutch designer, Piet Oudolf. We return to York and enjoy dinner (included) at one of York's best-loved restaurants.



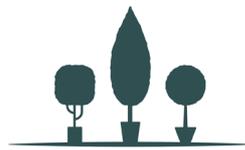
Monday 5th September

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). In the afternoon, we visit one of Yorkshire's finest private gardens, **Littlethorpe Manor**. The head gardener will take us on a tour of the garden, which recently enjoyed a major extension, and now boasts a stunning apothecaries garden. On our return to York, the evening is at your leisure.



Tuesday 6th September

Our first garden today is located within the **Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**. This **private garden** has been developed since 2009 and features 12 distinct garden rooms with exceptional plant combinations. We take a tour with the owner, then make our way to the handsome market town of **Helmsley**, where there is free time for lunch (independent). In the afternoon we visit a **second stunning private garden** that was designed by Tom Stuart-Smith and incorporates a vast, productive walled garden, stepped parterres and a deep gorge woodland garden. We enjoy dinner in a local country pub (included).



Wednesday 7th 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 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 take a guided tour of the gardens with the head gardener, before travelling onto the **4-star Lakeside Hotel** on the shores of Lake Windermere. Dinner at the hotel (included).

Thursday 8th September

This morning we head 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. There is time for lunch (independent) before heading 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. This evening we enjoy **dinner on a private lake cruise** (included).

Friday 9th September

Today, we begin with a visit to **Holehird Garden** - home of The Lakeland Horticultural Society. We then drive through the **Lake District National Park** to **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. In the afternoon, we make a stop in **Grasmere**, home of William Wordsworth and the famous gingerbread shop, before returning for our final night dinner at the hotel (included).

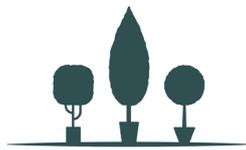
Saturday 10th September

Our final day takes us back to York. En-route we stop at **Harlow Carr**, the northern home of the RHS. There is time to explore these fabulous gardens and have lunch (independent). We return to York late-afternoon for independent onward travel.

NOTE: Our tour starts and ends in the city of York. We can assist with travel planning. This tour can be combined with our Scotland tour to create a fascinating 2 weeks exploring the north of the UK. [Full details of tour joining and departure can be found on our website.](#)



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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 5-star hotel, but retaining its original splendour, The Grand, York features beautiful public spaces, spacious rooms, two restaurants and bars and a delightful spa.

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 PRICE:

All tours are priced in £GBP

£3,550 price per person (sharing twin or double room)

£525 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

Prices include:

- 7 nights' accommodation at 4 and 5-star hotels with en-suite facilities.
- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 6 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.
- 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 on 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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