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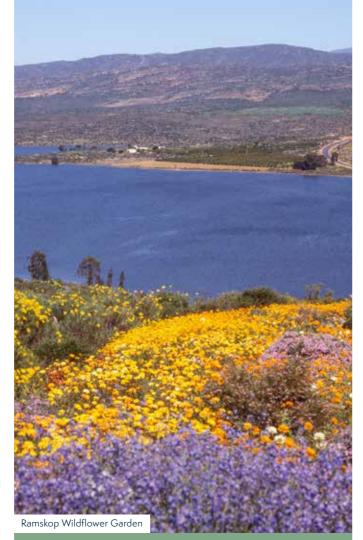
We hope to see you soon.

Best wishes,

Alison Wilson **Managing Director** 

P.S: Please keep an eye on our website as new tours and departure dates are being added all the time







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### The Best Rhododendron Gardens in the World?

#### 4 DAYS WAS £945 NOW from £795

PICK-UP POINTS: Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, Kinross,

Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights' dinner, bed, and breakfast at the 3-star North West Castle Hotel, Stranraer
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

7 - 10 May Single Supplement was <del>£945</del> now £795



### **Best of Angus Gardens** featuring the Dundee V&A

4 DAYS WAS £795 NOW from £645 NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermeline, Kinross, Perth, Dundee

lights available from selected airports. For more information visit www.brightwaterholidays.com

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Links Hotel, Montrose
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert Tour Manager
- DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON
- 8 11 Jul
- NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

was <del>£795</del> Now £645

## Gardens of Wester Ross

#### 5 DAYS WAS £1,145 NOW from £995

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights' dinner, bed and full breakfast at the Highland Lodge, Gairloch
- Light lunch at Attadale Gardens
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2 - 6 Aug

Single Supplement

WAS £1,145 NOW £995

£295

### Gardens of Dumfries and Galloway

#### 4 DAYS WAS £895 NOW from £745

PICK-UP POINTS: Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, Kinross, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ► Four nights' dinner, bed and full breakfast at the Highland Lodge, Gairloch
- Light lunch at Attadale Gardens
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

1 - 4 Jun	was <del>£895</del> now £745
20 - 23 Jul	was <del>£895</del> now £745
14 - 17 Sep	was <del>£895</del> now £745
Single Supplement	£195

Flights available from selected airports. For more information visit www.brightwaterholidays.com

<sup>£90</sup> 



### In the Footsteps of Gertrude Jekyll

#### 6 DAYS WAS £2,095 NOW from £1,945

PICK-UP POINTS: London, Basingstoke

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Five nights' bed and breakfast: two nights at the boutique Lanes Hotel, Yeovil and three nights at the 4-star Frensham Pond Hotel, Farnham (or similar,
- ▶ Four dinners at the hotels and one at Gravetye Manor
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

3 - 8 Jun	was <del>£2,095</del> now £1,945
Single Supplement	£495



### The Gardens of Kent & Sussex

#### 4 DAYS WAS £995 NOW from £845

PICK-UP POINTS: London, Gatwick

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the 4-star Donnington Manor Hotel, Sevenoaks
- One lunch
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Comfortable coach travel throughout

#### Services of an expert Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

20 - 23 Jun	was <del>£995</del> now £845
15 - 18 Aug	was <del>£995</del> now £845
Single Supplement	£195



### Somerset's Secret Gardens

#### 4 DAYS WAS £845 NOW from £695

PICK-UP POINTS: London, Reading, Swindon, Bristol

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Walnut Tree Hotel, North Petherton
- Comfortable coach travel and all visits
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSO	N
5 - 8 Jul	was <del>£845</del> now £695
Single Supplement	£195



### Summer Gardens of Cornwall

#### 7 DAYS WAS £2,295 NOW from £2,145

PICK-UP POINTS: London, Reading, Swindon, Bristol

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ► Six nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the 3-star Hotel Vara, Truro
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

23 - 29 Jun	was <del>£2,295</del> now £2,145
Single Supplement	£395
Optional Excursion - Tresco	£335



### **RHS** Chelsea Flower Show

#### 7 DAYS WAS £1,945 NOW from £1,795 NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Bristol, Reading, Swindon, Heathrow, London

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner bed and breakfast at the Holiday Inn, Guildford and three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the Walnut Tree, North Petherton (or similar)
- Full-day ticket for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Comfortable coach travel throughout ►
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

22 - 28 May	
Single Supplement	



WAS £1,945 NOW £1,795

£395



### **Stately Homes and Seaside** Castles of Norfolk

#### 5 DAYS WAS £1,495 NOW from £1,345 NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

#### PICK-UP POINTS: London, Colchester

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights' dinner (with wine), bed & breakfast at the 4-star Knights Hill Hotel, King's Lynn
- One lunch and one afternoon tea
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON 1 - 5 Jun

was £1,495 Now £1,345

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

### **RHS Bridgewater and** Gardens of the North West

#### 4 DAYS WAS £745 NOW from £595

PICK-UP POINTS: London, Luton, Northampton, Birmingham, Stoke-on-Trent

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the 4-star BW Pinewood Hotel in Wilmslow
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

#### **DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON**

24 - 27 May	was <del>£745</del> now £595
2 - 5 Aug	was <del>£745</del> now £595
Single Supplement	£120



Highlights of Northumberland

#### 5 DAYS WAS £1,195 NOW from £1,045 **TOUR MANAGER:** Alan Appleton

### DEPARTURE POINT: London Kings Cross

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Four nights' dinner, bed breakfast at the 4-star Maldron Hotel, Newcastle
- Return standard class rail travel between London and Newcastle (regional rail) connections can be arranged and upgrades are also available at a supplement; £100pp discount for no rail travel
- Comfortable coach travel and all visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of local expert Alan Appleton as Tour Manager

### **DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON**

7 - 11 Jun	was <del>£1,195</del> now £1,045
14 - 18 Sep	was <del>£1,195</del> now £1,045
Single Supplement Please note: The order of the itinerary may change due	£195 to Lindisfarne tides.

#### EXPLORE THE UK AND IRELAND



### **Gardens of Jersey**

#### 5 DAYS WAS £1,695 NOW from £1,545

DEPARTURE POINT: London

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the Pomme d'Or Hotel, St Helier
- ► Return flights from London to Jersey
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

14 - 18 May	was <del>£1,695</del> now £1,545
3 - 7 Sep	was <del>£1,795</del> now £1,645
Single Supplement	£295



### Gardens of Guernsey & Sark

5 DAYS WAS £1,895 NOW from £1,745 TOUR MANAGER: Rachel Dovey

DEPARTURE POINT: London

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

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- ▶ Four nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the 3-star La Barbarie Hotel, St Peter Port, Guernsey
- Return flights from London to Guernsey
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of local expert Rachel Dovey as Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2 - 16 Sep	was <del>£1,895</del> now £1,745
ingle Supplement	£395
Optional Excursions: Sark	£95



### The Scilly Isles - July

### 6 DAYS WAS £2,495 NOW from £2,345 | TOUR MANAGER: Mike Nelhams | NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

DEPARTURE POINT: Land's End Airport

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Five nights' dinner, bed and full breakfast at the St Mary's Hall Hotel, St Mary's in a standard room – upgrades available on request at a supplement
- Two lunches
- Return Skybus flight from Land's End to St Mary's (Exeter or Newquay flights available at a supplement)
- Boat transfers between islands
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of Horticulturalist Mike Nelhams as Tour Manager
- Presentation and Q&A session with Mike Nelhams on Abbey Gardens

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON 11 - 16 Jul WAS £2,495 NOW £2,345

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Single Supplement	£525



### Gardens of Yorkshire

#### 4 DAYS WAS £995 NOW from £845

#### NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: London, Luton, Northampton, Leicester, Nottingham

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

30 Jun - 3 Jul

▶ Three nights' dinner, bed breakfast at the 4-star Bridge Hotel & Spa, Wetherby

was <del>£995</del> now £845

- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of an expert Tour Manager DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

# Powerscourt Garden The Irish Rover

#### 8 DAYS WAS £2,495 NOW from £2,245 **TOUR MANAGER:** Trevor Edwards

DEPARTURE POINT: London

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights' bed & breakfast: two nights at the 4-star Dunadry Hotel, Co Antrim; three nights at a 3-star hotel in Dublin; and two nights at the 3-star Maritime Hotel, Bantry (hotels subject to change)
- Five dinners
- Flights from London to Belfast, returning from Cork
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Comfortable coach travel throughout

#### Services of horticulturalist Trevor Edwards as Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON	
12 - 19 Jun	was <del>£2,495</del> now £2,245
30 Aug - 6 Sep	was <del>£2,495</del> now £2,245
Single Supplement	£595



### Highgrove and the Cotswolds

#### 4 DAYS WAS £945 NOW from £795 NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

### PICK-UP POINTS: London, Reading, Swindon, Bristol

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at a comfortable hotel in the Cotswolds
- Lunch at Highgrove
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ► All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

26 - 29 May	was <del>£945</del> now £795
1 - 4 Aug	was <del>£945</del> now £795
15 - 18 Aug	was <del>£945</del> now £795
Single Supplement	£195





### Gardens and Wildflowers of the Burren

5 DAYS WAS £1.595 NOW from £1.345 **TOUR MANAGER:** Trevor Edwards DEPARTURE POINT: London

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights' dinner, bed breakfast at the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis
- Return flights from London to Shannon
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of horticulturalist Trevor Edwards as Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

3 - 7 lun

WAS £1.595 NOW £1.345

Single Supplement

£160

### **Autumn Tints of Dumfries** & Galloway

4 DAYS WAS £845 NOW from £695 | TOUR MANAGER: Colin Crosbie | NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

PICK-UP POINTS: Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, Kinross, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights' dinner, bed breakfast at the 3-star Holiday Inn Dumfries
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of horticulturalist Colin Crosbie as Tour Manager

#### **DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON**

26 - 29 Oct

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

was <del>£845</del> now £695

Flights available from selected airports. For more information visit www.brightwaterholidays.com



Today this morning is at your leisure as the ship is docked in the town of Les Andelys. During the

Today is spent cruising the Seine enjoying the panoramic scenery and the on-board facilities of

After breakfast we depart for one of France's most

iconic palaces, the Château de Versailles. We

have a full day to explore the Royal Apartments, the Hall of

Mirrors, where courtiers and illustrious quests were received

at the time of Louis XIV; the Chapel, the Royal Opera and

the Museum of the History of France. Outside the gardens

reflect light and illuminate the façade of the Hall of Mirrors.

The Northern Parterre is divided into two, each side centred

After breakfast on board, we disembark and

back to London where we expect to arrive in the evening. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, PL: Packed Lunch, L: Lunch,

transfer to the Gare du Nord for our Eurostar train

are also the largest museum of outdoor sculptures in the

world. The waterbed comprises two large pools which

around a circular pool. (B, PL, D)

early afternoon the ship sails to Vernon. On arrival, we

accurately restored. You will have time to explore this

marvellous garden at your leisure. (B, L, D)

depart for nearby Giverny and the world-famous house and

gardens of Claude Monet, which have been lovingly and

### Seine River Cruise featuring Monet's Garden and the Gardens of Normandy

#### 8 DAYS WAS £2,995 NOW from £2,745 | TOUR MANAGER: Trevor Edwards

DEPARTURE POINT: London St Pancras International

Join us on a relaxing cruise on the sinuous river Seine, into which we have woven a series of visits to the outstanding gardens of Normandy, including Monet's garden at Giverny, which continues to enthrall countless visitors more than 90 years after his death.

Other garden highlights include the Château de Mirosmesnil, which represents four centuries of harmonious architectural styles, and Le Vasterival, one of the finest gardens of its type and a lasting legacy of its creator, the Princess Sturdza. At the Jardin de Plume we will discover a natural yet structured contemporary garden in a typical normandy orchard. We also enjoy a visit to france's most iconic palace, the Château de Versailles.

Waking up to a new view every day (without having to pack and unpack) is always a lovely experience and combined with these wonderful gardens this promises to be an unforgettable cruise holiday.

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D: Dinner

We depart from London St Pancras International by Eurostar to Paris Gare du Nord. (First Class upgrades onal connections also available on request). On arrival we will be met by our local coach and transfered to Musée de l'Orangerie des Tuileries, before continuing to our ship on the banks of the river Seine. (D)

As we sit down to breakfast this morning the ship will 2 sail towards Rouen. After lunch, we depart for a visit to he Jardin de Plume. Making generous use of grasses and perennials, the four-acre garden includes seasonal plantings, a central square mirror pool and a kitchen garden. We return to the ship in time for dinner and moor in Rouen overnight. (B, L, D)



After breakfast we depart for the first of two garden visits today, **Château de Miromesnil**, which represents four centuries of harmonious architectural styles including a rare example of Louis XIII monumental style.

After breakfast we depart for a visit to the **Pegasus** 4 Bridge Memorial Museum, which pays tribute to nglo-Canadian 6th Airborne Division who liberated the bridge here during the D-Day Landings of 1944. We then continue to the garden at **Château de Canon** at

Mezidon-Canon. Like Chiswick Park, it has an axis leading from the house across a grass parterre and an axial woodland ornamented with small temples, including The Temple de la Pleureuse. We conclude today at the famous Calvados house of Père Magloire where we will be guided by the Cellar Master followed by a tasting in the shop. Dinner is served on board is the evening as the ship sails for Les Andelys. (B, PL, D)

#### YOUR TOUR MANAGER **TREVOR EDWARDS** Award-winning Garden Designer,

Writer and Broadcaster Trevor Edwards is looking forward to sailing along the Seine and exploring the wonderful gardens of Northern France.

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights in a lower deck cabin on the A-Rosa Viva on a full board basis
- Drinks on board with meals and at the bar (excluding premium drinks and spirits)
- Return standard class rail travel from London St Pancras International to Paris (first class upgrades and regional connections also available on request)
- Comfortable coach travel in France
- ► All visits as outlined in the itinerary Services of Trevor Edwards as Tour Manager
- DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

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Main deck	was <del>£2,995</del> now £2,745
Upper Deck Supplement	
Single Supplement	£595

#### THREE-DAY PARIS EXTENSION FROM £495pp

Why not extend your holiday with a two-night stay at a 4-star centrally located hotel including breakfast and station transfers giving you the freedom to explore more of the city at your own pace.



Monet's garden

### Villas & Gardens of the Italian Lakes

#### 8 DAYS was £2,895 NOW from £2,645 | TOUR MANAGER: Kate Williamson

DEPARTURE POINT: London. Direct & connecting flights can be arranged from your local airport - please call for detail

From our bases on the Gulf of Borromeo on Lake Maggiore and at the foot of Lake Como we will explore a succession of villas and their gardens, all set against the breathtaking backdrop of snow-capped mountains and glittering water. Visit the private garden of the President of the Italian Camellia Society, home to a remarkable collection of over 500 plants and the three Borromean islands, Bella, Madre and Pescatori, which feature shaded woodland walks and flowered terraces. Explore Villa Taranto, filled with rare botanical specimens, and visit the ancient church on the little island of San Giulio on picturesque Lake Orta. We are treated to a private tour with the owner of Villa Cicogna Mozzoni and can enjoy Azaleas and rhododendrons on display at Villa Carlotta. Our tours will be led by popular Tour Manager and local resident Kate Williamson.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Fly London to Milan. On arrival transfer to hotel where lunch is served

DAY 2 - Villa Taranto, Orta San Giulio & San Giulio DAY 3 - Isola Bella, Isola Pescatori & Isola Madre

DAY 4 - The private garden of the President of the Italian Camellia Society including lunch

DAY 5 - Guided tour at Villa Cicogna Mozzoni

DAY 6 - Today is free to spend at your leisure

DAY 7 - Villa Carlotta & Villa Balbianello

#### DAY 8 - Transfer to Milan for return flight to London

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit the private garden of the President of the Italian Camellia Society A private tour with the owner of Villa Cicogna Mozzoni The extravagance of the Borromean Islands

Stunning views of lakes and mountains



at many of the gardens

### YOUR TOUR MANAGER KATE WILLIAMSON

Kate enjoys nothing more than showing off the wonderful gardens of her adopted country, and has a fantastic store of local knowledge

# Rome, Ninfa and Castel Gandolfo

#### 4 DAYS WAS £1.695 NOW from £1.445

DEPARTURE POINT: London. Direct & connecting flights can be arranged from your local airport - please call for detail

Open by special arrangement, we are delighted to offer this rare opportunity to visit the ancient and beautiful gardens of Ninfa. Lying just to the south of Rome, they are as close to gardening perfection as you can get - scented roses, hydrangeas and jasmines curtain what remains of the walls of medieval buildings and paths meander beside a crystal-clear river. Equally rare is the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the Popes as we visit the gardens of Castel Gandolfo, the traditional papal residence just outside Rome, where the view from the balcony is a sight that will stay long in the memory.

We also visit Villa Lante with its many water features, the 16th century gardens at Villa D'Este, romantically overgrown with tall pines, evergreen oaks and cedars and Viterbo, a medieval walled town.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Fly London to Rome and enjoy a city orientation tour on arrival

DAY 2 - Viterbo & Villa Lante DAY 3 - Castel Gandolfo and Ninfa DAY 4 - Visit Villa d'Este before transferring to the airport for return flight to London

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy exclusive access to the beautiful and ancient gardens of Ninfa Wander Castel Gandolfo, the Papal residence Explore the streets of Rome at your leisure Visits to Villa d'Este and Villa Lante Guided tour of Viterbo



Please note a good degree of mobility is required to get the most out of this holiday as there are a large number of steps







#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Four nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the fourstar Hotel Milan Speranza au Lac on Lake Maggiore; three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the fourstar Hotel Barchetta Excelsior on Lake Como
- Two lunches
- Return flights from London to Milan
- Comfortable coach travel and all visits
- Services of officially accredited guide Kate Williamson as Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

7 - 14 May	was <del>£2,895</del> now £2,645
24 Sep - 1 Oct	was <del>£2,895</del> now £2645
Single Supplement	£495
Lake View Supplement	On request



#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights' bed & breakfast at a 4-star hotel in
- Dinner and welcome drink on the first evening
- Return flights from London to Rome
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

#### **DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON**

13 - 16 May was <del>£1,795</del> now £1,545 WAS £1,695 NOW £1,445 2 - 5 Sep Single Supplement £420

### Gardens and Architecture of Andalucía

#### 8 DAYS WAS £2,095 NOW from £1,845

DEPARTURE POINT: London Direct & connecting flights can be arranged from your local airport - please call for details

Andalucia is unrivalled in Europe for its wealth of history, culture, Moorish architecture and gardens – all set against the backdrop of snow-capped mountains. We visit the gardens which complement the adjoining palaces and discover the wild mountain landscapes. A highlight for many will be the wonderful Generalife Gardens in Granada, where patios and terraces are filled with colour, and captivating views of the city are framed by archways. Moving on to Córdoba we visit the Great Mosque, one of the most ancient gardened sites in the world, and continue to the vibrant city of Seville and the dramatically perched Ronda.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Fly from London to Málaga & transfer to hotel DAY 2 - Alhambra Palace & The Generalife

DAY 3 - Alpujarra & Sierra Nevada

DAY 4 - Córdoba Great Mosque, Royal Palaces of the Alcázar

DAY 5 - Seville visiting Maria-Luisa Park, Plaza de España, Gardens of Murillo & Seville's Cathedral

DAY 6 - Day at leisure

DAY 7 - Ronda exploring Alameda del Tajo Gardens, Palacio de Mondragon & Palace of the Moorish King of Ronda

DAY 8 - Transfer to Málaga airport for return flight to London

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Pinnacle of Moorish architecture, the Alhambra Palace Dramatic views of the rugged Sierra Nevada mountain range

Mesmerising multi-arched columns of Córdoba's Great Mosque

Centuries old orange trees of Seville

The historic Puente Nuevo bridge which spans the El Tajo gorge in Ronda



Three dinners

Cathedral La Sei

one lunch

15 - 20 Oct

Single Supplement

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

▶ Five nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the 4-star

Hotel THB Maria Isabel, Playa de Palma, plus

Return flights from London to Palma

Comfortable coach travel throughout

All visits as outlined in the itinerary

Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

WAS £1.795 NOW £1.545

£395

- Return flights from London to Málaga
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ► All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of an expert Tour Manager & local guides

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

8 - 15 Sep	was <del>£2,095</del> now £1,845
Single Supplement	£395

# Gardens and Architecture of Mallorca

#### 6 DAYS from WAS £1,795 NOW from £1,545

DEPARTURE POINT: London

Away from the busy beach resorts, the Balearic Island of Mallorca offers a timeless, verdant landscape of wooded hills and orange groves, sweeping bays and rocky mountains. Dotted around the island are a host of historic gardens whose origins date back hundreds of years, as well as more modern creations. These include the gardens at Raixa and Alfaiba, both with Moorish origins and later Christian influences, and Son Marroig, a former residence of Archduke Luis Salvador. Elsewhere, we visit the monastery of Real Cartuja de Valldemosa, with its peerless location high in the mountains, tour the city of Palma, observe the flora and fauna of the Albufera Nature Reserve and take an exhilarating ride on the Tren de Soller.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Fly from London to Palma & transfer to hotel DAY 2 - Gardens of Raixa & Son Marroig DAY 3 - Jardínes de Alfabia & Real Cartuja de Valldemossa DAY 4 - Tour of Palma DAY 5 - Son Real, Alcudia & Museo Sa Bassa Blanca DAY 6 - Transfer to the airport for return flight to London TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy Moorish gardens in Raixa and Alfaiba Visit the largest prehistoric cemetery in the Balearics Visit the monastery of Real Cartuja de Valldemosa Spectacular mountain scenery







### Gardens of Marrakech

#### 5 DAYS WAS £1,895 NOW from £1,645

DEPARTURE POINT: London Direct & connecting flights can be arranged from your local airport - please call for details

This timeless city has an enduring appeal with its low-rise pink and red buildings set against the snow-capped Atlas Mountains. Its beating heart is the square of Jemaa El Fna, where musicians and story-tellers and snake-charmers act out compelling scenes which have changed little over the centuries, and you will find yourself irresistibly drawn here.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Fly from London to Marrakech & transfer to hote DAY 2 - El Bahia Palace, El Badi Palace, La Majorelle & gardens of M. Ben Chaabane

DAY 3 - Menara Garden, Arset Moulay Abdessalam, Dar el Basha & Le Jardin Secret

DAY 4 - Atlas Mountains, Nectarome Garden & Gardens of Anima

DAY 5 - Transfer to the airport for return flight to London

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

The bustling square of Jemaa El Fna at the heart of the city Faded glory at El Badi Palace Contemporary style at Le Jardin Secret Bright colours and international glamour at the Majorelle Delightful flavours and aromas in the Ourika Valley



### The Gardens of Madeira

#### 8 DAYS WAS £1.995 NOW from £1.745

DEPARTURE POINT: London. Direct & connecting flights can be arranged from your local airport - please call for details

Set in a bright blue sea some 400 miles off the coast of Africa lies the lush, volcanic island of Madeira, famous for its outstanding natural beauty. Much of the island is assigned as a conservation area where rare flowers cover the island like a green mantle, with orchids, bougainvillaea, lilies, hydrangeas, magnolias, jacarandas and azaleas blooming effortlessly throughout the year. One of the nicest ways to explore the island is by following the footpaths alongside the "levadas" (small man-made irrigation canals), which wind their way around the island. Our May departure is also timed to coincide with Madeira's Flower Festival, when the streets are carpeted in flowers and colourful displays can be seen on every corner.

#### ITINFRARY

DAY 1 - Fly from London to Funchal & on arrival transfer to hotel

DAY 2 - Mercado dos Lavradores, Quinta Vigia & Santa Catarina Park

DAY 3 - Flower Festival Children's Parade, lunch at a local restaurant, Madeira Botanical Garden & Quinta da Boa Vista Garden

DAY 4 - Quinta do Palheiro, levadas walk & Flower Festival Parade

- DAY 5 Day of leisure or optional island tour
- DAY 6 Monte Palace Gardens & Reid's Palace Hotel
- DAY 7 Day at leisure

DAY 8 - Transfer to the airport for return flight to London



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

A gentle walk on the 'levadas'

Cable-car ride to Monte

flora of Madeira





La Majorelle Garden

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights' bed & breakfast at the 5-star El Saadi Hotel, Marrakech
- Three dinners and one lunch
- Return flights London to Marrakech
- ► Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ► All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

6 - 10 Oct WAS £1,895 NOW £1,645 Sinale Supplement

£400



Flower Festi

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights' bed and breakfast at the 4-star Golden Residence Hotel, Funchal (or similar)
- Welcome and farewell dinners at the hotel
- Return flights from London to Funchal
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of a professional Tour Manager and local guides

#### **DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON**

	1 - 8 May	was <del>£2,495</del> now £2,245
	24 Nov - 1 Dec	was <del>£1,995</del> now £1,745
2	Single Supplement	£395
62	Optional Excursion: Island to	our <b>f95</b>

Tour of the Botanical Gardens, an introduction to the

Afternoon tea at Reid's Palace Hotel

### The Genius of Monet

#### 4 DAYS WAS £1,345 NOW from £1,095

BEPARTURE POINT: London St Pancras International. Flights can be arranged from your local airport to join this holiday - please call for details

Just as the gardens at Giverny inspired Monet, who spent half his life nurturing and enjoying them, they continue to enthral countless visitors more than 90 years after his death. The lovingly restored gardens give a vivid impression of Monet's favourite subjects, filled with poppies, lupins, delphiniums and peonies. Arched bridges, painted an acid apple green, are festooned with wisteria and the draped fronds of weeping willow frame the water lilies - Monet's paintings brought to life. The perfect complement to Giverny is the Orangerie Museum in Paris. The centrepiece of this outstanding collection is Monet's breathtaking series of murals, Les Nymphéas. We also visit the Château de Chantilly, with its extensive collection of fine art and its gardens designed by Le Nôtre, and the pleasant market town of Senlis.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Depart London by Eurostar to Paris. On arrival transfer to our hotel

- DAY 2 Château de Chantilly & Senlis
- DAY 3 Gardens of Claude Monet & Giverny
- DAY 4 Musée de l'Orangerie des Tuileries & return to London by Eurostar

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

The incomparable gardens of Giverny, carefully maintained as Monet would have wished

The Orangerie Museum and Les Nymphéas impressionism at its most impressive

The sumptuously decorated Grands Appartements and the Galeries de Peintures of the Château de Chantilly





#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights' dinner (with wine), bed & breakfast at the Château de Montvillargenne, Chantilly
- Return standard class rail travel between London and Paris with Eurostar
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of an expert Tour Manage

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#### 18 - 21 Jul WAS £1,345 NOW £1,095 Single Supplement £295

Croatia's Best-Kept Secret – Gardens and Parks of Kvarner and Istria

8 DAYS WAS £2,795 NOW from £2,545 | TOUR MANAGER: Julia Berg

DEPARTURE POINT: London. Direct & connecting flights can be arranged from your local airport - please call for details

Join us as we explore some of the hidden garden gems of Croatia in the company of Julia Berg, an experienced Tour Manager and the UK's expert on Croatia. This two-centre holiday explores the regions of Kvarner and Istria, visiting, beautiful gardens, areas of outstanding natural beauty, flower farms dedicated to the production of natural cosmetics and essential oils together with places of historical importance. Highlights include the terraced American Gardens in Opatija, the island of Košljun home to a Franciscan Monastery, the historically significant city of Pula with its magnificent Roman monuments as well as a diverse array of plant species, including many of which are rare and protected.

#### ITINERARY

- DAY 1 Fly London to Pula & on arrival transfer to hotel
- DAY 2 Angiolina Park & American Gardens
- DAY 3 Krk Town & Island of Košljun & the
- Immortelle Farm DAY 4 - Velik i Brijun, Brijuni National Park
- DAY 5 Pula and optional Olive Oil tasting near Vodnjan

DAY 6 - Rovinj & guided tour of Histria Aromatica DAY 7 - Day at leisure or optional excursion 'The

Frescoes of Istria DAY 8 - Transfer to Pula airport for return flight to London



#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Angiolina Park, the most famous and historic park in Opatija
- Brijuni National Park, an enchanting island with some 700 plant species, located off the western coast of Istria
- The American Gardens in Opatija home to an array of Mediterranean and exotic plants
- The historic city of Pula
- One of Croatia's few immortelle farms on the island of Krk
- Histria Aromatica, a beautiful botanical garden and estate

### YOUR TOUR MANAGER JULIA BERG

Julia Berg, an experienced Tour Manager and the UK's expert on Croatia



#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights' dinner, bed and breakfast: three nights' at the 4-star Hotel Admiral, Opatija (Superior Sea View Room) and four nights at the 4-star Park Plaza Histria, Pula (Standard Park View Room)
- Return flights from London to Pula
- Comfortable coach travel in Croatia
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of Julia Berg as Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON





### Seasonal Gardens of Japan

14 DAYS from £6,895 NOW from £6,545 | TOUR MANAGER: Colin Crosbie\*

DEPARTURE POINT: London

Surround yourself with the splendours of the Far East with an itinerary of rare gardens, bamboo forests, ancient temples, golden Buddhas, and, of course, the majestic Mount Fuji. Experience the otherworldliness of this mystical country on a garden tour unlike any other. Travel aboard the iconic bullet train, visit the historic town of Omihachiman, take a cruise beneath Mount Fuji's snow-capped peaks on Lake Ashi, and embark upon an optional excursion to Hiroshima and its Peace Memorial Park. We have included a variety of different natural styles in order to bring this tour to life, from landscape gardens and stroll gardens to pond-and-island spaces. A popular addition to this tour is dinner with a maiko - an apprentice geisha - in traditional costume. Tradition, stories and natural beauty await. Travel in March for stunning cherry blossom or in November for vibrant autumn colours.

Enjoy access to the airport Executive lounge 1 before we depart from London to Osaka on our overnight flight. (IF)

Upon arrival in Osaka, we head to the gardens of 2 the **Imperial Palace.** From here, we continue to our hotel for dinner and a welcome drink. (D)

We enjoy a full day in Kyoto visiting some 3 outstanding gardens. These include Daisen-in temple, Ryogen-in, Zuiho-in, Kinkakuji temple and Ryoan-ji temple. (B)

Day We journey to the Prefecture of Shiga. 4 Beginning in **Otsu**, we visit the ancient temple of Ishivamadera. From here we continue along the shores of Lake Biwa-ko to the historic town of Omihachiman and the Hachimanbori Canal. Before returning to Kyoto, we'll also visit the Nishikawake House. (B)

Day Today we explore **Ginkaku-ii** or 'Silver Pavilion', a 5 UNESCO World Heritage Site, the private garden of Hakusasonso and Kyoto Botanical Garden. (B)

Day Enjoy Kyoto at leisure or join an optional 6 excursion by train to **Hiroshima** and view the Peace Memorial Park. (B)

Day

This morning we transfer to Nara and explore

7 the Todai-ji Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will also enjoy Nara Park and visit the Kasuga Grand Shrine. Later, we discover the Kodai-ji Temple. (B, L, D)

Day After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and visit 8 the Heian-jingu Shrine. Next, we explore the Nanzen-ji Temple complex. This afternoon we leave Kyoto, taking the famous 'Shinkansen' or **Bullet Train** to Tokyo. (B)

Day We journey to the historic seaside town of 9 Kamakura to visit the Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine. Next, we admire the Great Buddha, which has survived tidal waves, earthquakes, fires and typhoons. We continue to the Hase Kannon Temple. (B, L)

Enjoy a full day excursion to Hakone and Mount 10 Fuji, which begins with a visit to Onshi Hakone Park. We will also enjoy a cruise on Lake Ashi before a drive along the foot of **Mount Fuji** for a further photo stop at Lake Kawaguchi. (B, L)

Our day begins in the garden of Kyu Furukawa. 11 Next, it's on to Mukojima Hyakkaen Garden, the only surviving flower garden of the Edo period. (B)

We visit the Senso-ji Temple and then continue to 12 Rikugien Garden. Our next visit is to the Imperial Palace East Garden, before we explore Hamarikyu Garder and take a cruise along the **Sumida River.** (B, D)

We check out of our hotel today and transfer by 13 coach to Tokyo Airport, for our return flight to London. (B, IF)

Day We arrive in London. (IF) 14

Inc. meals: IF: In flight, B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner



#### YOUR TOUR MANAGER COLIN CROSBIE

Colin will be in his element he with such a wide range of plant and trees to help identify.



#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ 11 nights' bed & breakfast; six nights at the 4-star ANA Hotel, Kyoto and five nights at the 4-star Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa, Tokyo
- Dinner and welcome drink on first evening, a dinner with a maiko, three lunches and a farewell dinne
- ▶ Flights from London to Osaka, returning from Tokyo
- London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ► Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ► All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of an expert Tour Manager (horticulturalist Colin Crosbie in 2025\*) and local guides

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2 - 14 Nov	was <del>£6,895</del> now £6,545
22 Mar - 3 Apr 2026**	was <del>£6,995</del> now £6,645
Single Supplement	from £1,250
<b>Optional Excursion: Hiro</b> **Cherry blossom depa	



Heian-jingu Shrine



### Brazil's Gardens and Natural Wonders

17 DAYS from £9,995 NOW from £9,645 | TOUR MANAGER: Trevor Edwards

#### DEPARTURE POINT: London

"I had just returned from my Piranha fishing excursion to find two yellow frogs in my bathroom" exclaimed a passenger on our first tour - such is the excitement of Brazil! The tour opens in Rio de Janeiro with a cruise round the calm waters of Guanabara Bay on a Brazilian schooner followed in the next few days by a cable car ride up Sugar Loaf Mountain and a train ride to the Christ the Redeemer statue — talk about sensory overload!

We will also, however, venture off the well-worn tourist trail of Rio, with a guided visit to the garden and former home of Roberto Burle Marx, one of the most important landscape architects of the 20th century, as well as the botanical garden and an outstanding National Park, with native species of the Atlantic Rainforest in a stunning natural setting.

After five nights in Rio we travel along the coast to Paraty, once the main port for shipping gold to Portugal and now a charming and well-preserved colonial town. Two full days of touring here gives us the opportunity to visit further gardens and sites of botanical interest.

- Day Enjoy access to the airport Executive Jounge 1 before we depart from London for Brazil. (IF)
- Day We arrive in **Rio de Janeiro** early this morning, 2 to be met by our local coach and guide. (IF)

Day We start at the **Botanical Garden** in Rio de 3 Janeiro. Later we drive along Copacabana beach and on to Flamengo Park before the Sugar Loaf Mountain, with a short stroll along the **Bern Te Vi** path. (B)

We begin this morning with a guided tour of a 4 garden associated with **Roberto Burle Marx** (1909-1994), known internationally as one of the most important landscape architects of the 20th century, the Sítio Burle Marx in Barra de Guaratiba on the outskirts of Rio. Lunch in a local restaurant is included today. (B, L)

This afternoon we enjoy a cruise around the 5 calm waters of Guanabara Bay aboard a refurbished Brazilian schooner. The evening is at leisure, or enjoy an optional barbecue dinner at Barra Brasa. (B)

We visit Fazenda Marambaia (formerly known as 6 the Monteiro Garden), which includes a guided tour. We return to Rio later in the afternoon. (B)

Day We travel along the coast to **Paraty**, once the 7 main port for shipping gold to Portugal and now a charming and well-preserved colonial town. (B)

Day This morning we enjoy a cruise on a Brazilian 8 'Saveiros' along the calm waters of Paraty Bay. (B)

We visit a **bromeliad** and **orchid plantation** 9 before enjoying lunch at Villa Verde. (B, L)

Day This morning we return to Rio in time for our flight to 10 Foz do Iquaçu. On arrival, we transfer to our hotel. (B)

Day We have a guided tour of the Brazilian side of 11 the Iguaçu Falls. (B)

The morning is free to relax and in the afternoon 12 we travel via Paraguay into Argentina for further thrilling views of the falls, and a train through the park to the various viewpoints, (B)

We return to the airport for our flight to Campo 13 Grande situated in the Pantanal then travel to Eco Lodae. (B. D)

Day We have a full and rewarding day dedicated to 14 observing the Pantanal's flora and fauna at the Caiman Eco Lodge private reserve. (B, L, D)

Day Today we enjoy another fascinating day at the 15 Caiman Eco Lodge private reserve. (B, L, D)

Day We return to the airport at Campo Grande for 16 our return flight back to London. (B, IF)

Day We arrive in London.

17 Inc. meals: IF: In flight, B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner



18 Oct - 3 Nov

YOUR TOUR MANAGER

wonders, flora and fauna of Brazil.

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

▶ 14 nights' accommodation: five nights bed and

nights bed and breakfast at the Pousada do

breakfast at a 4-star hotel in Rio de Janeiro; three

TREVOR EDWARDS Join Trevor on an adventure of a life time exploring the natural

Sandi in Paraty; three nights bed and breakfast at the 5-star Hotel das Cataratas in Iguazù; three nights full board at the Caiman Lodge in the Pantanal lor similar Return flights between London and Brazil • All transfers and flights within Brazil Comfortable coach travel throughout All visits as outlined in the itinerary Services of horticulturalist Trevor Edwards as Tour Manager plus local guides DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON WAS £9.995 NOW £9.645

Single Supplement £3,895 Optional BBQ dinner at Barra Brasa On request Optional Dinner Show On request







### Gardens and Wildlife of Western Canada

10 DAYS from £5,695 NOW from £5,345 | TOUR MANAGER: Julia Corden

DEPARTURE POINT: London

Spectacular scenery and a warm welcome await us in Vancouver, a city which owes its vibrancy and cosmopolitan flavour to the diverse cultural background of its inhabitants. Set amidst majestic mountains and surrounded by blue Pacific waters, Vancouver's gentle climate keeps the city green year-round and makes it the perfect backdrop for many outstanding gardens. We will be privileged to visit some of the finest private gardens in Vancouver and Victoria. Our journey also includes the opportunity to enjoy a whale watching trip, and, if we're lucky, we'll catch a glimpse of orca, grey, humpback and minke whales. From Tofino, we embark on a bear watching boat tour along the calm coastal waters and we'll explore the Naa'Waya'Sum Gardens spread over 12 hectares of gardens, forest and shoreline.

Day Enjoy access to the airport Executive 1 lounge before we depart from London to Vancouver. (IF)

Day Today we take a tour around Vancouver 2 exploring **Stanley Park** with its famous Totem Poles, English Bay, Canada Place, historic Gastown, Chinatown and Vancouver Lookout Later we visit Van Dusen Botanical Gardens. which is spread over 55 acres and the first authentic full-sized classical Chinese garden built outside China, that of Dr Sun Yat-Sen. (B)

**Day** This morning we explore the **UBC** 3 Botanical Garden, the oldest university botanical gardens in Canada. Later, we head northwards to the Capilano Suspension Bridge Park. (B)

Day Today we travel to Vancouver Island and 4 upon arrival, we head to the world famous Butchart Gardens, one of the world's premier floral show gardens. We later enjoy some sightseeing in Victoria, where highlights include the Inner Harbour and Parliament buildings. (B)

Day Our day begins with an optional whale 5 watching cruise tour. This afternoon, we take a scenic route to the historic Hatley Estate, one of Canada's largest and most diverse National Historic Sites. (B)

Day We venture to **Ucluelet**, enjoying the 6 scenery as we traverse Vancouver Island to its Pacific coast. Enroute we have a visit to the Milner Gardens and Woodland, a seaside garden set in Qualicum beach on the eastern coast of Vancouver Island, with views across the Strait of Georgia. (B)

Day After breakfast, we head out in search of 7 the Vancouver Island black bears which at this time of the year venture to the shoreline in search of rock crab and other seafood treats. Later, we visit the Naa'Waya'Sum Gardens. Formerly known as the Tofino Botanical Gardens, the site is spread over 12 hectares of gardens, forests and shorelines and it explores the relationship betweer culture and nature. (B)

Day This morning we travel across Vancouver 8 Island, passing through Parksville to Nanaimo where we board the ferry to Horseshoe Bay. Upon arrival, we head into Vancouver for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day Explore at your own leisure this morning 9 before we transfer to Vancouver airport for our return overnight flight to London. (B, IF)

Day We arrive in London. 10

Inc. meals: IF: In flight, B: Breakfast, D: Dinner

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#### YOUR TOUR MANAGER **JULIA CORDEN**

Iulia was trained in Horticulture at RHS Garden Wisley and at the Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh and has a wealth of knowledge of all types of plants, animals and birds.



YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ► Eight nights' bed and breakfast in 3-star hotels: four nights Vancouver, two nights Victoria & two nights Ucluelet
- One dinner
- Return flights from London to Vancouver
- London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ► Comfortable coach travel throughout
- All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of horticultarlist Julia Corden as tour manager and local guides

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

12 - 21 Sep WAS £5.695 NOW £5.345 Single Supplement £1,295

**Optional Excursion:** Whale watching

£95





### California - In the footsteps of John Muir

15 DAYS from £6,995 NOW from £6,645 | TOUR MANAGER: Mike Nelhams

#### DEPARTURE POINT: London

California is a paradise on the Pacific, a place of mythic proportions blessed with an intoxicating climate. Its monumental landscapes, including ocean, mountains, mighty redwood forests and barren sweeps of deserts all fill the senses. Our unique horticultural tour starts in the San Francisco district, moves to Yosemite, comes back to Monterey and follows the coastal route down to Santa Barbara.

Of course we are only scratching the surface of the Golden State, however what we have included on our full itinerary will stay with you forever. With its breathtaking landscapes, diverse climates and rich plant life, California contains some of the most exciting and stunning landscapes in the world. We have a combination of famous botanical gardens such as those of Berkeley University, Santa Barbara, Strybing and Huntington, one of the most famous gardens in North America. We also visit private gardens such as Filoli with its beautifully preserved Georgian revival house and Lotusland, for many the outstanding garden of this tour.

Day Enjoy access to the airport's Executive lounge 1 before we depart from London to San Francisco. Upon arrival in San Francisco, we will be met by our coach and transferred to our hotel. (*IF*)

Day This morning we will board the coach for our city 2 tour, taking in the sights of this "City by the Bay", including North Beach, Nob Hill, Chinatown and Union Square. In the afternoon, we will visit the Botanic Garden at the University of California, Berkeley. We return to our hotel in San Francisco, where the evening is at leisure. (B)

Day This morning we cross the famous Golden Gate 3 Bridge to visit Muir Woods, a 559-acre forest of towering coast redwood trees. In the afternoon we enter the Golden Gate Park for our visit to Strybing Arboretum & botanical garden. (B)

Day This morning we head to Filoli Gardens. The 4 afternoon is free, or you may wish to take part in our optional excursion to **Alcatra**z, the infamous prison island in the middle of San Francisco Bay. (B)

Day We enjoy a full-day tour to the Napa Valley and 5 the Francis Ford Coppola Winery. Francis Ford Coppola is perhaps better known for making movies but has been making wines since 1977. (B)

We visit Walnut Creek to the Ruth Bancroft 6 Gardens and Nursery and later travel to Yosemite National Park. (B)

Day This morning we tour Yosemite. Highlights include the Mariposa Grove, which contains hundreds of the giant sequoias and a sub-alpine meadow surrounded by mountain peaks. (B)

Day Today we leave our hotel in Yosemite and travel 8 to Monterey Peninsula. (B)

Day We travel along the stunning 17 Mile Drive, 9 passing through the Del Monte Forest. We then visit the Mission San Carlos Borromeo in Carmel, one of the most popular tourist sites in California and a place of pilgrimage for visitors from all over the world, including Pope John Paul II in 1987. (B)

This morning we explore Monterey Bay and 10 visit Hearst Castle, before we continue to our hotel in Santa Barbara. (B)

We depart for Ventura Harbor, 30 miles south of **11** Santa Barbara, the starting point for our boat trip to the Channel Islands National Park. Encompassing five remarkable uninhabited islands and their ocean environment, the Park preserves and protects a wealth of natural and cultural resources. (B)

#### YOUR TOUR MANAGER MIKE NELHAMS

Mike is looking forward to returning to California to explore some of the best gardens this Golden State has to offer



- ▶ 14 nights accommodation in 3 and 4-star hotels on a bed and breakfast basis: five nights in San Francisco, two nights in Yosemite National Park, two nights in Monterey, four nights in Santa Barbara and one night in Anaheim
- Flights from London to San Francisco and from Los Angeles to London
- London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- Comfortable coach travel and all visits
- Services of horticulturalist Mike Nelhams as Tour Manager

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

23 Sep - 7 Oct	was <del>£6,995</del> now £6,645
Single Supplement	£1,895
Optional Excursion:	
Alcatraz	£60

Day We visit the Lotusland Gardens, where highlights 12 include an outdoor theatre, a topiary garden, large collection of rare cycads and a lotus pond. In the afternoon we will visit the Santa Barbara Mission Garden and the private garden of Casa del Herrero, giving us an insight into the pleasures of gardening here in California. (B)

Day This morning we visit the California Botanic 13 Garden, the largest of its kind, focussing solely on the Golden State's native plant species. (B)

Day We depart for Fullerton Arboretum, a former 14 orange grove and now the largest botanical garden in Orange County. En route to the airport, our final visit is to Huntington Botanical Gardens. (B, IF)

Day We arrive in London. 15

Inc. meals: IF: In flight, B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner



### Gardens of Mauritius

#### 12 DAYS from £4,295 NOW from £3,945 | TOUR MANAGER: Sue Pomeroy\*

#### DEPARTURE POINT: London

The Indian Ocean island of Mauritius is only the size of the county of Surrey, yet it is blessed with a rich and diverse flora and fauna, and is home to some of the rarest plants and creatures in the world. Caressed by a benign climate and light but regular rainfall, virgin forests and coastal lands provide ideal habitats for myriad species, many of them unique to the island – of the 1,000 or so plants indigenous to Mauritius, about 300 are totally unique. Our exploration will reveal trees that will be the last of their kind in existence, giant waterlilies, and colourful Cannas and Heliconias. We will witness outstanding conservation work with almost extinct plants and animals and there will also be plenty of time to enjoy the facilities of our resort hotel, the white sandy beaches and turquoise waters, and soak up the local culture, with its unique combination of European, Indian and African influences.

Day Enjoy access to the airport Executive lounge 1 before we depart from London on our overnight flight to Mauritius. (IF)

Day Upon arrival in Mauritius, we transfer to our hotel 2 and have the rest of the day to settle in and relax. (D)

Day Our day starts at La Vanille Tropical Garden, where 3 we will have a guided tour of the flora and fauna in this unique zoo, which is beautifully landscaped with tropical plants. In the afternoon we visit the **Domaine de Saint Aubin.** (B, D)

Day After breakfast, we head to Morcellement St André on 4 north coast where we visit a large greenhouse filled with plants and flowers and meet the owner. Afterwards, we travel to the capital **Port Louis**, where we visit the colourful market and the **Blue Penny Museum**. Later we have a visit to Caudan Waterfront including the local handicraft market. (B, D)

Day We depart on an excursion to the Black River 5 Gorges National Park. We also visit the Plaine Champagne and the Grand Bassin and our day concludes at the Seven Coloured Earths. (B. D)

Today we take a boat trip to the island's nature 6 reserve of **Île aux Aigrettes**, where we will see plants and animals on the verge of extinction. We continue to the well-stocked Vaneron Garden Centre and Nursery at Trianon. An afternoon tea with pastries is included here. (B, AT, D)

Free day to relax and enjoy the facilities of the hotel 7 or explore the surrounding area at your leisure. (B, D)

Enjoy a guided visit to Curepipe Botanical 8 Garden. In the afternoon we visit Le Domaine de Bois Cheri, the largest and oldest tea plantation in Mauritius, where we will tour the museum and enjoy a tasting of the finished product. (B, D)

This morning we travel to the capital **Port Louis 9** for free time before we depart for a visit to the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolan Botanic Garden at Pamplemousses, famous for its canal full of giant waterlilies. Later we visit the **Domaine de** Labourdonnais. (B, D)

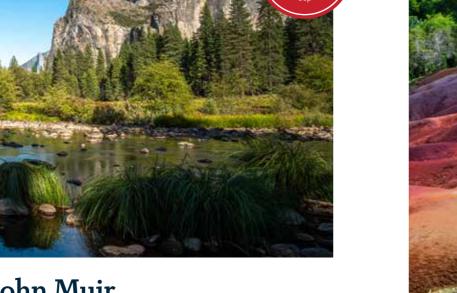
10 central plateau of the island. Later we visit a **pineapple** blantation before we explore Eureka House. (B, L, D

Day We arrive in London.

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AT: Afternoon Tea, D: Dinner





Day We visit the plantations in Moka situated on the

Day For our final day we relax in the hotel and then transfer 11 to the airport for our overnight flight to London. (B, IF)

Inc. meals: IF: In flight, B: Breakfast, L: Lunch,

#### YOUR TOUR MANAGER SUE POMEROY

Sue is looking forward to exploring the beauty of Mauritius and a plethora of exotic plants!



#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ► Nine nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the 4-star Anelia Resort and Spa
- One Afternoon Tea and one lunch
- Return flights from London to Mauritius
- ► London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- Comfortable coach travel and all visits
- Services of an expert Tour Manager (horticulturalist Sue Pomeroy as Tour Manager in 2025\*) and local guides

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

12 - 23 Nov\* was £4,295 Now £3,945

18 - 29 Mar 2026 WAS £4,295 NOW £3,945

Single Supplement

Superior Ocean View Supplement

£795 from £135

#### FIVE-DAY BEACH EXTENSION FROM £645pp

Why not extend your holiday with a four-night stay at the 4-star Anelia Resort & Spa (or similar) including dinner, breakfast and airport transfers giving you the chance to spend a few days at leisure





### Gardens of Barbados

#### 9 DAYS from £3,595 NOW from £3,245 | TOUR MANAGER: David Hurrion\*

#### DEPARTURE POINT: London

At 21 miles long and 14 miles wide, Barbados is a small and perfectly formed vision of pure Caribbean paradise. This is a place of upbeat welcomes, radiant seas, sandy beaches, golden palms, and thick gleaming rainforest – the quintessential island idyll. It's also a place where private gardens blossom, lilies and heliconias burst vibrantly out of the undergrowth, and species of orchid thrive in their thousands. This laid-back tour really does have something for everyone. Picture gazing across the sweeping vistas of Cherry Tree Hill, watching the lively resident monkeys of the Andromeda Botanical Garden and exploring the George Washington House, an important remnant of the island's plantation past. Join us as we escape the bustle of mainland life, and channel your inner castaway.

Day Enjoy access to the airport Executive lounge before we depart from London to Bridgetown and transfer to our hotel. (*IF, D*)

Day Our tour of Barbados begins at the **George** Washington House, where the young George and his ailing brother Lawrence resided for two months in 1751. Our next visit provides a most colourful and fragrant experience as we explore the **Tropical Gardens**, home to more than 20,000 orchids. (*B*, *L*)

**Day 3** Today we visit the **Andromeda Botanical Gardens**, which play an important part in horticultural research and education. Later, we discover **Hunte's Garden**, located in a gully in the centre of Barbados' rainforest. Thanks to such an interesting location, the garden offers a multi dimensional experience, with vigorous plants densely growing on many levels, from sunny and open spaces, down to a mysterious, dark heart of real Caribbean jungle. (*B*, *L*)

**Day 4** We explore **Harrison's Cave** this morning, a crystalline limestone cavern which lies in the centre of the island. We will also take a leisurely walk along the nature trail that has been created here. We continue with a visit to the **Flower Forest**, located in one of the most beautiful areas of Barbados and built on a former sugar plantation. (*B*, *L*) Day We explore the St. Nicholas Abbey

**5** Plantation, 400 acres of undulating sugar cane fields, lush tropical gullies, mahogany forests and formal gardens. We will also enjoy a scenic ride on the **heritage railway** that winds through the plantation. Later, we visit historic **Speightstown**, which dates back to 1630 and has a pleasing blend of colonial and modern architecture. (*B*, *L*)

**Day** Today is free to stroll along the beach, take a swim or perhaps venture further afield. Alternatively, join our **optional excursion**, a cruise aboard a **Catamaran yacht**. Relax on board watch the beautiful coastline of Barbados slip by, then drop anchor for a swim followed by a sumptuous Barbadian lunch. (*B*)

**Day 7** We explore the island's capital **Bridgetown** today, which was founded by English settlers in 1628. Historic Old Bridgetown and its Garrison is now inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There will also be free time for shopping. (*B*, *D*)

**Pay 8** Enjoy some time at leisure before we transfer to the airport for our return overnight flight to London. (*B*, *IF*)

Day We arrive in London.

**Inc. meals:** IF: In flight, B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

#### YOUR TOUR MANAGER DAVID HURRION

Join David as he explores the wonderful tropical gardens of Barbados.

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights' bed & breakfast at the 4-star Accra Beach Hotel, Barbados (or similar)
- Two dinners and four packed lunches
- Return flights from London to Bridgetown
- London pre-flight Executive lounge access
  Comfortable coach travel and all visits
- Services of an expert Tour Manager (horticulturalist David Hurrion in 2025\*)

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

3 - 11 Nov*	was <del>£3,595</del> now £3,245
5 - 13 Feb 2026	was <del>£3,695</del> now £3,345
Single Supplement Ocean View Suite Deluxe Ocean View Su	£795 from £210 lite from £840
Optional Excursion: Catamaran Cruise	£120

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#### FOUR-DAY BEACH EXTENSION FROM £445pp

Why not extend your holiday with a three-night stay at the 4-star Accra Beach Hotel (or similar) including breakfast and airport transfers giving you the chance to spend a few days at leisure.





### Gardens and Temples of Ancient Egypt

#### 12 DAYS from £4,795 NOW from £4,445

#### DEPARTURE POINT: London

Over the millennia, countless civilizations have come and gone, risen and fallen, turned from towering citadels to piles of rubble and ash. Not so Ancient Egypt. We will find ourselves face to face with one of the most recognisable and iconic monuments in the world - the Great Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza. That is just the start of our journey along the Nile, the mighty river that sustained one of the greatest civilizations ever seen. A highlight in Cairo is a visit to the newly opened Grand Egyptian Museum which displays never seen before artefacts and is now one of the largest museums in the world. We will also see the Step Pyramid, the Temple of Luxor and Karnak Temple, the Valley of the Kings, and Edfu Temple, one of the best-preserved shrines in Egypt. We also enjoy four nights aboard a Nile river cruise ship.

Day Enjoy access to the airport Executive lounge before we depart from London to **Cairo** and transfer to our hotel. (*IF, D*)

Day We visit Pharaonic Cairo, Saqqara, arguably the best-preserved ancient burial ground in Egypt before we discover The Great Pyramids & Sphinx of Giza. (B, L, D)

- Day Today, we visit the newly opened Grand Bgyptian Museum. We then visit the Al-Orman
- Garden. Later we visit Khan El-Khalili bazaar. (B, L, D)
- **Day** We head to the **Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor** for **4** a unique tour, *(B, L, D)*

Day This morning we enjoy a private half-day tour in Luxor on the East Bank and stop at One of the first stops must be the Temple of Luxor built by Amenophis III. We later transfer to our 5-star river vessel

Amenophis III. We later transfer to our 5-star river vessel and enjoy lunch on board. The afternoon is free to relax. Dinner tonight is followed by entertainment. (B, L, D) **Day** A full day visiting the **West Bank** today. Here we will

discover a variety of tombs starting with The Valley of the Kings. Some tombs can still be seen as we head towards the Temple of Seti I. The road winds westward until reaching the Valley of Asasif. We return to our river vessel for lunch, before cruising overnight to Esna. (B, L, D)

Day We begin with a tour of **Edfu Temple** - one of the best-preserved shrines in Egypt. After lunch we visit **Kom-Ombo Temple.** (*B*, *L*, *D*)

Day Today we cruise to Aswan where we begin with a private tour visiting the High Dam. We then

Inc. meals: IF: In flight, B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

to our hotel. (B, D)

proceed to visit **Philae Temple** on the tiny island of Philae. We return to our river vessel and after lunch take a **Felucca** around Aswan Islands then visit the Botanical gardens. Covering 6.8 hectares, the **Aswan Botanical Garden** is home to thousands of birds and many exotic plants imported from many parts of the world, offering a beautiful and unique escape from the city. Dinner on board tonight is followed by a Nubian Show. (*B*, *L*, *D*)

**Pay** This morning we have the opportunity of an optional excursion to **Abu Simbel** by air, a temple built by Ramesses II in ancient Nubia, where he wished to demonstrate his power and his divine nature. Four colossal (20 metres high) statues of him sit in pairs flanking the entrance. We continue to our hotel in Aswan and later enjoy a late afternoon tea at the historic **Old Cataract Hotel** where Agatha Christie wrote Death on the Nile. Delight in an authentic **High Tea** experience and revel in the stunning views overlooking the Nile and Elephantine Island. We return to our hotel for dinner. (*B*, *AT*, *D*)

Day Free time to relax before we transfer to Aswan airport for our flight to Cairo where we transfer

**Day 11** Today we head to **Alexandria** for a full but most enjoyable day exploring the **Catacombs of Kom EI-Shouqafa** and the **Roman Amphitheatre**. Afterwards we visit **Montazah Palace Gardens** which are located at the eastern edge of Alexandria on the north coast of Egypt. We return to Cairo for dinner at our hotel. (*B, L, D*) **Day Today** we transfer to Cairo airport for our return **12** flight to London. (*B, IF*)

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights' dinner, bed and breakfast: five nights at the 5-star Ramses Hilton in Cairo, one night at 5-star Jolie Ville Luxor, one night at 5-star Mövenpick Aswan (or similar)
- Four nights on a full board basis aboard a 5-star Nile Cruise
- ▶ Four lunches and one Afternoon Tea
- London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ► Return flights from London to Cairo
- ▶ Flights Cairo to Luxor and Aswan to Cairo
- Comfortable coach travel and all visits
- On arrival Tourist Visa Entry Fee
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

#### 6 - 17 Nov

5 - 16 Feb 2026

WAS £4,995 NOW £4,645 WAS £4,795 NOW £4,445

Single Supplement

Optional Excursion: Abu Simbel

from £1,295 from £475





Edfu Temple



### Spring Flowers of Namaqualand

15 DAYS from £5,295 NOW from £4,945 | TOUR MANAGER: Colin Crosbie

#### **DEPARTURE POINT: London**

Namaqualand, in South Africa's Northern Cape, is a place of rare and exquisite beauty, an unspoilt expanse of open spaces broken by ancient outcrops of granite - and a plant lover's delight. With an intensity dependent on the winter rains, come spring the barren ground bursts into a carpet of flowers, a vast tapestry of stunningly interwoven colour. In addition to this spectacular display our tour includes coastal and mountain fynbos, succulent plants, bulbs and orchids, proteas and heaths, a game drive, a chance to go whale watching and of course a vineyard!

We begin in Cape Town with visits to familiar destinations such as Kirstenbosch and Table Mountain, but as we head north we move into less well-known territory, through the homelands of the San people with their distinctive clicking language and on into Namaqualand. A series of visits will bring us into close contact with swathes of colourful flowers for a truly memorable experience.



#### YOUR TOUR MANAGER COLIN CROSBIE

Colin's extensive horticultural knowledge will considerably add to our experience when we return to the amazing floral landscapes of Namagualand.



#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- 12 nights' bed and breakfast basis: three at the 4-star Commodore Hotel, Cape Town; one night at the 3-star Saldanha Bay Hotel, Saldanha; three nights at the 3-star Letsatsi Lodge, Vanrhynsdorp; one night at the 3-star Clanwilliam Hotel, Clanwilliam; two nights at the 4-star De Zalze Lodge, Stellenbosch, two nights at the 3-star Windsor Hotel, Hermanus (or similar)
- Ten lunches and five dinners
- Return flights from London to Cape Town
- London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ► All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of horticulturalist Colin Crosbie as Tour Manager and local guide

#### DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

29 Aug - 12 Sep	was <del>£5,295</del> now £4,945
Single Supplement	£495
Optional Excursions: Whale watching Robben Island	£90 £40