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A season of transformation, autumn is always a lovely time to travel thanks to its mild temperatures, wonderfully slower pace, fewer crowds and the stunning colours of warm yellows, rusty oranges and fiery reds. The light is different too – there is something special about admiring iconic sites and beautiful gardens in the longer shadows and golden glow of September onwards.

With that in mind, we have put together a delightful collection of tours to make the most of autumn this year. Spanning destinations across the UK, Europe and beyond, these holidays feature some of the most stunning gardens at a time of breathtaking beauty, along with steam railway journeys, wild coastlines, historic treasures and world-class art.

If you would prefer to holiday closer to home, we have options across scenic Scotland, or The King's glorious Highgrove Gardens which are a delight during the autumnal months. Elsewhere, bask in the warmth of Marrakech, discover ancient treasures in Cyprus or embark on a long-haul adventure to discover the natural wonders of California.

With over 30 years of experience, expertly designed itineraries, hand-selected accommodation, comfortable travel, knowledgeable guides and exclusive access to private gardens, you're guaranteed a unique holiday to savour wherever you decide on. Plus, keep an eye out for a selection of our tours that now offer local flights, making it even easier to join your Brightwater holiday!

I do hope you enjoy browsing this collection and we look forward to sharing the delights of autumn with you.

Best wishes.

Alison Wilson

Managing Director







A UMGUE holiday experience



Choose to travel with Brightwater Holidays and you can expect a unique holiday experience. From expertly designed tours and itineraries, comfortable hand-selected accommodation, exclusive access and visits to private gardens and comfortable travel, we make sure that all your needs are taken care of so you can sit back and enjoy your holiday from the moment you join.

Award-winning service, backed by over 1,400 guest reviews!

At Brightwater Holidays, delivering exceptional experiences is at the heart of everything we do. That's why we're proud to have earned Feefo's Trusted Service Award — a distinction based entirely on real feedback from our travellers.

So much included

Enjoy exceptional value, with your accommodation, travel and excursions to must-see highlights and hidden gems all included in the price of your holiday. Many holidays have a selection of meals included, just look out for the details on each individual holiday.

- Great value for money with coach travel, visits, accommodation and most evening meals included
- Over 30 years of tour experience and knowledge
- ✓ Unique and innovative itineraries
- ✓ Behind the scenes access to private gardens

- √ No hidden extras
- Knowledgeable and welcoming Tour Managers
- ✓ Professionally recognised partnerships
- ✓ Welcoming, friendly service from first contact
- Enjoy peace of mind with financial protection

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Highgrove and the Cotswolds

4 DAYS from £945 | PICK-UP POINTS: London, Reading, Swindon, Bristol

Our tour of the Cotswolds features an exclusive visit to Highgrove House, the country home of His Majesty The King. This will be a rare opportunity to see these fascinating gardens, which, of course, are cultivated using wholly organic methods.

Some of the finest gardens in England are to be found nestled among the green and rolling hills of Gloucestershire. Our tour begins at the Arts and Crafts house of Rodmarton Manor, whose fine garden comprises a series of 'outdoor rooms'. Hidcote Manor's contrasting garden rooms are one of the most impressive sights in England and Kiftsgate's splendid views are justly famous. We also visit Painswick Rococo Garden, a recreation of a pleasure ground from the early 18th century and finally Westonbirt, the National Arboretum.

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YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ► Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at a comfortable hotel in the Cotswolds
- ▶ Lunch at Highgrove
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

25 - 28 Sep	£945
Single Supplement	£195



Gardens of Dumfries and Galloway

4 DAYS from £895 | TOUR MANAGER: Colin Crosbie

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

In the south-western corner of Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway is home to some of the country's most attractive gardens. The artistic highlight of our tour is undoubtedly Dumfries House, actually in Ayrshire and which King Charles helped to save. One of the Adam Brothers' finest achievements, the stunning interiors showcase a unique collection of Chippendale furniture, while the walled garden is one of the most exciting new garden developments in all of Scotland.

We see something rather different at Broughton House – an artist's garden at the restored former home of 'Glasgow Boy' E. A. Hornel, which shows the influence of his time in Japan and is always full of colour. Further highlights include Drumlanrig Castle, one of the most important Renaissance buildings in Scotland, and Crawick Multiverse, a gem hidden among the rolling hills of Dumfriesshire.

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4-star Cairndale Hotel
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ► Services of an expert tour manager

14 - 17 Sep	£895
Single Supplement	£195



Highlights of Orkney & Shetland

6 DAYS from £1,845



Sail away to lands steeped in history, wildlife and stunning scenery - the Orkney and Shetland isles. Many people have landed there before us, some as early as 3000 BC. Most famous of all were the Vikings, but they were not alone and all around you historical treasures can be found. Both Orkney and Shetland have their own identities - Orkney is green and fertile, while Shetland has rugged cliff and sea loch landscapes. However, both share a colourful history of Picts, Norsemen, ancient antiquities and seafaring legends bound together with an independent spirit that sets them apart from the rest of Scotland. We sail with Serco Northlink Ferries aboard their modern, purpose-built vessels overnight from Aberdeen to Lerwick, and then there are two full days to tour Shetland.

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- One night's dinner, bed and breakfast at the Scalloway Hotel, Shetland (or similar) and three nights' bed and breakfast (plus two dinners) at the Kirkwall or Shore Hotel, Orkney
- All ferry crossings, including one night's accommodation in two-berth inside cabins on Serco Northlink Ferries MV Hrossey/Hjaltland on the outward sailing
- ▶ One breakfast and two dinners on board ship
- ► Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

3 - 8 Sep	£1,845
29 Sep - 4 Oct	£1,845
Single Supplement	£450
Outside Cabin Supplement	£55



This exciting grand tour has proven very popular and takes in all the beauty and diversity of the special Outer Hebrides, with ten different islands and four ferry trips included. Two comfortable hotels ensure that this holiday is as relaxing as possible, with highlights including the unique airport at Cockleshell Beach, 5,000-year-old standing stones, the turquoise sea of Vatersay and the tranquil location of the Norse Mill at Shawbost.

A Grand Tour of the Outer Hebrides

5 DAYS from £1,195

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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights' dinner, bed & breakfast: two nights at the Dark Island Hotel, Benbecula and two nights at the Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway (one dinner and one breakfast served on board the ferry)
- ► Comfortable coach travel and all ferry crossings
- ► Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

6 - 10 Oct **£1,195**Single Supplement **£200**



Breathtaking coastal views and landscapes await on this break. Standing on the northern edge of mainland Britain, you will be moved to reflect on the awesome, unstoppable power of the sea and the equally indomitable strength of the ancient rock beneath your feet, the two locked together in a never-ending battle. Look forward to discovering the famous Stacks of Duncansby, the Castle of Mey and the magical Smoo Cave, amongst other gems.

Scotland's Northern Edge featuring the North Coast 500

5 DAYS from £1,195

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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Four nights' dinner, bed & breakfast: two nights at the Station Hotel, Thurso (or similar) and two nights at the 3-star Kinlochbervie Hotel
- ► Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

21 - 25 Sep		£1,195	
	Single Supplement	£120	



A Classic Scottish Steam Break

4 DAYS from £825



Steam locomotion has an enduring fascination for many of us and combined with the wonderful scenery of Scotland it becomes utterly irresistible. The Jacobite steam train, from Fort William to Mallaig, is one of the longest steam-hauled rail journeys available in Britain today, an 84-mile round trip through some spectacular scenery that also includes the 21-arch Glenfinnan Viaduct. We also enjoy a taste of steam as we cruise aboard the newly restored SS Sir Walter Scott on the calm waters of Loch Katrine amid the spectacular scenery of the Trossachs. There are two more boat trips to enjoy as we cruise on Loch Lomond, with tales of Rob Roy MacGregor and other local legends, and take a ride on the Falkirk Wheel, the world's first rotating boat lift and a modern engineering marvel. Back on dry land we visit historic Inveraray Castle, home to the Dukes of Argyll, set in beautiful grounds on the shore of Loch Fyne.

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ► Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at a comfortable 3-star hotel
- ► Comfortable coach and standard class rail travel on the Jacobite steam train
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

10 - 13 Oct	£825
Single Supplement	£90



Scenic Scottish Railways

4 DAYS from £895

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

The north of Scotland is blessed with some wonderfully scenic railway lines. The challenge of building railways through difficult terrain was taken up by the great engineers of the Victorian age. Their legacy is in the sweeping curves and majestic viaducts of the single track lines which cross wild moors and lonely glens. Highlights on this short break include a visit to the much-photographed Eilean Donan Castle, a ride aboard the Jacobite steam train that takes us over the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct and a visit to Boat of Garten on the Strathspey Line, which you may recognise from the BBC series, Monarch of the Glen.

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ► Three nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the Carrbridge Hotel, Carrbridge (or similar)
- Comfortable coach and standard class rail travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

24 - 27 Sep	£945
15 - 18 Oct	£895
Single Supplement	£120



Rome, Ninfa and Castel Gandolfo

4 DAYS from £1,695 | DEPARTURE POINT: London

Open by special arrangement, we are delighted to offer this rare opportunity to visit the ancient and beautiful gardens of Ninfa. 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.

The romantic flower-covered ruins at Ninfa, just to the south of Rome, 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. Castel Gandolfo is the papal residence to the south of Rome, whose gardens the late Pope Francis only recently ordered should be opened to the public. The view from the balcony overlooking the Giardino del Belvedere, with its strict geometric parterres, edged by towering cypresses and umbrella pines, is a sight that will stay long in the memory.

The Villa Lante is a study in geometry and symmetry dating back to the 16th century, with many water features including a huge, balustraded water fountain which is a superb example of late Renaissance style. The 16th century gardens at Villa D'Este, romantically overgrown with tall pines, evergreen oaks and cedars, are renowned for their use of water and the garden seems to be full of sparkling spray.

We shall also visit Viterbo, a medieval walled town which in its heyday rivalled Rome itself.

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ► Three nights' bed & breakfast at a 4-star hotel in Rome
- ▶ Dinner and welcome drink on the first evening
- ▶ Return flights from London to Rome
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2 - 5 Sep	£1,695
Single Supplement	£420

EXTRA DATE ADDED DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND



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.

Gardens of Marrakech

5 DAYS from £1,895



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
- Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

20 - 24 Oct		£1,895	
	Single Supplement	£400	



Over the centuries, Japanese gardens have evolved into an idealised reflection of the natural landscape through the careful use of stone and water features, trees, plants and moss. They are places of exquisite beauty, with autumn and spring foliage particularly highly prized. From Kyoto we travel by Bullet Train to Tokyo and, as well as gardens, we also include a range of other excursions reflecting the unique culture of this special country.

Seasonal Gardens of Japan

14 DAYS from £6,895



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 (or similar)
- Dinner and welcome drink on first evening, a dinner with a maiko, three lunches and a farewell dinner
- ► Flights from London to Osaka, returning from Tokyo
- Services of an expert tour manager and local guides

2 - 14 Nov	£6,895
Single Supplement	£1,250
Optional Excursion: Hiroshima	On request



Archaeology of Denmark & Sweden

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8 DAYS from £2,995

DEPARTURE POINT: London

The neighbouring Nordic nations of Sweden and Denmark offer a host of archaeological and historical sites, from Neolithic megaliths to Viking forts, from fairytale castles to a magnificent royal warship. We visit the archaeological sites at Gamla Uppsala, Anundshög and Baroque Skokloster Castle, and the excellent Historical Museum and impressive Vasa Museum. A relaxing rail journey takes us to Malmö in the south of Sweden, where we tour the Österlen region before crossing the Öresund Bridge to Copenhagen. We have a day in the Danish capital, including Rosenborg Castle, then transfer to Aarhus in mainland Denmark, where we visit the Moesgård Viking Museum and the Viking Castle at Fyrkat.

YOUR TOUR MANAGER CLIVE WARSOP

Join Clive as he discovers the historical wonders of Denmark and Sweden: one of his most popular tours.



YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights' bed & breakfast in 3- and 4-star hotels: two nights Uppsala, one night Malmö, two nights Copenhagen and two nights Aarhus
- ▶ Three dinners and one light meal on board the train
- ► Flights from London to Stockholm and Copenhagen to London
- ▶ Standard class rail journey from Stockholm to Malmö
- ► Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of Clive Warsop as tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

17 - 24 Sep **£2,995**Single Supplement **£495**



A gem in the Flanders region of Belgium,
Antwerp is home to thousands of paintings
by the Old Masters, housed in some of the
most famous museums in the world. Our
tour explores some of city's wonderful
architecture and we are also joined by
expert local guides as they take us through
the notable art collections at KMSKA

Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Snijders
& Rockox Huis and the Plantin-Moretus

Museum.

The Art & Architecture of Antwerp

5 DAYS from £1.395

DEPARTURE POINT:
London St Pancras International

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Four nights' bed and breakfast at the 4-star Mercure Antwerp (or similar)
- ▶ Two dinners
- Return Eurostar from London to Brussels and onwards rail to Antwerp
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

9 - 13 Oct

£1,395

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



The Mediterranean Island of Cyprus has a rich past, with research showing that the earliest occupation of the island stretches back 10,000 years. Among the highlights are three UNESCO World Heritage sites, Khirokitia and the Archaeological Park and Tomb of the Kings at Paphos, along with a host of other fascinating sites, including the spot where the newborn goddess Aphrodite came ashore in her shell, a popular subject for classical painters.

The Archaeology of Ancient Cyprus

8 DAYS from £1,995

DEPARTURE POINT: London

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights' bed and breakfast: four nights at the 4-star Mediterranean Hotel, Limassol and three nights at the 4-star Mayfair Hotel Paphos (or similar)
- Two dinners and two lunches at local restaurants with wine
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert tour manager and local guides

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

5 - 12 Nov £1,995

Single Supplement £325

Four-Day Paphos Extension from £175



California – In the footsteps of John Muir

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15 DAYS from £6,995



A paradise on the Pacific, California's monumental landscapes are a delight for the senses, from the ocean and mountains to mighty redwood forests and barren sweeps of deserts. Our unique tour starts in the San Francisco district, moves to Yosemite (which so entranced the young Scotsman John Muir in 1868), comes back to Monterey and follows the coastal route down to Santa Barbara. We feature a combination of famous botanical gems such as those of Berkeley University, Santa Barbara, Strybing and Huntington and private gardens such as Filoli with its beautifully preserved Georgian revival house and Lotusland, for many the outstanding garden of this tour. Led by the Curator of Tresco's Abbey Gardens and expert horticulturalist Mike Nelham, this Golden State itinerary promises to stay with you forever.

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.



YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ 13 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, three 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
- ▶ Services of horticulturalist Mike Nelhams as tour

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

23 Sep - 7 Oct	£6,995
Single Supplement	£1,895
Optional Excursion: Alcatraz	£60



Iceland Northern Lights

5 DAYS from £2,495

DEPARTURE POINT: London

Seeing the Northern Lights is a bucket list item for many of us, but aurora borealis aside, Iceland offers a host of attractions, quite unlike anywhere else in the world. From geothermal dips to moonlit trips, this tour is a Who's Who of once-in-a-lifetime experiences. It may be the focus of our tour, but the aurora borealis is only one of the many natural wonders present in Iceland. It's unlikely you'll find another country with such extensive otherworldly appeal: lunar lavaformed landscapes, thunderous waterfalls, moody geysers and glistening glaciers — and those are just the geological bits!

Our tour is split between Reykjavík, the world's most northerly capital, and the southern town of Hella, to maximise our chances of seeing the aurora. Bucket list at the ready...

YOUR TOUR MANAGER ALASTAIR WALKER

Alastair's knowledge is wideranging, and he is looking forward to sharing the delights of Iceland.



YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ► Four nights' dinner, bed & breakfast: two nights at the Stracta Hotel, Hella and two nights at the Grand Hotel Reykjavík
- One lunch
- Return flights London to Keflavík
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of Alastair Walker as tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

9 - 13 Nov

£2.495 £395

Single Supplement

*The Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon and therefore unpredictable. The order of the itinerary may be changed to accommodate the best viewing conditions but no guarantees of seeing the lights can be given.

There's even more to discover this autumn...

If our featured selection has sparked your interest, there's even more to explore. Below you'll find a range of additional Brightwater Holidays departures running from September to November 2025 - from golden gardens to cultural journeys and scenic escapes, discover where this autumn could take you...

September

Depart: 7 - 10

Ancient Stones of the Outer Heb	
Depart: 2 - 6	£1,595
Gardens of Jersey Depart: 3 - 7	£1,795
History and Culture of the Czech Depart: 3 - 1	Republic £2,395
Mull, Staffa and Iona Depart: 6 - 9	£1,595
Scenic Journeys of the Highlands Depart: 7 - 13	and Islands £1,995
Architecture & Gardens of Andal Depart: 8 - 15	ucía £2,095
Historic Houses of the Scottish Bo Depart: 10 - 13	orders £1,095
Gardens and Wildlife of Western Depart: 12 - 21	Canada £5,695
Gardens of Guernsey and Sark Depart: 12 - 16	£1,895
Arran, Scotland in Miniature Depart: 13 - 17	£1,395
Highlights of Northumberland Depart: 14 - 18	£1,195
Palladian Villas of Veneto Depart: 16 - 20	£2,145
Knitting in Shetland Depart: 18 - 23	£1,795
Villas and Gardens of the Italian L Depart: 24 - 1 Oct	_akes £2,895
Scenic Scottish Railways Depart: 24 - 27	£945
Private Gardens of Northern Irela Depart: 24 - 27	and £1,095
October	
White Cities of Puglia Depart: 1 - 8	£2,395
Scotland's Extreme North West	5.405

October

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Crete Archaeology Depart: 7 - 14	£2,195
Albanian Archaeology	
Depart: 7 - 14	£1,995
Highgrove and Autumn Tints of the Cot Depart: 9 - 12	swolds £895
The Architecture of Glasgow and Edinb Depart: 10 - 13	urgh £895
The Mary Rose - A Tudor Tale Depart: 10 - 13	£945
Autumn Gardens of Devon Depart: 13 - 16	£795
Autumn Tints of Arran Depart: 15 - 18	£995
Gardens and Architecture of Mallorca Depart: 15 - 20	£1,795
Brazil's Gardens and Natural Wonders Depart: 18 - 3 Nov	£9,995
Scotland's Extreme North West Depart: 21 - 24	£695
Autumn Tints of Dumfries and Galloway Depart: 26 - 29	£845
November	
Gardens of Barbados Depart: 3 - 11	£3,595
Malta's Archaeological Heritage Depart: 4 - 10	£1,795
A Cultural Tour of Malta Depart: 4 - 8	£1,295
Gardens and Temples of Ancient Egypt Depart: 6 - 17	£4,995
Gardens of Mauritius Depart: 12 - 23	£4,295
Gardens of Madeira Depart: 24 - 1 Dec	£1,995

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