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Warmest regards,

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Managing Director



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LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Spring Gardens of Cornwall

Lost Gardens of Heligan

Cornwall's gardens are globally celebrated and our tour features some of the finest. Spring arrives early, with rhododendrons, magnolias, and camellias blossoming at Trebah and Glendurgan. Explore the award-winning Lost Gardens of Heligan and the transformative Eden Project. National Trust gems Knightshayes Court and Killerton complete the journey.

Key Highlights

- Gothic Revival style at Knightshayes Court
- The continually evolving marvel that is the Eden Project
- Masses of rhododendrons in full flower
- Negotiating the hedge maze at Glendurgan

4 DAYS from £745 £645 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £150

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

 **DEPARTURE:** 26 - 29 Mar



Great Gardens of Cornwall in the Company of Mike Nelhams

Tresco

Explore Cornwall's finest gardens with Mike Nelhams of Tresco Abbey Gardens. Meet visionaries like Sir Tim Smit and Charles Williams as we visit Heligan, Eden, Caerhays and Tresco. A rich mix of horticulture, hospitality and Cornish character – all from our Truro base.

Key Highlights

- Tour of Heligan with a member of the gardening team
- Private visit to the Tregothnan Estate and Tea Plantation
- Day trip to Abbey Gardens and personally conducted tour with Curator Mike Nelhams

5 DAYS from £2,195 £2,095 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £295

 **DEPARTURE POINT:** London Paddington

 **DEPARTURES:** 31 Mar - 4 Apr, 14 - 18 Apr



© Mary Rose

Step back into Tudor England on a journey through Henry VIII's world. From Hampton Court and Anne of Cleves' house to the Mary Rose Museum in Portsmouth, discover royal intrigue and maritime history before ending at Hever Castle, childhood home of Anne Boleyn.

Key Highlights

- Walk in Henry VIII's footsteps at Hampton Court Palace
- Exclusive Mary Rose talk & guided tour with Tudor artefacts
- Explore Anne of Cleves' House & historic Arundel Castle
- Discover Anne Boleyn's childhood home at Hever Castle

4 DAYS from ~~£895~~ £795 | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

PICK-UP POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 31 Mar - 3 Apr



Forde Abbey

In spring, gardens enchant us with warmth, blossoms, and buzzing bees. Devon's landscapes and plants offer paradise: tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and cherry blossoms. Over five days, we uncover serene gems like Fast Rabbit Farm and Forde Abbey.

Key Highlights

- Explore the magical gardens of Forde Abbey
- Enjoy a visit to RHS partner garden Dartington Hall & RHS Rosemoor
- Visit Greenway House, the beloved holiday home of Agatha Christie
- Discover Burrow Farm Garden - East Devon's best-kept secret

5 DAYS from ~~£895~~ £795 | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

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

DEPARTURE: 6 - 10 Apr & 23 - 27 Apr



Hever Castle

Discover the rich history, horticultural splendour and timeless elegance of Kent and beyond on this inspiring garden tour. From the romantic towers of Leeds Castle to the exquisite planting schemes of Doddington Place Gardens and Mount Ephraim, each day brings a new showcase of design and heritage. We enjoy exclusive experiences, including a private garden tour and wine tasting at Yotes Court and a guided visit with the Head Gardener at historic Hever Castle. A full day at the world-famous RHS Chelsea Flower Show adds a burst of colour and creativity, while the wild beauty of Wakehurst provides the perfect finale.



RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2025

Key Highlights

- Admire the floral artistry of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- Explore the historic beauty of Hever Castle & Gardens
- Enjoy a wine tasting at Yotes Court Vineyard
- Discover the romantic setting of Leeds Castle

7 DAYS from ~~£1,895~~ £1,795
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £350

PICK-UP POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 16 - 22 May

- Six nights dinner bed & breakfast; 3 nights at a comfortable hotel in Kent; 3 nights at the Crowne Plaza Felbridge Hotel
- One light lunch and one cream tea
- Full-day ticket for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert tour manager

NEW
TOUR

Gardens of Southern England and The RHS Chelsea Flower Show



RHS Rosemoor

This exceptional springtime tour combines the vibrancy of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show with visits to Southern England's most enchanting gardens. Travelling through Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Hampshire, Surrey, and Kent, we explore both hidden treasures and world-famous sites. Highlights include an early visit to Sissinghurst, a guided tour of Hestercombe Gardens by Gertrude Jekyll and Sir Edwin Lutyens, and an extended exploration of RHS Garden Wisley with its extraordinary plant collections. Expect a feast for the senses: contemporary sculptures, imaginative design, medieval layouts, Japanese-inspired features, tranquil lakes, sub-tropical foliage, and brilliant seasonal displays of azaleas, peonies, wisteria, and rhododendrons.



West Green House

Key Highlights

- 🌿 Spend the day at the Great British gardening event of the year, The Chelsea Flower Show
- 🌿 Enjoy lunch and an extended visit to the ornamental and experimental gardens of RHS Wisley
- 🌿 Experience an 'early-bird' visit to the world-renowned courtyard gardens of Sissinghurst Castle

12 DAYS from ~~£2,995~~ £2,895
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £595

🚌 PICK-UP POINT: London

📅 DEPARTURE: 13 - 24 May

- ▶ 11 nights dinner, bed & breakfast: 3 nights at the Penmorvah Manor Hotel, near Falmouth, 2 nights at the Headland Hotel, Torquay, 3 nights at the Walnut Tree, South Petherton & 3 nights at the Holiday Inn, Farnborough (or similar)
- ▶ Lunch at RHS Wisley
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Full-day ticket for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

LOW SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT

RHS Garden Bridgewater and Gardens of the North West

The Paradise Garden © RHS Neil Hepworth

Opened in 2021, RHS Garden Bridgewater is Europe's largest gardening project, transforming a historic site into a world-class showcase of horticulture, heritage, and community. Designed by Chelsea Gold Medalist Tom Stuart-Smith, it features vast walled gardens, landscaped grounds, and living collections. The tour continues through the North West's horticultural gems, including Trentham Estate, Dunham Massey, Tatton Park, and Arley Hall, where Italianate designs, Edwardian charm, and magnificent herbaceous borders celebrate England's enduring passion for garden artistry.



Arley Hall

Key Highlights

- 🌿 Special visit to RHS Garden Bridgewater, the newest addition to the RHS stable
- 🌿 Italian style at Trentham Estate
- 🌿 Special access to a privately-owned garden
- 🌿 Dunham Massey and Tatton Park, two of the foremost gardens in Cheshire
- 🌿 Arley Hall's famous double herbaceous borders

4 DAYS from ~~£745~~ £645
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £120

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

📅 DEPARTURE: 23 - 26 May

- ▶ Three nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the 4-star BW Pinewood Hotel in Wilmslow
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

NEW
TOUR

Secrets of County Durham and North Yorkshire with Nicholas Merchant

LOW SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT

Delve into some of the hidden treasures of County Durham in the company of Nicholas Merchant, an expert lecturer on Decorative and Fine Arts. Set in picturesque countryside, this quiet corner of northern England is home to a collection of lesser known, yet equally fascinating, country houses and historical buildings packed with fine furnishings and fascinating art collections.

Highlights of this tour include a guided tour at Ushaw College and an opportunity to meet the library Curator and see up close some of the delicate artefacts housed in the collections here, a guided tour of Hovingham Hall, a visit to Raby Castle and to the Bowes Museum, home to "The Curiosity Project," shortlisted for Permanent Exhibition of Year at the Museum & Heritage awards.



Raby Castle

Key Highlights

- A guided tour at Ushaw and an opportunity to meet the curator
- A guided tour of Hovingham Hall
- The fine art and furnishing collection of Rokeby Park
- The extensive collection at the Bowes Museum

5 DAYS from ~~£1,295~~ £1,195
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £150

DEPARTURE POINT: London Kings Cross

DEPARTURE: 24 - 28 May

- Four nights dinner, bed & breakfast (with wine) at the 4-star Mercure Darlington Kings Hotel
- Return standard rail travel from London to Darlington (regional connections can be arranged and upgrades are also available at a supplement; £100pp reduction for no rail travel)
- One Lunch
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of expert lecturer Nicholas Merchant as tour manager

NEW
TOUR

Hidden Gardens of the Cotswolds and the RHS Chelsea Flower Show

Highnam Court

Explore the Cotswolds' enchanting gardens and the grandeur of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show on this inspiring tour. Discover historic estates, creative designs, and tranquil landscapes that define the region, while gaining exclusive insight into the world's most celebrated horticultural event—a true delight for garden and nature lovers.

Key Highlights

- A full-day visit to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- Rousham House Gardens, one of the most exquisite examples of 18th-century landscape design in England
- An exclusive visit Highnam Court Garden, a stunning example of Victorian landscape architecture

7 DAYS from ~~£1,895~~ £1,795 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £295

PICK-UP POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 20 - 26 May

Highgrove and the Cotswolds

Highgrove ©Robert Smith

Discover the Cotswolds' finest gardens, including an exclusive visit to Highgrove House, His Majesty The King's organic estate. Explore Rodmorton Manor's Arts and Crafts gardens, the iconic garden rooms of Hidcote and Kiftsgate, the 18th-century Painswick Rococo Garden, and Westonbirt Arboretum's remarkable collection of trees and seasonal colour.

Key Highlights

- Weaving through the magical meadows of Highgrove and enjoy lunch in the Orchard room overlooking the Orchard Terrace
- Discovering the secret gardens at Hidcote
- The woodland walks and well-planned vistas at Painswick Rococo Garden

4 DAYS from ~~£995~~ £895 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £195

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

DEPARTURE: 29 May - 1 Jun



LOW SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT

The rugged north-west coast of Scotland transforms into a majestic spectacle in early spring. Towering Atlantic waves crash against the shore, showcasing raw natural power. From our Kinlochbervie base, we explore treasures like Oldshoremore beach and Smoo Cave, while our evenings promise fine food, camaraderie and fireside drams.

- Key Highlights*
- The spectacle of the Suilven Mountain
 - Officially the best hot chocolate in the world at Cocoa Mountain
 - White sands of Oldshoremore

4 DAYS from ~~£695~~ £595 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £150

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

DEPARTURES: 12 - 15 Mar, 17 - 20 Mar, 7 - 10 Apr, 17 - 20 Apr



LOW SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT

On Scotland's northern edge, where ancient rock meets restless sea, views are spectacular. Dunnet Head, the mainland's most northerly point, offers vast sea vistas, as do Duncansby Head's cliffs. Following the North Coast 500, explore stunning beaches, historic castles, and the Northern Highlands' landscapes, including the Castle of Mey and Smoo Cave.

- Key Highlights*
- The famous Stacks of Duncansby Head
 - Journey's End signpost at John O'Groats
 - Summer gardens at the Castle of Mey

5 DAYS from ~~£1,245~~ £1,145 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £120

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

DEPARTURES: 5 - 9 May



NO/LOW SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT

Experience the romance of steam and Scotland's breathtaking scenery aboard the Jacobite train from Fort William to Mallaig, crossing the Glenfinnan Viaduct. Cruise Loch Katrine on the SS Sir Walter Scott, enjoy boat trips on Loch Lomond and the Falkirk Wheel, and visit historic Inveraray Castle beside tranquil Loch Fyne.

- Key Highlights*
- Enjoy a journey on the Falkirk Wheel boat lift
 - Stunning views from the Jacobite steam train
 - A captivating sailing on Loch Katrine on the steamship Sir Walter Scott

4 DAYS from ~~£795~~ £695 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £90

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

DEPARTURES: 23 - 26 Apr (No Single Supplement) & 7 - 10 May



LOW SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT

Discover Scotland's dramatic northern railways, masterpieces of Victorian engineering crossing wild moors and majestic viaducts. Journey aboard the Jacobite steam train over the famous Glenfinnan Viaduct, visit the picturesque Eilean Donan Castle, and stop at Boat of Garten on the scenic Strathspey Line, famed from *Monarch of the Glen*.

- Key Highlights*
- Iconic views over Loch Shiel from the Glenfinnan Viaduct
 - Eilean Donan situated on an island where three lochs meet
 - Scenic banks of the Beauly Firth

4 DAYS from ~~£995~~ £895 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £150

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

DEPARTURES: 27 - 30 May



Lerwick

Fly north to the wild beauty of the Orkney and Shetland Isles on this five-day adventure. Discover ancient sites, Viking heritage, remarkable wildlife, and breathtaking scenery far from the crowds. Experience summer's magical 'Simmer Dim,' when Shetland's endless twilight bathes the islands in ethereal northern light.

Key Highlights

- Mousa Broch – the best preserved Iron Age tower in existence
- The multi-period settlement of Jarlshof
- Neolithic Orkney – a UNESCO World Heritage Centre

5 DAYS from ~~£2,195~~ £2,095 | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT** £295

DEPARTURE POINTS: Aberdeen or Edinburgh

DEPARTURES: 12 - 16 May



St Ninian's Isle

Sail to the captivating Orkney and Shetland Isles, rich in history, wildlife, and dramatic scenery. Journey overnight from Aberdeen to Lerwick and on to Kirkwall, exploring Norse heritage, Pictish relics, and ancient sites across rugged cliffs and fertile shores, where seafaring legends and island spirit endure.

Key Highlights

- Neolithic Orkney – a UNESCO World Heritage Centre
- Spectacular sea cliffs at Eshaness
- The Churchill Barriers and Italian Chapel, poignant reminders of more recent history

6 DAYS from ~~£1,895~~ £1,795 | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT** £495

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

DEPARTURES: 18 - 23 May



Jarlshof

Uncover 5,000 years of history on the Orkney and Shetland Isles, where remarkable archaeological sites span from prehistoric brochs to Viking settlements. Visit Mousa, Jarlshof, St Ninian's Isle, Orkney's Maeshowe, Skara Brae, and the stone circles of Stenness and Brodgar before concluding with dramatic Dunnottar Castle's clifftop ruins.

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6 DAYS from ~~£1,895~~ £1,795 | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT** £495

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

DEPARTURES: 11 - 16 Apr



Kelvingrove

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Reopened in March 2022 after refurbishment, Glasgow's Burrell Collection offers access to all three floors, showcasing treasures like ancient Chinese porcelain, French paintings, and medieval artefacts. We'll also explore the Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Hunterian, Gallery of Modern Art, Holmwood House, and House for an Art Lover.

Key Highlights

- Explore the newly refurbished Burrell Collection
- Visit Scotland's oldest public museum
- Discover one delight after another at Kelvingrove

4 DAYS from ~~£795~~ £695 | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

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

DEPARTURES: 13 - 16 Mar



BESTSELLER

A Grand Tour of the Outer Hebrides

Luskentyre

Our best-selling grand tour takes in all the beauty and diversity of the Outer Hebrides. Numerous islands and travel by local ferry offers great variety and the sense of a true journey of discovery which will live long in the memory.

Our odyssey begins as we travel north via the Highlands to Ullapool and take the ferry to Stornoway. A captivating journey follows as we travel through the magnificent mountain scenery of Harris, the rolling moorland of Lewis, visiting the Standing Stones of Callanish*, the tranquil little Norse Mill and the distinctive Black Houses at Gearannan.

From here we take the ferry to North Uist and cross the causeway to the Isle of Benbecula the 'stepping stone' between the Uists, before visiting the islands of Eriskay, Vatersay and Barra.

(*the main Callanish site will be closed until early 2026 and we will visit the nearby smaller circles instead if Calanais I has not reopened)

Key Highlights

The unique airport at Cockleshell Beach

5,000 year old standing stones

The tranquil location of the Norse Mill at Shawbost

Four scenic ferry crossings

Day 1 We depart from our pick-up points, stopping en-route for refreshments, before continuing to Ullapool in time for the early evening Caledonian MacBrayne ferry to Stornoway. On arrival in Lewis, we transfer to our comfortable hotel in Stornoway. (D)

Day 2 After breakfast, we head to the west coast of Lewis to visit **Calanais II**, an impressive site of five standing stones and two fallen stones forming an oval nearly 20 metres across. Inside lies a low round cairn, probably containing a burial chamber, and traces of upright wooden posts have been found. Please note that the primary Calanais I site is closed for redevelopment until Spring 2026; should it reopen, we will visit that instead.

Next, we visit the **Black Houses** at **Gearannan**, a crofting settlement typical of the Western Isles, where lunch is available *(not included)*. Our final stop is the **Norse Mill** at **Shawbost**, a reconstructed Viking-style grain mill. A short walk past a small lochan leads to two restored thatched buildings with ocean views. We return to our hotel for dinner. (B,D)

Day 3 After breakfast, we check out and travel south to **Harris**, a more mountainous island, enjoying magnificent coastal and mountain vistas along the way, including Taransay and beaches at Horgabost, Borve, and Scarasta. At the southern tip of Harris, we visit **St Clement's Church** at Rodel, built in the 16th century by Alasdair Crotach, whose tombs are among Scotland's most spectacular.

From Leverburgh, we take the ferry to Berneray on North Uist and continue across causeways to Benbecula, keeping a lookout for otters. We check in to our comfortable hotel for the evening, where dinner will be served. (B,D)

Day 4 Following breakfast, we travel to **Barra** via **Eriskay**, a small island with the sandy Prince Charlie's Bay, where Bonnie Prince Charlie landed in 1745. From Eriskay, we take the mid-morning ferry to Barra for a tour. Kisimul Castle is currently closed but visible from the shore.

We visit **Cockleshell Beach**, a tidal runway, and see the former home of Sir Compton Mackenzie, author of Whisky Galore, along with his grave and St Barr's Chapel. A causeway links us to **Vatersay**, filming location of the classic Whisky Galore, where we also see a Catalina crash memorial and the Annie Jane shipwreck monument. The island's fertile machair showcases hundreds of wildflower species. We return to our hotel for dinner. (B,D)

Day 5 After breakfast, we check out and take the Caledonian MacBrayne ferry from Lochmaddy to Uig. Skye, with breakfast served on board. From Skye, we continue homeward, arriving at our original pick-up points in the evening. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, D: Dinner

5 DAYS from ~~£1,295~~ £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 *(breakfast served on board the ferry on day 5)*

► Comfortable coach travel and all ferry crossings

► Services of an expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON STORNOWAY TO BENBECULA

24 - 28 Apr	£1,295	£1,195
Single Supplement		£200

6 DAY PACKAGE OPTION

10 - 15 May	£1,695	£1,595
Single Supplement		£250

7 DAY PACKAGE OPTION

30 May - 5 Jun	£1,895	£1,795
Single Supplement		£300



Boarding the ferry at Troon, Goat Fell's silhouette rises from the Firth of Clyde, hinting at Arran's charm. Known as "Scotland in Miniature," Arran blends Highland peaks and lush southern farmlands. We'll explore villages, Brodick Castle's vibrant gardens, and stay four nights at the welcoming Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot.

Key Highlights

- Sailing across the Firth of Clyde and watching the mountains of Arran draw ever nearer
- Highly scenic circular tour of the island
- Brewery tour and tasting

5 DAYS from ~~£1,495~~ £1,395 | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT** £325

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

DEPARTURES: 18 - 22 May



Discover Scotland's finest gardens on this scenic tour, featuring an exclusive visit to award-winning Attadale Gardens, RHS Partner Garden of the Year 2023, with a private lunch in the main house. Explore a private Inverness garden, Dunvegan Castle's formal gardens on Skye, and the breathtaking coastal haven of Inverewe.

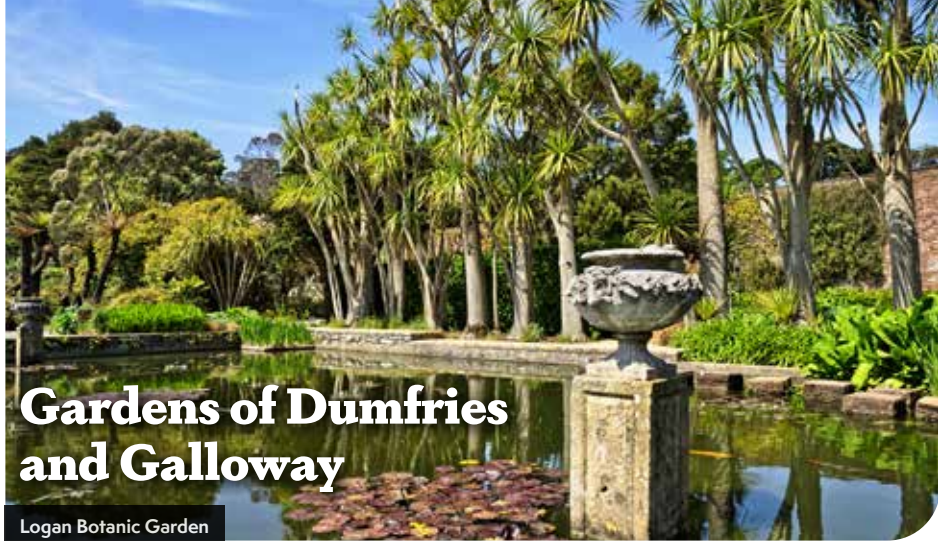
Key Highlights

- Inverewe, widely regarded as one of Scotland's greatest gardens
- Exclusive private visit to Attadale Gardens, RHS Partner Garden of the Year in Scotland 2023, including lunch in the main house, not normally open to the public

5 DAYS from ~~£1,145~~ £1,045 | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT** £295

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

DEPARTURES: 19 - 23 May



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.



Key Highlights

- Stunning interiors and a wonderful walled garden at Dumfries House
- Plants from around the world in the lush surroundings of Logan Botanic Gardens
- The tranquil pond at the heart of Glenwhan Gardens
- The treasure trove of fine art that is Drumlanrig Castle

4 DAYS from ~~£895~~ £795

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £195

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

DEPARTURE: 31 May - 3 Jun

- Three nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the 3-star Holiday Inn Dumfries (or similar)
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert tour manager



Gardens of South and West Wales

Aberglasney

In Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire's countryside, we'll visit stunning parks and gardens, ancient and modern. Highlights include the National Botanic Garden of Wales, with Norman Foster's Great Greenhouse, blending Welsh hills with Mediterranean views. Other gems are Aberglasney, Upton Castle, Picton Castle, and private gardens such as Dyffryn Fernant and Llwyngarreg.

Key Highlights

- Beautiful woodland gardens surrounding the castles of Upton and Picton
- A day of striking contrasts at the innovative National Botanic Gardens of Wales and historic Aberglasney

5 DAYS from ~~£1,295~~ £1,195 | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £320**

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

DEPARTURE: 10 - 14 Apr



Gardens of the Island of Ireland

Bantry House Gardens

Explore Ireland's enchanting gardens from Belfast to Bantry Bay, visiting Antrim Castle, Inlacullin, and the world-acclaimed Powerscourt Gardens. Discover Hillsborough Castle, Mount Stewart, and Mount Congreve on a journey blending history, culture, and breathtaking landscapes that celebrate the Emerald Isle's rich botanical heritage.

Key Highlights

- Discover the huge collection of plants at Mount Congreve
- Explore the extensive and enchanting gardens of Mount Stewart
- Experience Rowallane's mysterious approach and mixed borders
- Stroll through the historic island gardens of Inlacullin
- Visit the 400-year-old Antrim Castle Gardens

8 DAYS from ~~£2,495~~ £2,395 | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £595**

DEPARTURE POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 23 - 30 May



A Cultural Tour of Malta

Upper Barrakka Gardens

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Nowhere on earth concentrates as much turbulent past into such a small land mass as Malta, so if you'd like to learn as much as possible about the complex history and rich cultural heritage of the Mediterranean region in just five days, then this is the tour for you!

Key Highlights

- Priceless art treasures at St John's Cathedral
- 5,000 year old temple of Ħaġar Qim
- Boat trip to the Blue Grotto
- A splendid afternoon tea in the most opulent surroundings

5 DAYS from ~~£1,295~~ £1,095 | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

DEPARTURE POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 3 - 7 Mar



Malta's Archaeological Heritage

Ħaġar Qim

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

From the Neolithic to now, Malta boasts many riches, all waiting to be discovered on this special tour. Explore mysterious sites left by ancient civilisations, venture inside the walled citadel of Mdina, discover St Paul's Catacombs and enjoy a boat trip around the spectacular cliffs and caverns of the Blue Grotto.

Key Highlights

- The ancient and mysterious Hal Saflieni Hypogeum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The 'Cave of Darkness', one of the earliest sites used by Neolithic man
- 5,000 year old temples of Ħaġar Qim and Mnajdra Temples

7 DAYS from ~~£1,895~~ £1,695 | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

DEPARTURE POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 3 - 9 Mar



La Majorelle Garden

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.

Key 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 La Majorelle
- Delightful flavours and aromas in the Ourika Valley

5 DAYS from ~~£1,795~~ £1,595 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £400
 DEPARTURE POINT: London
 DEPARTURE: 20 - 24 Apr



Flower Festival

Set in the Atlantic 400 miles from Africa, Madeira is a lush volcanic island of year-round blossoms. Wander its scenic levadas trails lined with orchids and bougainvillea, and enjoy the May Flower Festival in Funchal, where vibrant floral carpets and parades celebrate the island's spectacular natural beauty.

Key Highlights

- Tour of the Botanical Gardens, an introduction to the flora of Madeira
- A gentle walk on the 'levadas'
- Cable-car ride to Monte Palace Gardens
- Afternoon tea at Reid's Palace Hotel

8 DAYS from ~~£2,495~~ £2,295 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £395
 DEPARTURE POINT: London
 DEPARTURE: 1 - 8 May



Garden in Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild

Experience the timeless glamour of the French Riviera, where dazzling skies and sea enhance exquisite gardens. Visit Val Rahmeh, Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild, and Italy's famed Hanbury Gardens, along with Serre de la Madone, Villa Thuret, and La Mouissone. In Grasse, explore perfumed streets and revel in the celebrated International Rose Festival.

Key Highlights

- The exotic planting of the Jardin Botanique Val Rahmeh
- Parks and gardens in Monte Carlo
- Marvellous sea views and opulent surroundings in St Jean Cap Ferrat

6 DAYS from ~~£2,395~~ £2,195 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £585
 DEPARTURE POINT: London
 DEPARTURE: 7 - 12 May



Château de Versailles

Sail the serene River Seine on a relaxing cruise featuring Normandy's finest gardens, including Monet's inspiring Giverny, Le Vasterival, and the Jardin de Plume. Visit the elegant Château de Mirosmesnil and magnificent Versailles, and enjoy waking each morning to a new riverside view on this unforgettable garden voyage.

Key Highlights

- The incomparable gardens of Giverny, carefully maintained as Monet would have wished
- Guided tour of the gardens at Le Vasterival
- Comfortable rail travel with Eurostar.
- All-inclusive cruising

8 DAYS from ~~£2,895~~ £2,695 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £695
 DEPARTURE POINT: London St Pancras International
 DEPARTURE: 7 - 14 May

The Genius of Monet



Monet's garden

In 2026, the centenary of Monet's death, his beloved gardens at Giverny continue to enchant with willow-framed ponds, wisteria-clad bridges, and water lilies that bring his art vividly to life. Complement visits to the Orangerie Museum's Les Nymphéas murals with trips to the elegant Château de Chantilly and charming Senlis.

Key Highlights

- The gardens of Giverny, 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

4 DAYS from ~~£1,495~~ £1,295 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £325

DEPARTURE POINT: London St Pancras International

DEPARTURE: 29 May - 1 Jun

Discover The Durrells' Corfu with Lee Durrell



Mouse Island

Explore Corfu, the sunlit island that inspired Gerald Durrell's beloved childhood tales and ITV's *The Durrells*. Meet naturalist Lee Durrell, who will discuss her husband's groundbreaking conservation work and accompany visits to family favourites. Enjoy a guided walk through Corfu's historic town and discover royal history at the statue-filled Achilleion Museum.

Key Highlights

- Private talk and Q&A session with Lee Durrell
- See the White House, the former home of Gerald Durrell's brother Lawrence
- Visit to Mouse Island, one of the Durrells' favourite places

5 DAYS from ~~£1,795~~ £1,595 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £225

DEPARTURE POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 5 - 9 May

Gardens of the Neapolitan Riviera



Villa San Michele

Discover Southern Italy's vibrant heritage and lush landscapes, where fertile soil nurtures citrus groves, vineyards, and sublime gardens. Visit Ischia's La Mortella, William Walton's exotic haven, the Amalfi coast's Villa Rufolo and Villa Cimbrone in Ravello, and remarkable Pompeii—each revealing the region's timeless beauty, history, and Mediterranean splendour.

Key Highlights

- Caserta Palace Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most beautiful gardens in Europe.
- The gardens of Villa San Michele on the island of Capri
- The gardens of Villa Rufolo, which commands picture perfect views over the Amalfi coast

7 DAYS from ~~£2,495~~ £2,295 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £395

DEPARTURE POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 21 - 27 Apr

Villas and Gardens of the Italian Lakes



Isola Bella

Discover the timeless allure of the Northern Italian Lakes, where elegant villas and lush gardens meet dazzling scenery. Highlights include a private garden lunch with the President of the Italian Camellia Society, the Borromean Islands' terraced splendour, and visits to Villa Taranto, Villa Carlotta, and Lake Orta's hidden hillside retreat.

Key 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 every turn

8 DAYS from ~~£2,895~~ £2,695 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £595

DEPARTURE POINT: London

DEPARTURES: 22 - 29 Apr

NEW
TOUR

Arts and Gardens of Florence & Tuscany



Boboli Gardens

Follow in the footsteps of artists and visionaries in sunlit Florence, home to Renaissance icons like Michelangelo's David, Botticelli's Birth of Venus, and Brunelleschi's dome. Explore the Boboli, Bardini, and Torrigiani Gardens, and visit Siena and Castello di Verrazzano for a memorable Tuscan wine tasting.

Key Highlights

- Admire the unforgettable panorama of Florence's red-tiled rooftops and Renaissance skyline from Bardini Gardens
- Enjoy an exclusive visit to Torrigiani Gardens, Europe's largest private garden
- Visit the world-famous Uffizi Gallery and the Galleria dell'Accademia, home to Michelangelo's David

7 DAYS from ~~£2,795~~ £2,595 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £395

DEPARTURE POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 31 May - 6 Jun

Rome, Ninfa and Castel Gandolfo



Gardens of Ninfa

Open by special arrangement, this exclusive visit offers the chance to explore the exquisite gardens of Ninfa, where roses, hydrangeas, and jasmines drape medieval ruins beside a crystal-clear river. Continue to the gardens of Castel Gandolfo, the historic papal residence near Rome, and walk in the footsteps of Popes amid serene, beautifully landscaped grounds.

Key Highlights

- Enjoy exclusive access to the beautiful and ancient gardens of Ninfa
- Visits to Villa d'Este and Villa Lante
- Guided tour of Viterbo

4 DAYS from ~~£1,795~~ £1,595 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £195

DEPARTURE POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 8 - 11 May

NEW
TOUR

Gardens and Villas of Liguria



Villa Durazzo

Experience la dolce vita in Liguria, exploring Genoa's winding streets, palaces, and peaceful retreats like Palazzo del Principe and Palazzo Lomellino with its Secret Garden. Along the coast, visit splendid villas such as Villa Durazzo, where art, frescoes, and sea-view gardens evoke Renaissance elegance.

Key Highlights

- Discover the Secret Garden at Palazzo Lomellino, a beautiful example of an Italian Renaissance garden
- Take a guided walking tour of Genoa with its medieval buildings, vibrant piazzas, majestic palaces and winding alleys (*known as caruggi*)

7 DAYS from ~~£2,295~~ £2,095 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £395

DEPARTURE POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 1 - 7 May

Gardens and Architecture of Andalucía



Alhambra Arch, Granada

Andalucía is unrivalled in Europe for its wealth of history, culture, Moorish architecture and gardens, all set against the backdrop of the snow-capped mountains. Visit the classical gardens which complement the adjoining palaces and churches perfectly and discover the wild landscapes here.

Key Highlights

- Pinnacle of Moorish architecture, the Alhambra Palace
- Dramatic views of the rugged Sierra Nevada mountain range
- The historic Puente Nuevo bridge which spans the El Tajo gorge in Ronda

8 DAYS from ~~£2,095~~ £1,895 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £395

DEPARTURE POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 26 Apr - 3 May

Galicia's Camellia Route

Santiago de Compostela

In Galicia's lush, rain-kissed landscape, camellias bloom brilliantly in shades of pink, white and red. Following the Camellia Route from La Coruña to Vigo, we visit elegant pazos and gardens – including the magnificent Castillo de Soutomaio – where these exquisite flowers bring spring colour to Spain's verdant northwest.

Key Highlights

- Visit the famous pilgrimage city of Santiago de Compostela
- Enjoy the sight of camellias at a selection of country estates (*pazos*)
- The impressive hill-top site of Castillo de Soutomaio

6 DAYS from ~~£1,495~~ £1,295 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £195

 DEPARTURE POINT: London

 DEPARTURE: 11 - 16 Mar

Gardens and Architecture of Mallorca

Cathedral La Seu

The Balearic Island of Mallorca offers a timeless landscape of wooded hills, orange groves, sweeping bays and rocky mountains as well as a host of beautiful gardens. We visit several of these, discover the monastery of Real Cartuja de Valldemosa, tour the city of Palma, the Jardines de Alfabia, set in the Tramuntana Mountains and take an exhilarating ride on the Tren de Soller.

Key Highlights

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

6 DAYS from ~~£1,695~~ £1,495 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £395

 DEPARTURE POINT: London

 DEPARTURES: 17 - 22 Mar, 21 - 26 Apr

NEW
TOUR

Springtime Flowers in Sintra and Lisbon

Palacio Fronteira

Experience some of Portugal's historic gardens in full spring bloom, from Lisbon's grand Palacio de Fronteira and serene Botanical Garden to Sintra's romantic estates, including Monserrate Palace and Quinta da Regaleira—each revealing the artistry, elegance, and enchantment of Portuguese horticultural tradition.

Key Highlights

- See the stunning UNESCO World Heritage landmarks in Sintra, the Monserrate Palace and Quinta da Regaleira
- Visit the monumental D. Carlos I in Caldas da Rainha, with its African Sculpture art garden
- Enjoy the beauty of water mirrors, wide paths, leafy trees and a century-old Noria at Jardim do Cerco

7 DAYS from ~~£2,495~~ £2,295 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £495

 DEPARTURE POINT: London

 DEPARTURE: 5 - 11 Apr

Tulips of Keukenhof & Dutch Gardens Cruise

Keukenhof Gardens

Sail through a living canvas of colour as millions of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths carpet Holland's bulbfields. Visit world-famous Keukenhof, Oudolf's Vliedhof and Antwerp's newly restored Rubens House gardens on this glorious cruise celebrating Dutch artistry, horticultural heritage and the timeless beauty of spring.

Key Highlights

- The tulip fields of Keukenhof Gardens
- The Vliedhof Garden designed by Piet Oudolf
- The recently re-opened Rubens House

5 DAYS from ~~£1,595~~ £1,395 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £395

 DEPARTURE POINT: London St Pancras International

 DEPARTURE: 4 - 8 Apr

NEW
TOUR

Art Masters of Holland

Teylers Museum

Explore a rich collection of museums which showcase some of the most well-known Art Masters and celebrated paintings in the world, from Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring to Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers. This insightful and fascinating journey into the Dutch Golden Age is accompanied by an experienced Art Historian.

Key Highlights

- The Laughing Cavalier by Frans Hals at the Frans Hals Museum
- Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring at the Mauritshuis Museum
- The iconic Sunflowers at the Van Gogh Museum
- Panorama Mesdag, a cylindrical painting by Hendrik Willem Mesdag

6 DAYS from ~~£1,595~~ £1,395 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £375

 DEPARTURE POINT: London St Pancras International

 DEPARTURE: 20 - 25 Mar

The Art and Architecture of Antwerp

NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT

Antwerp Central

A gem in Belgium's Flanders region, famed for its medieval streets and Renaissance monuments, Antwerp is home to thousands of paintings by the Old Masters throughout iconic museums. This tour explores some of the city's wonderful architecture and notable art collections with expert local guides.

Key Highlights

- Guided tour of the KMSKA - Royal Museum of Fine Arts
- Guided tour of Snijders & Rockox Huis
- Visit to the Rubens Experience Centre and Gardens
- A visit to the UNESCO World Heritage listed Plantin-Moretus Museum

5 DAYS from ~~£1,395~~ £1,195 | NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

 DEPARTURE POINT: London St Pancras International

 DEPARTURE: 26 - 30 Mar

NEW
TOUR

Austrian Palaces, Gardens and Apricot Blossom

Belvedere Palace and Park

Discover Austria, the continent's cultural heart, renowned for its music, palaces, and imperial heritage. Begin in Vienna's grand palaces and gardens, then follow the Danube through the flower-filled Wachau Valley to Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace, where snow-capped mountains frame castles like the famed Leopoldskron Castle which was featured in the beloved film, *The Sound of Music*.

Key Highlights

- Apricot Blossom in the Wachau Valley
- The Baroque Palace of Schönbrunn
- Visit the abbey of Melk, the largest Benedictine Abbey in Europe
- Leopoldskron Castle (*the Castle at the pond from The Sound of Music*)

8 DAYS from ~~£2,995~~ £2,795 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £295

 DEPARTURE POINT: London

 DEPARTURE: 10 - 17 Apr

Cultural Croatia

Pula

Join us next year to uncover Croatia's hidden garden gems with tour expert Julia Berg. This two-centre holiday visits Kvarner and Istria, featuring the terraced American Gardens in Opatija, Kosljun's Franciscan Monastery, Pula's Roman monuments, flower farms, and beautiful landscapes rich in rare and protected plants.

Key Highlights

- Brijuni National Park, an enchanting island with some 700 plant species, located off the western coast of Istria.
- The historic city of Pula
- Histria Aromatica, a beautiful botanical garden and estate

8 DAYS from ~~£2,695~~ £2,495 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £295

 DEPARTURE POINT: London

 DEPARTURE: 30 May - 6 Jun



Kato Pafos Archaeological Park

Cyprus, rich in Prehistoric, Classical, and Medieval heritage, reveals over 10,000 years of culture through unique artefacts, architecture, and art. In mild spring weather, explore UNESCO sites like Khirokitia and Paphos's Archaeological Park and Tomb of the Kings, plus Aphrodite's legendary birthplace and many other fascinating locations.

Key Highlights

- This exceptionally well-preserved Neolithic walled village of Khirokitia
- A full day discovering the Cypriot capital - Nicosia
- Archaeological sites in Paphos including the Archaeological Park and Museum and Tomb of the Kings

8 DAYS from ~~£1,995~~ £1,795 | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £395**

DEPARTURE POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 18 - 25 Mar



Dougga

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Uncover Tunisia's rich past on visits to Carthage, Dougga, Kairouan and more. Explore Roman amphitheatres, ancient ruins and vibrant medinas while enjoying comfortable stays near key sites. A fascinating journey through millennia of history, art and culture.

Key Highlights

- Explore the ruins of Carthage, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Admire the Temple of the Sun at Dougga
- Step inside the Great Mosque of Kairouan
- Revel in the sights and sounds of a bustling medina

9 DAYS from ~~£2,195~~ £1,995 | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

DEPARTURE POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 16 - 24 Apr



Heian Shrine's pond

Japanese gardens evolved from sacred forest clearings into serene landscapes shaped by stone, water and carefully chosen plants. In Kyoto, we explore exquisite gardens – from tranquil stroll gardens to the shimmering Golden Pavilion of Kinkaku-ji – where form and colour reflect the seasons.

Travelling by Bullet Train to Tokyo, we visit Hamarikyū and the Imperial Palace Garden, with excursions to Omi Hachiman and Lake Ashi beneath Mount Fuji. An optional visit to Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park and a final day in Kamakura, with its Great Buddha and Hase Temple, complete this immersive journey through Japan's timeless beauty.



Sensouji Temple

Key Highlights

- The temples and gardens of Kyoto, probably the finest in Japan
- Stepping back in time to old Japan at Omi Hachiman
- Watching the deer roam free in Nara Park
- Riding the bullet train to Tokyo
- The enormous Buddhas at Todaiji and Kamamura
- Stunning scenery in Hakone, including the iconic Mount Fuji
- The pulsating light show that is Tokyo at night

14 DAYS from ~~£6,995~~ £6,645
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £995

DEPARTURE POINT: London

DEPARTURE: 22 Mar - 4 Apr

- 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)*
- Flights from London to Osaka, returning from Tokyo
- Services of horticulturalist Colin Crosbie as tour manager

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