



Gardens & Special Interest Holidays

2027 Collection

**10
NEW
TOURS**



Hampton Court Palace

Go deeper than the guidebook

Every destination has a story to tell.

Sometimes it's revealed through extraordinary gardens and remarkable plants. Sometimes through ancient civilisations, grand architecture, wildlife, art or the people who have shaped a place over centuries. Whatever your passion, the most rewarding journeys are those that go beyond the obvious.

For more than 34 years, Brightwater Holidays has been creating thoughtfully planned group tours for curious travellers. From Britain and Europe to destinations further afield, our expert Tour Managers bring each place to life with their horticultural knowledge, local insight and genuine enthusiasm, enriching every visit with fascinating stories and context.

Whether you're exploring world-famous gardens, uncovering remarkable archaeology, following in the footsteps of celebrated artists or discovering spectacular landscapes and wildlife, every itinerary is carefully designed to balance iconic highlights with hidden gems, leaving you free to enjoy the experience.

All that's left is to look a little closer.

The Brightwater Holidays Team

New for 2027

Thanks to your feedback we have introduced:

- ▶ 10 new holidays
- ▶ Re-imagined itineraries
- ▶ Tour only holidays for more freedom and flexibility

Explore the Brightwater collection

Thoughtfully designed holidays for every kind of traveller.
Find your perfect journey.



Britain's greatest gardens

Discover stunning gardens closer to home, with exclusive access and expert insight.

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Tours



Gardens worth travelling for

Experience Europe's most celebrated gardens and landscapes.

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Tours



Extraordinary gardens of the world

Journey further afield to see the world's most extraordinary gardens.

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Tours



Special interest holidays

For those who love history, archaeology, culture, art and architecture.

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Tours

Book with confidence

From the moment you book to the moment you return home, you can relax knowing you are in great hands.

- ✓ Financially Protected (ABTOT)
- ✓ Award winning service
- ✓ Rated Great on Trustpilot
- ✓ Expert Tour Managers
- ✓ Carefully curated itineraries
- ✓ Trusted by travellers since 1992



Our commitment to quality doesn't stop there. With a great rating of 4 out of 5, travellers consistently praise our expertly curated itineraries, knowledgeable Tour Managers and seamless service.



Everything taken care of

Brightwater Holidays has spent over 34 years perfecting travel that's expertly led, carefully curated and completely seamless.

Expert Tour Managers

Our knowledgeable Tour Managers bring each destination to life with their horticultural expertise, local insight and genuine passion, sharing fascinating stories and context that enrich every visit.

Thoughtfully planned holidays

From well-paced itineraries and convenient accommodation to included visits and seamless touring, every detail is carefully considered so you can relax and enjoy the journey.

Journeys for the curious traveller

Go beyond the gardens to discover history, culture, landscapes and local traditions, with experiences designed to inspire every curious traveller.

Private groups

Looking to travel as a group? We have a dedicated group travel department - see page 67

Travelling solo?

You're in good company. With like-minded travellers and no or low single supplement on many of our holidays, it's the perfect way to explore independently.

So much included

- ✓ Great value for money with coach travel, visits, accommodation and most evening meals included
- ✓ Over 34 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
- ✓ No or low single supplements
- ✓ Enjoy peace of mind with financial protection

How active are Brightwater Holiday's tours?

We have a simple grading system in place to help you decide whether or not a tour is suitable for you.

Level 1 | Gentle 🌸

A tour that is determined as gentle will have a relaxed pace, with little walking and less exertion where travel and day length are concerned.

Level 2 | Light 🌸🌸

On light tours, anticipate mild walking with a mostly relaxed pace. There will be more visits and travelling than on our gentle tours, but not by much.

Level 3 | Moderate 🌸🌸🌸

A decent level of fitness is required for our moderate tours. There could be walking between sites, more standing and more travelling to encounter.

Level 4 | Active 🌸🌸🌸🌸

If you choose an active tour, come prepared for longer days – and ones that fit more in. More walking, bigger distances covered and more energy.



Lost Gardens of Heligan

Britain's greatest gardens

Britain's gardens reward those who look closely. The changing rhythms of an herbaceous border, the skill behind a perfectly judged planting combination, the succession that carries a garden from snowdrops to autumn colour.

Travel from the spectacle of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show to the naturalistic planting of Highgrove Gardens, follow the legacy of Gertrude Jekyll through Surrey or discover subtropical gardens flourishing in Cornwall's mild Atlantic climate.

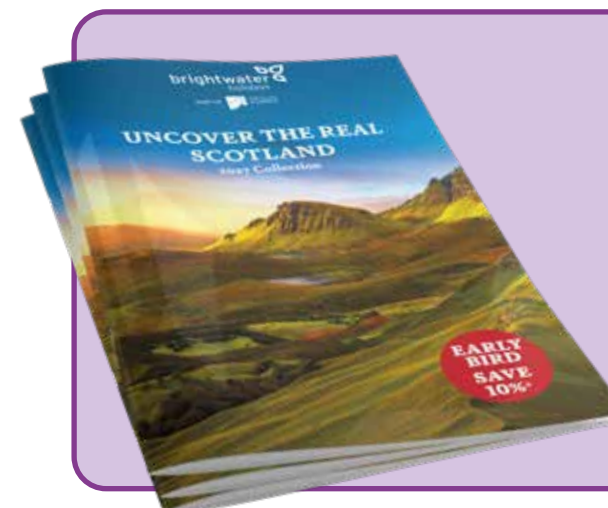
These are gardens with stories to tell. Best discovered with the experts who bring them to life.

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Getting to your departure point

For our UK coach holidays, you'll need to make your own way to the departure point shown on each tour page. Once you join the coach, sit back, relax and enjoy your Brightwater journey.



Explore Scotland with Brightwater Holidays

From beautiful gardens and historic castles to spectacular scenery and fascinating archaeology, our Scotland Collection is filled with inspiring small-group holidays. Discover exciting new tours for 2027, enjoy the insight of our expert Tour Managers and experience Scotland through the eyes of those who know it best.

Request your Scotland brochure today:
brightwaterholidays.com/brochure-request



RHS Chelsea Flower Show

RHS Chelsea Flower Show & Classic English Gardens

7 DAYS from £2,195 | ACTIVITY RATING

PICK-UP POINT: London

Experience the excitement of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show alongside some of England’s finest gardens. From the celebrated collections of RHS Garden Wisley and the romantic beauty of Sissinghurst to the timeless landscapes of Stourhead and the artistry of Hestercombe, this carefully planned journey brings together horticultural excellence, historic gardens and inspiring planting, with expert insight throughout.

Day 1 We begin our garden journey with a visit to **RHS Garden Wisley**, the flagship garden of the **Royal Horticultural Society**. Set within a beautiful landscape of mature trees and exceptional planting, Wisley offers inspiration at every turn, with outstanding borders, specialist collections and innovative garden design. We then continue to our hotel. *(D)*

Day 2 Today we enjoy a full-day visit to the **RHS Chelsea Flower Show**, one of the highlights of the gardening calendar. Explore the spectacular show gardens, floral displays, specialist nurseries and horticultural exhibits, where leading designers and growers showcase the latest ideas, plants and trends in gardening. *(B, D)*

Day 3 We begin with an early visit to **Sissinghurst Castle Garden**, created by Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson and renowned for its romantic garden rooms, thoughtful planting and timeless design. We continue to **Great Dixter**, the home of garden writer Christopher Lloyd, where we enjoy a guided tour of this creative and influential garden. *(B, D)*

Day 4 We leave our first hotel and visit **Wilton House** near Salisbury. This elegant

Palladian mansion is surrounded by a beautiful landscape featuring historic garden design, tranquil water gardens and colourful planting. We then continue to our second hotel in Somerset. *(B, D)*

Day 5 We visit **The Courts Garden**, a charming English country garden with peaceful water features, herbaceous borders, topiary and mature planting. Later, we spend time in the elegant city of **Bath**, renowned for its Roman heritage and beautiful Georgian architecture. *(B, D)*

Day 6 Today we discover **Cannington Walled Garden**, with its colourful borders, potager, fernery and glasshouse, before visiting the **Bishop’s Palace** in Wells. Here, we enjoy a special horticultural tour through the palace gardens, including the beautiful well pools. *(B, D)*

Day 7 Our final visits are to **Stourhead**, one of England’s finest landscape gardens, where temples, a lake and classical features create a timeless setting, and **Hestercombe**, the celebrated Gertrude Jekyll and Sir Edwin Lutyens garden. Following a **guided tour**, we return to London where our journey concludes. *(B)*

Inc. meals: *B: Breakfast, D: Dinner*

Key Highlights

- Full-day visit to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, the highlight of the gardening calendar
- Explore the inspirational planting of RHS Garden Wisley
- Visit the celebrated gardens of Sissinghurst Castle and Great Dixter
- Discover Hestercombe, a masterpiece of garden design by Gertrude Jekyll and Sir Edwin Lutyen

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights at the four-star Holiday Inn Guildford *(or similar)* with dinner & breakfast
- Three nights at the Walnut Tree Hotel, North Petherton *(or similar)* with dinner & breakfast
- Full-day ticket for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON	
20 - 26 May	£2,195
Single Supplement from	£395



RHS Chelsea Flower Show

NEW TOUR



The Grant Horticulture Arts & Crafts Garden. © RHS Tatton Park

RHS Tatton Park Show & Gardens of the North West

5 DAYS from £1,245 | ACTIVITY RATING

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

Stay at the Cottons Hotel in Knutsford and enjoy a relaxed tour of Cheshire’s finest gardens. From RHS Garden Bridgewater and Arley Hall to a full day at RHS Flower Show Tatton Park, this thoughtfully planned holiday also includes Biddulph Grange, the Dorothy Clive Garden and Bridgemere Show Gardens. A varied journey through celebrated estates, creative planting and seasonal highlights, all at an unhurried pace.

Day 1 Travel north to your hotel, ready to enjoy a wonderful programme of gardens and horticultural highlights over the coming days. *(D)*

Day 2 We begin at **RHS Garden Bridgewater**, a striking new RHS garden created on the historic Worsley New Hall estate. Explore innovative planting, restored landscapes and extensive kitchen gardens. Later, we continue to **Arley Hall & Gardens**, known for its magnificent double herbaceous border, formal gardens, woodland walks and peaceful parkland. *(B, D)*

Day 3 Today is dedicated to **RHS Flower Show Tatton Park**, one of the UK’s leading summer gardening events. Enjoy spectacular show gardens, inspirational planting, floral displays, specialist nurseries, expert demonstrations and a wealth of opportunities to browse and shop for gardening treasures. *(B, D)*

Day 4 Discover the remarkable **Biddulph Grange Garden**, where a fascinating Victorian landscape takes you on a journey through themed garden rooms inspired by China, Egypt, Italy and the Himalayas. Later, visit the award-winning **Dorothy Clive Garden**, celebrated for its colourful herbaceous borders, woodland quarry garden, sweeping lawns and exceptional seasonal planting. *(B, D)*

Day 5 Before returning home, enjoy a visit to the **Bridgemere Show Gardens**, showcasing more than 30 individually designed gardens offering ideas and inspiration for every style of gardener. There will also be time to browse the renowned **Bridgemere Garden Centre**, with the opportunity to purchase a plant or garden-themed souvenir to remember your holiday. *(B)*

Inc. meals: *B: Breakfast, D: Dinner*

Please note: A very similar 4 day tour starts on 28 May & 10 August, excluding the RHS Tatton Park Show. Please see website for details.

Key Highlights

- RHS Flower Show Tatton Park, a leading UK summer gardening event
- RHS Garden Bridgewater with its innovative planting and restored estate landscape
- Arley Hall & Gardens, home to its famous double herbaceous border
- Biddulph Grange Garden, a Victorian journey through themed garden rooms

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Four nights at the Cottons Hotel, Knutsford *(or similar)* with dinner & breakfast
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON	
15 - 19 Jul	£1,245
Single Supplement from	£275



RHS Garden Bridgewater



RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival © RHS Neil Hepworth

RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival & Gardens of Surrey

4 DAYS from £1,095 | ACTIVITY RATING

PICK-UP POINT: London

Discover the richness of Surrey’s remarkable gardens, from celebrated horticultural landmarks to peaceful hidden gems.

- Day 1 Our holiday begins at historic Titsey Place, a privately owned estate set beneath the North Downs.
Day 2 We begin at The Savill Garden, one of Britain's finest ornamental gardens.
Day 3 Today is devoted to the RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival.

event showcases award-winning show gardens, specialist nurseries, inspiring floral displays and expert demonstrations.
Before returning home, we visit the enchanting Ramster Gardens.

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- Guided tour of historic Titsey Place and its beautiful gardens
Visit The Savill Garden and RHS Garden Wisley
Full day at the RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights at the four-star Holiday Inn Guildford (or similar) with dinner & breakfast
Visits as outlined in the itinerary
Private air-conditioned coach travel
Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Table with 2 columns: Departure/Supplement, Price. Rows: 7 - 10 Jul (£1,095), Single Supplement (£195)



© RHS Garden Wisley - The Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden



RHS Malvern Festival Garden © RHS Neil Hepworth

RHS Malvern Flower Show & Gardens of Herefordshire

5 DAYS from £1,295 | ACTIVITY RATING

PICK-UP POINT: London

Celebrate the arrival of spring on this inspiring garden holiday to Herefordshire. Explore beautiful private gardens, Britain’s oldest botanic garden and enjoy a full day at the RHS Malvern Spring Festival.

Day 1 We travel to Herefordshire, visiting the beautiful Waterperry Gardens en route. Set within eight acres of beautifully maintained ornamental gardens, you’ll find colourful herbaceous borders, formal gardens, a charming canal, an orchard and peaceful woodland walks before we continue to our hotel. (D)

Day 2 We explore two of Herefordshire’s finest gardens. Hampton Gardens is renowned for its magnificent castle setting, vibrant formal gardens, maze and productive kitchen garden, while Stockton Bury Gardens offers a delightful blend of colourful borders, a tranquil water garden and one of the finest monkey puzzle trees in the UK. (B, D)

Day 3 We spend the day at the RHS Malvern Spring Flower Show, one of the gardening calendar’s highlights. Browse award-winning displays, specialist nurseries, expert demonstrations,

seasonal produce and inspiring floral exhibits, with plenty of opportunities for shopping and gardening inspiration. (B, D)

Day 4 Our day begins at Hergest Croft Gardens, a magnificent spring-flowering trees and shrubs, and breathtaking views across the Welsh Marches. Later, we visit the enchanting Westonbury Mill Water Gardens, where imaginative follies, topiary, waterways and unusual planting create one of Britain’s most distinctive gardens. (B, D)

Day 5 On your journey home, we visit the historic Oxford Botanic Garden, Britain’s oldest botanic garden. Explore its beautifully curated collections of medicinal, ornamental and exotic plants, glasshouses and tranquil riverside setting before returning to your local joining point. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- Full-day ticket to the RHS Malvern Spring Flower Show
Admission to Hampton Gardens, Stockton Bury Gardens & Hergest Croft Gardens
Explore the enchanting Westonbury Mill Water Gardens
Visit Britain’s oldest botanic garden in Oxford

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Four nights at The Feathers Hotel, Ledbury (or similar) with dinner & breakfast
Visits as outlined in the itinerary
Private air-conditioned coach travel
Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

Table with 2 columns: Departure/Supplement, Price. Rows: 5 - 9 May (£1,295), Single Supplement (£245)



Oxford Botanic Garden



NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT

Snowdrop Gardens of the Cotswolds

4 DAYS from £845 | ACTIVITY RATING

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

The Cotswolds offer superb snowdrop gardens, appealing to galanthophiles and nature lovers alike. Highlights include Colesbourne, Newark Park's snowdrop carpets, Cerney House's romantic displays, Stroud's Museum in the Park, Painswick Rococo Garden's naturalistic plantings, and Rodmarton Manor's stunning 150 varieties.

Key Highlights

- Colesbourne House, considered to be England's greatest snowdrop garden
- Stunning Victorian walled garden at Cerney House
- Arts and Crafts style at Rodmarton Manor
- Snowdrops, snowdrops and more snowdrops

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights at the Holiday Inn, Gloucester-Cheltenham *(or similar)* with dinner & breakfast
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

5 - 8 Feb £845

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



Painswick Rococo Garden



NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT

Spring Gardens of Cornwall

4 DAYS from £795 | ACTIVITY RATING

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

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
- Seaside hotel in Newquay with its views over the Atlantic

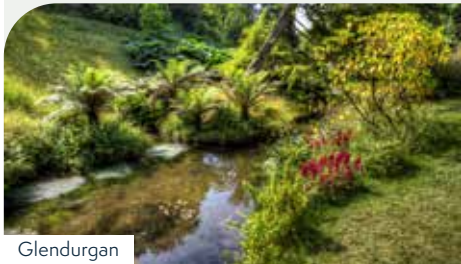
YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights at the Pentire Hotel, Newquay with dinner & breakfast
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

19 - 22 Mar £795

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



Glendurgan



NEW
TOUR

NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT

Snowdrop Gardens of Devon

4 DAYS from £745 | ACTIVITY RATING

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

Discover Devon's finest winter gardens at their most enchanting, as snowdrops, hellebores and early spring blooms signal the changing season. From RHS Rosemoor's celebrated winter planting to private garden gems such as Higher Cherubeer, explore a collection of beautiful landscapes filled with rare Galanthus, woodland walks and expert horticultural interest, alongside historic gardens including Knightshayes, Castle Drogo and Saltram.

Key Highlights

- Discover Devon's finest snowdrop gardens at the most magical time of year
- Explore RHS Rosemoor's celebrated Winter Garden and rare Galanthus collections
- Visit private garden gem Higher Cherubeer, home to hundreds of named snowdrops
- Enjoy spectacular views and seasonal planting at Castle Drogo

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights at the Headland Hotel, Torquay *(or similar)* with dinner & breakfast
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2 - 5 Feb £745

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



Castle Drogo



NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT

Spring Gardens of Devon

5 DAYS from £975 | ACTIVITY RATING

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

In spring, gardens are a feast for the senses. The warming weather, blossoming flowers and buzzing bees make for a welcoming time of year. Make the most of it on this delightful tour exploring Devon's hidden gems, from fresh growth and spring colours at Burrow Farm Garden, tulips and bluebells at Forde Abbey, with each garden offering a unique experience.

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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights at the four-star Headland Hotel, Torquay with dinner & breakfast
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

5 - 9 Apr £975

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



RHS Rosemoor



Astilbes and lake

Delightful Summer Gardens of Devon

5 DAYS from £1,145 | ACTIVITY RATING

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

Join us for a jaunt to the English Riviera! We explore Mothecombe Gardens, an RHS partner garden perched on a cliff top, Wildside Garden with its ecological niches and the Garden House, where the walled garden's herbaceous borders steal the show. The award-winning Marwood Hill Gardens rounds off a superb collection.

Day 1 We depart our designated pick-up point and head for **Hestercombe**, one of Gertrude Jekyll and Sir Edwin Lutyens' greatest masterpieces. We later continue to our hotel in Torquay. (D)

Day 2 Today we visit **Mothecombe Gardens**, an RHS partner garden which is situated above Mothecombe beach, at the mouth of the Erme estuary. They are tucked under one side of a valley running down to the beach, so they are several degrees warmer than the village of Holbeton and they are sheltered from the prevailing south-westerly salt-laden winds, allowing tender plants to flourish. This afternoon, we return to **Torquay**, where the afternoon is free to spend at your leisure. (B, D)

Day 3 Our first stop today is **Wildside Garden**, an innovative garden on the fringes of stunning Dartmoor, which allows plants to thrive as they would in the wild. This afternoon we visit **The Garden House**, a glorious garden set in a quiet valley on the fringes of Dartmoor National Park. Built around decaying 16th-century ruins, Lionel Fortescue created a romantic garden, built on precipitous terraces with lovely views over the garden and surrounding countryside. Clematis and

roses scale the old walls that surround the garden and there is a wonderful richness of plants here. (B, D)

Day 4 This morning we head north from Torquay to **Marwood Hill Gardens**. This private valley garden spans across an impressive 20 acres and is home to four National Plant Heritage Collections and several Champion trees. This award-winning garden is most well known for its incredible Astilbe collection, but is also home to stunning lakes and sculpture, as well as rare trees and shrubs. Later, we visit **Castle Hill Gardens** which are nestled amongst the beautiful North Devon landscape. We spend the afternoon exploring the 50 acres of enchanting grounds set against the backdrop of the stunning 18th-century Palladian mansion. (B, D)

Day 5 We depart after breakfast for home, stopping off en route at the gardens of **Kilver Court**, Shepton Mallet. The gardens feature a millpond and boating lake as well as rolling lawns, parterre and herbaceous borders, set against an unusual and highly impressive backdrop – a vast Grade II listed viaduct built for the Somerset and Dorset railway. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- Gertrude Jekyll and Edwin Lutyens' collaboration at Hestercombe
- Four National Plant Heritage Collections at Marwood Hill
- The innovative Wildside Garden

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Four nights at the four-star Headland Hotel, Torquay with dinner & breakfast
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

16 - 20 Aug **£1,145**

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



Hestercombe



Levens Hall

Summer Gardens of the Lake District

4 DAYS from £1,095 | ACTIVITY RATING

DEPARTURE POINT: London (or can join coach at Lancaster)

The Lake District boasts some of England's most breathtaking scenery. Our tour includes some of the area's most celebrated gardens including Holker Hall, home to the Cavendish family, Holehird, a garden run by the Lakeland Horticultural Society, Gresgarth Hall, home of esteemed garden designer Arabella Lennox-Boyd, as well as the topiary gardens of Levens Hall, which were created in the 17th-century by Monsieur Guillaume Beaumont.

Key Highlights

- Gresgarth Hall, home of esteemed garden designer Arabella Lennox-Boyd
- Rydal Hall Gardens, designed and built by renowned landscape architect, Thomas Mawson
- A scenic cruise on Lake Windermere

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights at the Crooklands Hotel (or similar), Kendal with dinner & breakfast
- Standard class rail travel between London Euston & Lancaster (regional connections & upgrades can also be arranged at a supplement; £100pp discount for no rail travel)
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

28 Jun - 1 Jul **£1,095**

Single Supplement **£135**



Lake Windermere



Dartmoor National Park

Autumn Gardens of Devon

4 DAYS from £895 | ACTIVITY RATING

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

Join us on an autumn escape to the English Riviera, where Torquay is our base for discovering some of Devon's most beautiful gardens. Visit highlights including Lukesland Garden, Bicton Botanical Gardens, Killerton and the romantic Garden House, each offering rich seasonal colour, inspiring planting and wonderful countryside settings as autumn transforms the landscape into a tapestry of warm hues.

Key Highlights

- Lukesland Gardens, one of the finest gardens in the Southwest
- A visit to Bicton Botanical Gardens including cream tea
- An afternoon at your leisure to explore Torquay

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights at the Headland Hotel, Torquay with dinner & breakfast
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

22 - 25 Oct **£895**

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



Torquay harbour



Highgrove ©Robert Smith

Highgrove & the Cotswolds

4 DAYS from £1,095 | ACTIVITY RATING

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

Our tour of the Cotswolds features an exclusive visit and lunch at Highgrove House, the country home of The King. This is a rare opportunity to see these fascinating gardens cultivated using organic methods alongside fine gardens nestled in the rolling hills of Gloucestershire. Discover the ‘outdoor rooms’ of Rodmarton Manor, marvel at the colour of Hidcote Manor, breathe in the fresh air at Westonbirt and enjoy the plant collection at Kiftgate Court.

Day 1 We depart from our designated pick-up points and head for our first visit, the house and gardens of **Rodmarton Manor**, between Tetbury and Cirencester. The eight-acre Cotswold garden was originally designed as a series of outdoor rooms and is still the same today, with each part of the garden having different characters ranging from alpines in troughs, bigger plants in the rockery, lawns, a large kitchen garden and white borders, to the magnificent herbaceous borders which are constantly being re-planted and improved. (B)

Day 2 This morning, we visit the gardens of **Hidcote Manor**, near Chipping Campden. Although among the best-known gardens in Britain, Hidcote Manor still has the power to startle. It was begun before World War I by an American, Major Lawrence Johnston, who devised a type of garden that many think of as quintessentially English. This afternoon, we continue to **Kiftgate Court**, which offers an admirable selection of plants and flowers, not least of which is the well-known rambling rose R. filipes ‘Kiftgate’. (B, D)

Day 3 After breakfast, we head to **Highgrove**, the country residence of HRH the Prince of Wales. This visit offers a rare chance to explore the captivating gardens, cultivated entirely through organic methods. Since acquiring the property in 1980, His Royal Highness sought guidance from Lady Salisbury, an experienced organic gardener renowned for her work at Cranbourne and Hatfield House in Hertfordshire. In the afternoon, we visit Painswick **Rococo Garden**, a pleasure ground created during the decadent and fun-loving early 18th century. Follies are nestled within a hidden valley, surrounded by stunning views of the Cotswolds. Its key features include rococo buildings, woodland walks and carefully planned vistas. (B, D)

Day 4 After checking out of the hotel, we make our way to **Westonbirt**, the **National Arboretum**, which is perhaps the most important and widely known arboretum in the United Kingdom. Following our visit, we return to our original pick-up points. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- Weaving through the magical meadows of Highgrove and enjoying lunch overlooking the Orchard Terrace
- Discovering the secret gardens at Hidcote
- The woodland walks and well-planned vistas at Painswick Rococo Garden
- World-renowned gardens of Kiftgate Court

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights at a comfortable hotel in the Cotswolds with dinner & breakfast
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

30 May - 2 Jun	£1,095
25 - 28 Jun	£1,095
12 - 15 Aug	£1,095
Single Supplement	£225



Hidcote Manor

NEW TOUR



Bodnant Garden

Grand Gardens of Wales with Tony Russell

8 DAYS from £2,495 | ACTIVITY RATING

PICK-UP POINTS: London, Reading, Swindon

Join Brightwater Holidays on a journey through Wales, from Snowdonia’s mountains and dramatic coast to historic castles. With garden expert Tony Russell, discover the **National Botanic Garden of Wales**, Upton, Picton, Llanerchaeron, Plas Brondanw and Maenan Hall. Includes a copy of Tony Russell’s book *The Great Gardens of Wales*.

Day 1 We depart from our pick-up points and travel to Cardiff to visit **Dyffryn Botanic Gardens**, a Grade I-listed Edwardian garden designed by Thomas Mawson. Explore a series of garden rooms enclosed by clipped yew hedges, including a Roman garden, Japanese garden, fountains and pools, plus an arboretum with trees from around the world, including Acer griseum collected by Ernest ‘Chinese’ Wilson. Here, tour expert Tony Russell joins us for a guided visit before we continue to the **Beggars Reach Hotel** in Pembrokeshire. Prior to dinner, Tony gives an **introductory talk** on the gardens of the region. (D)

Day 2 After breakfast we visit the **National Botanic Garden of Wales**, a 568-acre estate featuring the Great Glasshouse, the world’s largest single-span glasshouse, along with the walled garden, water discovery centre and herbaceous boardwalk. We continue to **Aberglasney**, a restored 16th–17th-century garden with cloister walk, three walled gardens and a series of carefully designed planting spaces. (B, D)

Day 3 We begin at **Dyffryn Fernant Garden**, a creative plantsman’s garden with distinct garden rooms including an azalea bank, bog garden, fernery and camellia walk. This afternoon we continue to **Picton Castle**, set within 40 acres of woodland gardens, featuring walks, a maze and

rhododendron displays, plus a walled garden with rose arches and a fernery. (B, D)

Day 4 We visit **Upton Castle Gardens**, a 35-acre historic landscape with herbaceous borders, rose gardens and a restored walled kitchen garden. Continue to **Laugharne**, associated with **Dylan Thomas**, where you may visit **The Boathouse** (entry not included). Our final visit is **Llwyngarreg Garden**, a private garden of bold planting and year-round interest. (B, D)

Day 5 We visit **Llanerchaeron**, an elegant Georgian villa designed by John Nash, with servants’ courtyard, dairy, brewery and walled garden. Continue to Caernarfon. (B, D)

Day 6 We start the day at **Plas Brondanw**, Sir Clough Williams-Ellis’s Italianate garden, then continue to **Portmeirion** with time in The Gwyllt woodland garden. (B, D)

Day 7 We visit **Plas Newydd** and **Penrhyn Castle**, exploring gardens, parkland and historic interiors. (B, D)

Day 8 We begin at **Maenan Hall** and **Bodnant Garden** before returning home. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- Woodland gardens surrounding the castles of Upton and Picton
- An imaginative private garden at Llwyngarreg
- Contrasting visits to the National Botanic Garden of Wales and historic Aberglasney
- The Italianate world of Portmeirion and Plas Brondanw Bodnant Garden’s rich plant collection and valley setting
- Snowdonia’s ever-changing mountain backdrop

YOUR TOUR MANAGER TONY RUSSELL

As ‘Our Man in Wales’ Tony designed this itinerary which features some of the best gardens in the south and west of the Principality.



YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights at the Beggars Reach Hotel, Milford Haven and three nights at the Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon, with dinner & breakfast
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Service of horticulturalist Tony Russell as Tour Manager
- ▶ A copy of Tony’s book *The Great Gardens of Wales*

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

9 - 16 Apr	£2,495
Single Supplement	£595

Please note this tour can be done as Gardens of South & West Wales (days 1 - 5) or Gardens of Anglesey & Snowdonia (days 5 - 8). Please see website for further details.

NEW
TOUR



Gravetye Manor

Gertrude Jekyll: The Arts & Crafts Garden Movement

6 DAYS from £2,295 | ACTIVITY RATING

PICK-UP POINTS: London, Basingstoke

Few figures have shaped British garden design as profoundly as Gertrude Jekyll. This inspiring tour explores her enduring influence and the wider Arts & Crafts garden movement, visiting remarkable gardens including Barrington Court, Hestercombe, Lytes Cary Manor and Standen House. Discover the ideas of garden pioneers such as Sir Edwin Lutyens, William Robinson and William Morris, alongside a special private dining experience at Gravetye Manor.

Day 1 We travel to Somerset to visit **Barrington Court**, one of England's finest Arts & Crafts gardens. Inspired by the principles championed by Gertrude Jekyll, the gardens feature beautifully enclosed garden rooms, colourful borders, orchards and productive kitchen gardens. (D)

Day 2 We visit **Knightshayes Court**, where woodland gardens, terraces and sweeping lawns surround William Burges' Victorian Gothic Revival mansion. Later, we explore **Hestercombe Gardens**, one of the greatest collaborations between Gertrude Jekyll and Sir Edwin Lutyens, where painterly planting combines with elegant terraces, pergolas and water features. (B, D)

Day 3 We discover **East Lambrook Manor Gardens**, the creation of renowned plantswoman Margery Fish, whose relaxed cottage garden style was influenced by the naturalistic planting philosophies of William Robinson and Gertrude Jekyll. We continue to **Heale House**, where romantic water gardens, woodland walks and herbaceous borders reflect the Arts & Crafts approach. (B, D)

Day 4 Today we visit **Lytes Cary Manor**, where intimate garden rooms, clipped hedges and richly planted borders showcase the enduring influence of Gertrude Jekyll. We continue to **Loseley Park**, with its beautifully maintained walled gardens, rose gardens and colourful planting schemes. (B, D)

Day 5 We visit **Vann**, one of Gertrude Jekyll's earliest commissions, before exploring **Standen House**, an outstanding Arts & Crafts home with gardens inspired by Jekyll's design principles. We end the day at **Gravetye Manor**, former home of William Robinson, with a private dinner after exploring its historic gardens. (B, D)

Day 6 Our final visits are to **Philips Memorial Cloister** and **Hatchlands Park**, where Gertrude Jekyll's influence can be seen in the garden design and planting. We then return to our original pick-up points. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- Explore Hestercombe, one of Jekyll and Lutyens' greatest masterpieces
- Exclusive private dining experience at Gravetye Manor
- Discover gardens shaped by the Arts & Crafts movement, including Vann, Loseley Park and Standen House
- Visit Barrington Court, Lytes Cary Manor and East Lambrook Manor Gardens

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights at the Lanes Hotel, Yeovil & two nights at the Holiday Inn Guildford (or similar), with breakfast
- Four dinners at your hotels & an exclusive private dinner at Gravetye Manor
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

9 - 14 Jun	£2,295
Single Supplement	£495



East Lambrook



RHS Wisley

Gardens of Kent & Sussex

4 DAYS from £995 | ACTIVITY RATING

PICK-UP POINTS: London, Gatwick

If there's one tour that epitomises the joy of strolling around a perfect English country garden, it is this one. Even if you have visited some of these properties before, such is their allure that you can return again. Highlights include Great Comp, filled with rare and beautiful shrubs, Lullingstone Castle, Nymans Garden, offering outstanding plants in a theatrical setting, as well as an early-bird visit to iconic Sissinghurst, renowned for its stunning garden rooms.

Key Highlights

- Lullingstone Castle's innovative World Garden of Plants
- Outstanding plant collections at Nymans
- An exclusive early-bird visit to the manicured gardens of Sissinghurst
- Lunch and guided tour of RHS Wisley

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights at the Mercure Hotel, Tunbridge Wells with dinner & breakfast
- One lunch
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

15 - 18 Jun	£995
9 - 12 Aug	£995
Single Supplement	£195



Lullingstone Castle



Sandringham

Hidden Gems of Norfolk & the Sandringham Flower Show

4 DAYS from £1,195 | ACTIVITY RATING

PICK-UP POINTS: London, Chelmsford, Colchester

Discover some of East Anglia's most enchanting gardens, from beautifully restored Victorian landscapes and tranquil woodland retreats to one of Britain's finest modern gardens. Combined with a visit to the prestigious Sandringham Flower Show, this thoughtfully planned tour showcases Norfolk's rich horticultural heritage, inspiring planting and hidden treasures, accompanied throughout by an expert Tour Manager.

Key Highlights

- Entrance to the Sandringham Flower Show
- Visit the internationally acclaimed East Ruston Old Vicarage Garden
- Discover Norfolk's hidden gardens, including Plantation Garden & Bishop's House Garden

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights at Dunston Hall with dinner & breakfast
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

18 - 21 Jul	£1,195
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	



Plantation Garden Norwich



Tresco

Great Gardens of Cornwall in the Company of Mike Nelhams

5 DAYS from £2,395 | ACTIVITY RATING

DEPARTURE POINT: London Paddington

Discover Cornwall’s remarkable gardens through the people who have shaped them. With expert insight from Mike Nelhams, Curator of Tresco Abbey Garden, this special tour features a guided visit to Tresco, alongside the Lost Gardens of Heligan, the Eden Project, Caerhays Castle, Lamorran House and the Tregothnan Tea Plantation. Meet the personalities behind these exceptional gardens and landscapes.

Day 1 We depart by train from London Paddington to Truro and continue by coach to our hotel in Cornwall. There is also the option of travelling independently to the hotel (£100pp discount per person) and regional rail connections can also be arranged at a supplement. Before dinner, our guide **Mike Nelhams** gives a presentation on his favourite Cornish gardens, including those we are about to see. (B)

Day 2 Following breakfast, we begin today with a visit to the **Lost Gardens of Heligan**, where we are hoped to be welcomed by Sir Tim Smit who, together with John Nelson, ‘discovered’ and restored the gardens to their former glory. He then went on to co-found the **Eden Project**, which he discusses in his introduction. Afterwards, we enjoy a tour of the gardens by a member of the gardening team.

We continue to **Caerhays Castle**, where we hope to be welcomed by Charles Williams, whose family have owned Caerhays since the mid-19th century. After **lunch in the castle**, we enjoy a **guided tour** of the garden with a member of the family. This is very much a springtime garden, with a spectacular collection of magnolias, camellias and rhododendrons. (B, L, D)

Day 3 We have an action-packed and stimulating day ahead of us as we transfer to Penzance and take a short helicopter to the island of **Tresco**, where Mike takes us on a personal **guided tour of the Abbey Garden**, without doubt one of the most stunning gardens in the British Isles. Caressed by

the Gulf Stream, the exceptionally mild climate allows for a wide range of exotic, sub-tropical plants to thrive here, earning the Abbey Garden the soubriquet ‘Eden with the lid off’. We fly back to the mainland by helicopter and return to our hotel. (B, D)

Day 4 This morning, we depart for a visit to the privately-owned garden of **Lamorran House**, which has been designed by the owner in an Italianate style, although there are also Japanese influences here. Many features are included to divide the garden into intimate compartments, each of them a delight to explore.

We continue to **Tregothnan Estate**. After lunch, we are joined by Managing Director Jonathon Jones for a tour of the unique **Tregothnan Tea Plantation**, which has expanded greatly since the first bushes were planted in 1999. Blessed with the optimum microclimate for growing tea, Tregothnan produces some of the world’s rarest and highest rated teas, with new varieties being tested all the time – be sure to taste and buy some of the teas produced here. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Following breakfast, the morning is free to explore **Truro** and perhaps visit the cathedral. Later, we travel home independently or transfer to Truro railway station for our train back to London Paddington. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- Guided tour at the Lost Gardens of Heligan
- Lunch and welcome from the owner at Caerhays Castle
- Private visit to the Tregothnan Estate and Tea Plantation
- Day trip to Abbey Gardens and personally conducted tour with Curator Mike Nelhams

YOUR TOUR MANAGER MIKE NELHAMS

Mike Nelhams is the Curator of Tresco’s Abbey Gardens and one of Brightwater Holidays’ longest-serving, most popular and well-travelled garden experts.



YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Four nights at the Greenbank Hotel, Falmouth with dinner & breakfast
- Two lunches
- Standard class rail travel between London & Truro (regional connections & upgrades can also be arranged at a supplement; £100pp discount for no rail travel)
- Return helicopter flight to the Scilly Isles
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of horticulturalist Mike Nelhams as Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

13 - 17 Apr	£2,395
Single Supplement	£315



Old Abbey on Tresco



St. Mary's

The Isles of Scilly

6 DAYS from £2,795 | ACTIVITY RATING

DEPARTURE POINT: Land’s End Airport

The Isles of Scilly, a true sub-tropical paradise, has remained unspoiled and unchanged for decades, where spring arrives early, autumn lingers and winter is nearly absent. The highlight is Tresco’s stunning Abbey Garden, home to thousands of plant species and an abundance of colour. There truly is no other garden like this in the world, and there’s plenty more to enjoy on this tour, too.

Day 1 Travel independently to Penzance (overnight accommodation and rail travel from mainline stations can be arranged at a supplement on request; please contact us for assistance). We meet at Land’s End airport in time for your flight to the **Scillies**. On arrival, we are transferred to the St Mary’s Hall Hotel. Dinner is served in the evening, after which we have a **special talk from our Tour Manager, Mike Nelhams, Curator of the Abbey Gardens**. This is followed by a Q&A session with Mike, an opportunity to find out about growing tender sub-tropical plants such as those found in the Abbey Gardens. (D)

Day 2 Today we enjoy a **private tour of St Mary’s Island**, stopping at a selection of viewpoints en route with light-hearted commentary on island life along the way. We enjoy **lunch** at Juliet’s Garden, a family-run restaurant with views across St Mary’s, with the remainder of the afternoon at leisure to explore. (B, L, D)

Day 3 After breakfast today, we head out for a **Pelagic boat excursion** to the **Western Rocks** and **Bishop Rock Lighthouse**. We are joined by **bird expert Will Wagstaff** as we explore this mecca for birdwatchers in search of Manx shearwaters, puffins, razorbills, kittiwakes and storm petrels. We stop in St Agnes for some free time for lunch at your leisure before we return to the sea and head back to St Mary’s. (B, D)

Day 4 This morning, we depart for **St Martins**. On arrival, we make our way to **Scilly Flowers Farm** for a **guided tour**. Here we learn about this small family-run farm that was among the first to

pioneer sending flowers by first-class post. Over 30 years later, the small farm is thriving and now sends over 100,000 beautiful boxes to doorsteps throughout the UK every year. After our tour, **we have lunch at the Karma Hotel** before having some free time to explore at leisure. At an agreed time, we meet and return by boat to St Mary’s. (B, L, D)

Day 5 After breakfast this morning, we take a boat over to the island of **Tresco** and have a **guided tour of the Abbey Gardens**. There is also an opportunity to view the Valhalla collection of ship’s figureheads, a legacy of the days when shipwrecks were all too common on these rocky shores. This afternoon, we are free to explore Tresco at leisure, with ancient castles, beautiful beaches and headland walks on offer. At an agreed time, we reassemble and take the boat back to St Mary’s and return to our hotel. (B, D)

Day 6 Today it is time to say goodbye to the Scilly Isles, as we transfer to the airport for our return flight to Land’s End Airport. Our tour concludes here (overnight accommodation in Penzance, extended stay and rail travel to mainline stations can be arranged at a supplement on request – please contact us for assistance). (B)

Please note: due to the limited public transport, we believe it is fair to remind passengers that a degree of mobility is required to get the most out of our visit to the Scillies, as most of the tour will be on foot.

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- Guided tour of Abbey Gardens on Tresco with Mike Nelhams
- Pelagic boat tour with local birding expert
- Guided tour of a local flower farm
- Lunch at Juliet’s Garden with views across St Mary’s

YOUR TOUR MANAGER MIKE NELHAMS

Mike Nelhams has lived and worked in the Scilly Isles for many years and is the Curator of Tresco’s Abbey Garden - so no one knows it better!



YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Five nights at the St Mary’s Hall Hotel, St Mary’s in a standard room (upgrades available on request at a supplement) with dinner & breakfast
- 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
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of Mike Nelhams as Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

10 - 15 Jul	£2,795
Single Supplement from	£695



Tresco



The Cliffs of Moher

Gardens & Wildflowers of the Burren

5 DAYS from £1,295 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Shannon

Join our resident Irish expert and much-loved Tour Manager, Trevor Edwards, to discover Ireland’s scenic and rugged west coast. Home to a diverse range of colourful wildflowers and impressive geological features, this tour promises to be an experience to remember. Along the way, we discover the Burren, private gardens at Knockpatrick and Caher Bridge, Inis Oírr, Cliffs of Moher plus Bunratty Castle and Folk Park.

Day 1 We depart from London on a flight to Shannon Airport where on arrival we are met by our coach and Tour Manager and transfer to **Knockpatrick**, a garden of nearly three acres overlooking the Shannon estuary. (D)

Day 2 Following breakfast, we drive to Doolin, where we take a ferry to **Inis Oírr**, the smallest of the Aran Islands. After exploring the island and an opportunity for lunch (not included), we depart on a 50-minute cruise beneath the **Cliffs of Moher**, perhaps Ireland’s most dramatically impressive natural attraction, especially when viewed from the water. On arrival back at Doolin, we return to our hotel. (B, D)

Day 3 After breakfast, we head into the valley of the River Caher and the beautifully diverse limestone garden, **Caher Bridge Garden**. Next, we visit **Doreen Drennan’s Garden** near the Cliffs of Moher. As an award-winning gardener with two previous gardens behind her, this third garden was to be Doreen’s most challenging to date and it is still evolving. We also visit her studio/gallery, an opportunity perhaps to buy a unique souvenir of

our holiday. On our way back to the hotel, we briefly visit the **Poul nabrone Dolmen**. (B, D)

Day 4 This morning, after breakfast, we will explore the **Burren** with a local expert. In the course of our full-day excursion, we can expect to see a good selection of plants typical of the area, with ‘textbook’ examples of pavement, flower-rich grasslands and associated limestone features such as disappearing lakes. Please note we will be walking for around five hours, so a good degree of mobility is required, along with good walking boots and waterproofs. (B, D)

Day 5 After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and depart for a visit to **Bunratty Castle, Gardens and Folk Park**. The site on which Bunratty Castle stands was, in origin, a Viking trading camp in 970. Here we also find a beautiful walled garden from the Regency era, a surviving part of the demesne which was originally formed around Bunratty Castle. In the afternoon, we transfer back to Shannon Airport in time for our return flight to London. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- Privately-owned gardens giving an insight into gardening in this corner of Ireland
- Masses of wildflowers of great variety
- Unique landscapes of The Burren
- Dramatic vistas from the Atlantic of the Cliffs of Moher
- Poul nabrone Dolmen, an impressive megalith

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Four nights at the Treacy’s West County Hotel with dinner & breakfast
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of horticulturalist Trevor Edwards as tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

14 - 18 May	£1,295
Single Supplement	£195



Burren region

NEW
TOUR



Bantry House and Garden

Gardens of the Emerald Isle

8 DAYS from £2,395 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Belfast

Embark on a captivating journey through Ireland, where botanical beauty, wild landscapes and fascinating history combine. Beginning in Belfast and meandering to Dublin, through the Wicklow Mountains and on to Bantry Bay, this tour offers the opportunity to explore some of the most breathtaking spots the Emerald Isle has to offer, from the 400-year-old Antrim Castle Gardens to the Italianate Innacullin on spectacular Garnish Island.

Day 1 Upon arrival in **Belfast**, join the coach and meet your fellow travellers. We visit the private garden of **Holly House**, historic **Antrim Castle Gardens** and the innovative **Randalstown Viaduct Community Garden** before continuing to our hotel. (D)

Day 2 Explore the magnificent **Mount Stewart**, one of Ireland’s most celebrated gardens, renowned for its colourful planting, formal designs and imaginative landscapes. Later, visit **Rowallane Garden**, with its woodland walks, walled garden and outstanding plant collections. (B, D)

Day 3 Visit **Hillsborough Castle**, the official residence of King Charles in Northern Ireland, before discovering **Ardán Garden**, a unique coastal garden shaped by its natural surroundings and conservation principles. Continue to Dublin. (B)

Day 4 Discover two of Ireland’s most inspiring private gardens: **June Blake’s Garden**, filled with unusual plants and naturalistic planting and **Hunting Brook**, a contemporary plantsman’s paradise featuring rare collections and dramatic borders. Visit **Russborough House** and its restored gardens. (B)

Day 5 Visit **Mount Usher**, a beautiful informal garden inspired by naturalistic planting and home to thousands of plant species from around the world. Continue to **Powerscourt Gardens**, one of Ireland’s most famous estates, with elegant terraces, sweeping views and the **Wicklow Mountains** as a backdrop. (B)

Day 6 Explore **National Botanic Garden Kilmacurragh**, famed for its rare trees, conifers and rhododendrons, before visiting Mount Congreve, a spectacular 70-acre garden with one of the world’s great plant collections, including woodland walks, a walled garden, glasshouse and dramatic water features. Continue to Bantry. (B, D)

Day 7 Take a ferry to **Garnish Island** to explore **Innacullin**, a remarkable island garden created with Italianate influences and a unique blend of formal design and wild beauty. Later, visit **Bantry House and Garden**, where terraces, exotic planting and views across Bantry Bay create a truly memorable setting. (B, D)

Day 8 After breakfast transfer to Cork airport where the tour ends. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, D: Dinner

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 Innacullin
- Visit the 400-year-old Antrim Castle Gardens

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights: two nights in Co Antrim, three nights in Dublin and two nights at the Maritime Hotel, Bantry with breakfast
- Four dinners
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of horticulturalist Trevor Edwards as Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

8 - 15 Jun	£2,395
Single Supplement	£595



Italian Garden - Garnish Island - Innacullin



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HIGHLIGHTS: Inverness Botanic Gardens, Aldourie Castle, Gordon Castle, Ruthven Cottage, Branklyn Garden, Drummond Castle



Drummond Castle

Orkney's Hidden Garden Trail

6 DAYS from £2,095 | ACTIVITY RATING   

HIGHLIGHTS: Old Allengrange, Castle of Mey, Greens Gardens, Skara Brae, Standing Stones of Stenness, Waulkmill Garden, Dunrobin Castle



Dunrobin Castle Garden

Gardens of the Highlands & Islands

5 DAYS from £1,595 | ACTIVITY RATING  

HIGHLIGHTS: Crarae Garden, Achamore Gardens on Gigha, Mount Stuart House, Ascog Hall Fernery, Arduaine, Kilmartin Glen



Mount Stuart Rock Gardens

A Grand Tour of the Gardens of Scotland

9 DAYS from £2,845 | ACTIVITY RATING    

HIGHLIGHTS: Cluny House Gardens, Castle of Mey, Dundonnell House, Dunrobin Castle, Abriachan Gardens, Arduaine, An Cala, Ardkinglas, Glenwhan, Logan Botanic



Dunrobin Castle

Gardens of Wester Ross

5 DAYS from £1,265 | ACTIVITY RATING   

HIGHLIGHTS: Oldtown of Leys, Dunvegan Castle, Attadale Gardens, Dundonnell House Garden, Inverewe Gardens, Old Allangrange



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Château de Chaumont-sur-Loire

Gardens of the Loire Valley

7 DAYS from £1,995 | ACTIVITY RATING

DEPARTURE POINT: London St Pancras International

Blessed with rich soil and a mild climate, it is no wonder that the Loire Valley is known as ‘The Garden of France’. Highlights include Château de Villandry’s breathtaking recreation of a 16th-century Renaissance garden, the International Garden Festival and the celebration of da Vinci at Château du Clos Lucé.

Day 1 We depart from London St Pancras by Eurostar to Paris, where we meet our coach and continue to the elegant city of Tours. This evening, we gather for a welcome dinner. *(D)*

Day 2 Today we visit **Château de Villandry**, renowned for its magnificent Renaissance gardens. Enjoy a guided tour of the beautifully restored terraces, including the famous ornamental kitchen garden, formal ornamental gardens and tranquil water garden. Later, we return to **Tours** for a **guided walking tour of the historic old town**, with its medieval streets, handsome squares and half-timbered buildings. *(B)*

Day 3 This morning we travel to **Amboise** to visit **Château du Clos Lucé**, Leonardo da Vinci’s final home. Explore the house and Leonardo’s Garden before free time for lunch. This afternoon we continue to **Château de Valmer**, where Italian Renaissance-inspired terraces, formal gardens, parkland and a historic chapel overlook the Loire countryside. *(B)*

Day 4 We spend the morning at the magnificent **Château de Chenonceau**, discovering its celebrated gardens, including those created for Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de Medici,

together with the Green Garden and Flower Garden. Later, we visit **Les Caves du Père Auguste** for a guided cellar tour and wine tasting before returning to our hotel. *(B)*

Day 5 Today we visit **Château de Chaumont-sur-Loire** and its renowned **International Garden Festival**. Alongside the imaginative festival gardens, explore the permanent gardens of the Prés du Gouloup, where international landscape designers, artists and architects have created an inspiring collection of contemporary gardens and plantings. *(B)*

Day 6 This morning is free to enjoy the lively market and medieval streets of **Loches**. This afternoon we visit **Chédigny**, the only village in France to hold the Jardin Remarquable designation. Accompanied by a local guide, discover streets filled with more than 1,000 roses and visit the charming **Priest’s Garden**. This evening, we celebrate our tour with a farewell dinner. *(B, D)*

Day 7 After breakfast, we return to Paris and board the Eurostar for our journey back to London. *(B)*

Inc. meals: *B: Breakfast, D: Dinner*

Key Highlights

- Celebrate the life and works of Leonardo da Vinci at his former home, Château du Clos Lucé
- Discover Château Chenonceau, one of the region’s best-known castles
- Enjoy a wine tasting at Les Caves du Père Auguste, where the same family has been producing wine for 145 years
- Admire Chédigny, the charming village transformed into a garden with thousands of flowers

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Six nights at a comfortable hotel with breakfast
- Welcome & farewell dinners
- Return Eurostar travel from London St Pancras *(first class upgrades & regional connections also available on request)*
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON	
4 - 10 Jun	£1,995
Single Supplement from	£445



Château de Villandry



Les Hortillonnages

Gardens of Picardy

7 DAYS from £1,995 | ACTIVITY RATING

DEPARTURE POINTS: London, Gatwick, Dover

Discover the tranquil beauty of the Somme as we cruise aboard an eco-friendly electric barge through the peaceful landscapes of Picardy. Two relaxing full-day cruises reveal quiet waterways, birdsong and picturesque scenery, while time ashore is spent exploring Amiens and visiting some of the region’s most beautiful gardens, creating a wonderfully unhurried journey by land and water.

Day 1 Travel by coach and ferry to **Amiens**, our base for the next six nights, where we enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. *(D)*

Day 2 Discover two of Picardy’s finest gardens, beginning at the award-winning **Jardin de Séricourt**, a beautiful landscape of garden rooms, flowering borders and imaginative planting. Later, visit the **Gardens of Maizicourt**, where restored formal hedges, colourful borders and elegant design create a tranquil garden retreat. *(B, D)*

Day 3 Visit the **Floral Gardens of Digeon**, a family-created Jardin Remarquable featuring roses, sweeping lawns and a beautifully designed kitchen garden. Continue to the charming village of **Gerberoy**, where the painter Henri le Sidaner transformed an abandoned orchard into a series of enchanting terraced gardens. Return to Amiens for free time. *(B)*

Day 4 Enjoy the first of our two full-day cruises aboard an eco-friendly electrically powered barge, travelling through the peaceful landscapes of the **Somme Valley**. Sail from **Picquigny** towards **Abbeville**, with **lunch on board** and visit the elegant **Château de Long** with its beautiful riverside gardens. *(B, L)*

Day 5 Visit **Jardin Moulin Ventin**, where the River Noye flows through the heart of this picturesque mill garden. Continue to **Beauvais** for free time and the chance to admire its impressive Gothic cathedral, before exploring the colourful gardens of artist **André van Beek**, a Jardin Remarquable. *(B, L)*

Day 6 Our second full-day cruise follows the tranquil waterways of the Somme, passing through peaceful countryside and historic villages. Enjoy **lunch on board** before sailing through the famous **Les Hortillonnages**, the remarkable floating gardens of Amiens and continuing towards **Corbie**. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner. *(B, D)*

Day 7 After breakfast, return to Calais for the ferry crossing to Dover and continue to our original pick-up points. *(B)*

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

Key Highlights

- Enjoy two full day cruises on the Somme waterways with lunch and wine included
- Sail past the waterways of the floating gardens of Les Hortillonnages
- Discover the elegance at the Château de Long
- Admire a tranquil country garden with many water features

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Six nights’ bed and breakfast at a comfortable 3-star hotel in Amiens
- Three dinners
- Return ferry crossings from Dover to Calais
- Two full-day cruises on the Somme Waterway with lunch and wine included
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON	
9 - 15 Jun	£1,995
Single Supplement	£395



Gerberoy



Lavender field - Provence

Lavender Fields & Gardens of Provence Cruise

8 DAYS from £3,495 | ACTIVITY RATING

DEPARTURE POINT: London St Pancras International

Delve into Provençal life on this idyllic Rhône cruise, discovering beautiful gardens, historic towns and the fragrant landscapes that define the region. Explore Avignon and Arles, visit the renowned Musée de la Lavande Luberon, enjoy an immersive lavender and perfume experience at Un MAS en Provence, and savour superb French cuisine as you cruise through the heart of Provence.



Monet's garden

The Genius of Monet

4 DAYS from £1,495 | ACTIVITY RATING

DEPARTURE POINT: London St Pancras International

Follow in Monet's footsteps as we visit the restored gardens at Giverny that inspired his greatest masterpieces. Continue to Paris to admire his monumental Les Nymphéas at the Musée de l'Orangerie, then discover the magnificent Château de Chantilly, with its art collection and Le Nôtre gardens, and the charming medieval town of Senlis, creating a wonderful celebration of art, gardens and French heritage.

Key Highlights

- Soak up the lovely views and landscapes of Provence aboard the sun-deck of A-ROSA STELLA
- Visit the Musée de la Lavande Luberon, home to the 'real' lavender of Provence
- Discover the blooms intertwined with Sainte André Abbey, a Remarkable Garden of France
- Enjoy an immersive experience at Un MAS en Provence de La Plante Au Parfum

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights in a lower deck cabin on the A-ROSA STELLA on a full-board basis
- Drinks on board with meals & at the bar (excluding premium drinks & spirits)
- Return standard class rail travel from London St Pancras to Paris on board Eurostar & Paris to Lyon (first class upgrades & regional connections also available on request)
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

27 Jun - 4 Jul	£3,495
Single Supplement	£945
Middle Deck Juliette Balcony Supplement	£275
Upper Deck Juliette Balcony Supplement	£365
Single Cabin upgrade supplement on request	

Key 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 at the Château Jeanne & the Forest, Chantilly Forest with dinner & breakfast
- Return standard class rail from London St Pancras International to Paris (first class upgrades and regional connections also available on request)
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

21 - 24 May	£1,595
19 - 22 Jul	£1,495
Single Supplement	£345
Superior Room Supplement	£75
Deluxe Room Supplement	£150
Single room upgrade supplement on request	



Château de Versailles

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

8 DAYS from £3,195 | ACTIVITY RATING

DEPARTURE POINT: London St Pancras International

Combine a relaxing cruise along the River Seine with visits to some of Normandy's finest gardens. Discover Monet's celebrated garden at Giverny, the historic Château de Miromesnil, the remarkable Le Vasterival and the contemporary Jardin Plume, before completing your journey with a visit to the magnificent Château de Versailles, one of France's most iconic landmarks.

Day 1 We travel by Eurostar from London St Pancras to Paris, where we visit the **Musée de l'Orangerie** to admire Monet's magnificent Les Nymphéas murals before boarding our ship on the River Seine. (D)

Day 2 As we cruise towards **Rouen**, enjoy the changing scenery from the comfort of the ship. This afternoon, we visit **Jardin Plume**, a beautifully designed contemporary garden where ornamental grasses, perennials and a productive kitchen garden create a striking modern interpretation of the Normandy landscape. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Today's garden visits begin at **Château de Miromesnil**, where the restored kitchen garden, historic parkland and impressive plant collections complement the elegant château. After a packed lunch, we continue to **Le Vasterival** for a guided tour of **Princess Sturdza's celebrated naturalistic garden**, renowned for its exceptional planting and woodland setting. We rejoin our ship in Rouen before sailing to Caudebec. (B, PL, D)

Day 4 We visit the **Pegasus Bridge Memorial Museum** before continuing to the elegant gardens of **Château de Canon**, a beautiful example of French landscape design inspired by

the English landscape movement. Later, enjoy a guided visit and tasting at **Père Magloire**, one of Normandy's best-known Calvados producers, before rejoining the ship. (B, PL, D)

Day 5 This morning is at leisure in **Les Andelys** before cruising to **Vernon**. This afternoon we visit **Monet's house** and world-famous gardens at **Giverny**, beautifully restored and instantly recognisable from many of his most celebrated paintings. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Enjoy a leisurely day cruising the Seine, making the most of the ship's facilities as we sail towards **Paris**. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Spend the day at the magnificent **Château de Versailles**, exploring the **Royal Apartments, Hall of Mirrors and André Le Nôtre's** celebrated formal gardens before returning to the ship for our final evening. (B, PL, D)

Day 8 After breakfast, we disembark and return to Paris for our Eurostar journey back to London. (B)

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

Key Highlights

- The incomparable gardens of Giverny, carefully maintained as Monet would have wished
- Guided tour of the chapel, the castle and the gardens at Château de Miromesnil
- Guided tour of the gardens at Le Vasterival
- A taste of Normandy at a Calvados producer
- Visit to the iconic Château de Versailles

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights in a deck 1 outer cabin on the A-ROSA VIVA on a full-board plus basis: comprehensive breakfast, lunch & dinner buffets with live-cooking stations, embarkation snack, as well as daily tea & coffee time (cabin upgrades available)
- Drinks included throughout the day: tea, coffee & coffee specialties, water, soft drinks, beer, prosecco, as well as a selection of wines (excluding premium drinks & spirits)
- Return standard class rail travel from London St Pancras International to Paris. (First class upgrades and regional connections also available on request)
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

6 - 13 May	£3,195
Single Supplement from	£745
Middle Deck Juliette Balcony Supplement	£275
Upper Deck Juliette Balcony Supplement	£365
Single Cabin upgrade supplement on request	



Menton Lemon Festival parade

Gardens of the French Riviera & the Menton Lemon Festival

6 DAYS from £1,735 | ACTIVITY RATING:

Meet us in Nice

With elegant gardens, azure skies, and a stunning coastline that inspired artists, the French Riviera has retained its glamour for over a century. We explore fine gardens, including those of Thomas Hanbury and the Rothschilds. In February, Menton hosts the vibrant Lemon Festival, a colourful celebration with elaborate floats and citrus sculptures parading through the Promenade du Soleil, bringing zest and joy to early spring.

We also visit the Jardin Botanique Val Rahmeh, the Fondation Ephrussi de Rothschild gardens, Italy's Hanbury Gardens, Jardin Exotique d'Èze, Villa Thuret, Serre de la Madone, Monte Carlo parks, and La Mouissone's tranquil spaces.

In May the International Rose Festival in Grasse takes the place of the Menton Lemon Festival.

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Nice airport or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers at the designated meeting point before we enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. This afternoon, we visit the historic garden of **Serre de la Madone**, created by Lawrence Johnston. We continue to our hotel in Nice, followed by a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. *(L, D)*

Day 2 After breakfast, we visit the **Fondation Ephrussi de Rothschild**, featuring the Baroness de Rothschild's collections plus gardens designed in distinct architectural styles. **Lunch** is included.

Later, we explore **Jardin Exotique d'Èze**, overlooking the Mediterranean and boasting exotic plants. *(B, L)*

Day 3 After breakfast, we visit **Jardin Botanique Val Rahmeh**, established by Lord Radcliffe and featuring exotic species, palms, citrus and a rainforest area.

We explore **La Mortola**, planted by Sir Thomas Hanbury in 1867. This botanical collection includes exotics from South Africa, Australia and South

America. **Lunch** is included. We enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. *(B, L, D)*

Day 4 We spend the day at the **Menton Lemon Festival**. Grandstand seats are included for the parade, featuring floats decorated with citrus fruits, music, folkloric performances and dance troupes. *(B)*

Day 5 We visit **Villa Thuret**, home to rare plants like the first eucalyptus planted on the Côte d'Azur, followed by **La Mouissone**, a hillside garden with olive trees and prairie-style areas. **Lunch** is included.

In the afternoon, we visit **St Paul de Vence**, a haven for writers and artists. Later, we enjoy a farewell dinner. *(B, L, D)*

Day 6 We conclude in glamorous **Monte Carlo**, visiting the reopened **Jardin Exotique de Monaco**. After our visit, we transfer to Nice Airport, where your tour comes to an end. *(B)*

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

Please note: several of these gardens feature steep areas or narrow paths.

Key Highlights

- Sit back and enjoy all the colour and spectacle of the Menton Lemon Festival - in February
- Cacti of every shape and size in Èze
- The richness of the plant collection at the Hanbury Garden
- Marvellous sea views and opulent surroundings in St Jean Cap Ferrat

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Five nights bed & breakfast at the Hotel Nice Excelsior, Nice *(or similar)*
- Three dinners and four lunches
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager *(Horticulturalist Colin Crosbie in Feb)*

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

Menton Lemon Festival	
11 - 16 Feb	£1,735
Single Supplement	£375
International Rose Festival	
6 - 11 May	£2,195
Single Supplement	£585



Fête des roses jardins de la villa Ephrussi de Rothschild

NEW TOUR



Keukenhof Gardens

Holland & the Tulips of Keukenhof

5 DAYS from £1,795 | ACTIVITY RATING

DEPARTURE POINT: London St Pancras International

Travel by Eurostar to discover the Netherlands at its colourful springtime best. Marvel at the world-famous Keukenhof, where millions of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths create breathtaking displays, and visit Amsterdam's historic Hortus Botanicus, one of the world's oldest botanical gardens. Experience the excitement of a Dutch flower auction, explore a working tulip farm in bloom, and discover the iconic windmills of Zaanse Schans before enjoying time in the charming canal city of Delft prior to your return to London.



Villa Durazzo

Gardens & Villas of Liguria

7 DAYS from £2,235 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Pisa Airport

Experience la dolce vita in Liguria, with its sparkling coastline, colourful towns and historic treasures. We visit some of its most spectacular villas, featuring stucco decorations, magnificent frescoes, remarkable art collections and beautiful gardens. The result is a fascinating glimpse into the lifestyles of the Italian elite during the Renaissance.

Key Highlights

- The tulip fields of Keukenhof Gardens
- A guided tour of a local tulip farm
- Amsterdam's famed Botanic Gardens
- Discover the iconic windmills and historic houses of Zaanse Schans

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Four night at a comfortable hotel in Leiden with breakfast
- Welcome & farewell dinners at local restaurants
- Return standard class rail travel from London St Pancras to Rotterdam
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

19 - 23 Apr	£1,795
Single Supplement	£445
Optional excursion: Canal Cruise in Amsterdam	



Zaanse Schans

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 winding alleys *(known as caruggi)*
- Admire the gardens of Villa la Pergola, meticulously restored by famous landscape architect, Paolo Pejrone
- Enjoy a guided tour of the exquisite Villa Marigola

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights at the Best Western Hotel Porto Antico, Genoa & three nights at the Hotel Corallo, La Spezia *(or similar)* with breakfast
- Welcome & farewell dinners at local restaurants
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

10 - 16 May	£2,235
Single Supplement	£445
Optional excursions:	
Aquarium and the Biosphere	£50
Galata Museum	£30



Isola Bella

Villas & Gardens of the Italian Lakes

8 DAYS from £2,895 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Milan or Lake Maggiore

Come and explore a succession of elegant villas and gardens set against snow-capped mountains and glittering lakes. Thanks to the region's sheltered, mild climate, spring arrives earlier here, bringing spectacular displays of camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons to life. Discover the private garden of the President of the Italian Camellia Society, the terraced gardens of the Borromean Islands, Villa Taranto's rare botanical treasures and Villa Carlotta's vibrant seasonal displays.

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Malpensa airport or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers that evening at our hotel. (D)

Day 2 Today we visit the magnificent gardens of **Villa Taranto**, created by Scottish horticulturist **Captain Neil McEacharn** and home to thousands of rare botanical specimens from around the world. Later, we travel to picturesque **Lake Orta**, where we enjoy time in **Orta San Giulio** before taking a **private boat trip** to the island of **San Giulio** and visiting a private hillside garden overlooking the lake. (B, D)

Day 3 We explore the famous **Borromean Islands**, beginning with **Isola Bella** and its extraordinary Baroque palace and terraced gardens, inspired by the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. We continue to **Isola Pescatori**, with its charming harbour and narrow streets, before visiting the peaceful gardens of **Isola Madre**, where exotic plants thrive in a romantic English-style landscape. (B, D)

Day 4 We enjoy an exclusive visit to the **private garden** of the **President of the Italian Camellia Society**, home to an exceptional collection of camellias and other rare plants. After a

relaxed lunch here, the afternoon is free to explore **Stresa** at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 5 We leave **Lake Maggiore** and visit **Villa Cicogna Mozzoni**, where we enjoy a **private guided tour** with the owner. This beautifully preserved Renaissance villa is set among formal Italian gardens featuring terraces, fountains and water features. We continue to Como, our base for the next three nights. (B, D)

Day 6 A free day to relax, explore **Como** or discover more of the surrounding lake at your own pace. (B, D)

Day 7 Our final garden day takes us to **Lake Como**, where we visit the elegant **Villa Carlotta**, renowned for its spectacular planting, woodland gardens and exotic collections. We then travel by ferry to **Villa Balbianello**, one of Italy's most romantic gardens, with breathtaking views across the lake. (B, D)

Day 8 After breakfast, we transfer to the airport where your tour comes to an end. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Four nights in Lake Maggiore and three nights in Lake Como with dinner & breakfast
- One lunch
- Exclusive visit to the private garden of the President of the Italian Camellia Society, including lunch
- Guided tour of the garden at Villa Cicogna Mozzoni with the owner
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

21 - 28 Apr	£2,895
15 - 22 Sep	£2,895
Single Supplement	£695



Isola Madre



Boboli Gardens

Arts & Gardens of Florence & Tuscany

7 DAYS from £2,795 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Pisa or Florence

Discover the artistic and horticultural treasures of Florence and Tuscany, where Renaissance masterpieces, elegant villas and exceptional gardens await. Explore private gardens, historic Medici estates and the celebrated landscapes of Boboli, Bardini and Villa Gamberaia, alongside the medieval beauty of Siena and a memorable visit to Castello di Verrazzano, where Tuscan wines and Renaissance surroundings provide the perfect finale.



Papal Garden in Castel Gandolfo

Lazio Botanical Wonders - Rome, Ninfa & Viterbo

6 DAYS from £2,395 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Rome

From the timeless beauty of Rome to some of Italy's most extraordinary gardens, this carefully curated tour showcases Renaissance masterpieces, romantic landscapes and remarkable horticultural treasures. Wander the enchanting Gardens of Ninfa, explore the Papal Gardens at Castel Gandolfo, admire UNESCO-listed Villa d'Este, visit elegant Villa Lante and discover the spectacular peony collections of the Centro Botanico Moutan.

Key Highlights

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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Six nights at a comfortable hotel in Florence with breakfast
- Two dinners
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

24 - 30 May	£2,795
Single Supplement	£495



Bardini Gardens

Key Highlights

- Guided visit to the enchanting Gardens of Ninfa
- Explore the Papal Gardens at Castel Gandolfo
- Discover Villa d'Este and Villa Lante, two Renaissance masterpieces
- Visit to the Rose Garden del Bufalo Valleranello
- Guided tour of medieval Viterbo and Castello Ruspoli

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights in Rome and Two nights in Viterbo with breakfast
- Welcome drink and dinner
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

11 - 16 May	£2,395
Single Supplement	£395



Gardens of Ninfa



Villa San Michele

Gardens of the Neapolitan Riviera

7 DAYS from £2,575 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Naples

Southern Italy has a beautifully warm climate which, combined with a rich and fertile soil, is ideally suited not only to olives, oranges and lemons but to a wide range of tender exotics. This has led to the creation of some fantastic villas, gardens, vineyards and lemon groves all doused in the ancient culture that surrounds vibrant Naples. We visit La Mortella, a dazzling garden of lush exotics, Villa Rufolo on the Amalfi Coast and the clifftop Villa Cimbrone.

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Naples airport or make your own way to the hotel, where you will meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers this evening. If you join our arrival transfer, we visit the magnificent **Caserta Palace Gardens** en route. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, these spectacular 18th-century gardens combine elegant Italian formality with a picturesque English Garden, linked by impressive fountains, sculptures and the magnificent Cascade. (D)

Day 2 We travel by boat to **Capri**, where we visit **Villa San Michele**, the former home of Axel Munthe, with its beautiful gardens, classical sculptures and sweeping views across the Gulf of Naples. We also discover the **Giardini di Augusto**, renowned for its colourful terraces and spectacular island panoramas. (B, D)

Day 3 A ferry takes us to **Ischia** to explore the celebrated gardens of **La Mortella**. Created by Susana Walton with renowned designer Russell Page, this extraordinary subtropical garden combines exotic planting, rare trees, palms, ferns and Mediterranean landscapes. Afterwards, enjoy free time on Ischia before returning to Naples. (B, D)

Day 4 We journey to the **Amalfi Coast** to visit two outstanding gardens. **Villa Rufolo**, dating from the 13th century, combines formal terraces with breathtaking coastal views and inspired Richard Wagner's Parsifal. Later, we explore **Villa Cimbrone**, where elegant terraces, rose gardens, shaded walks and a famous clifftop belvedere overlook the Mediterranean. (B, D)

Day 5 Today is free to relax at the hotel or enjoy time exploring the local area at your own pace. (B, D)

Day 6 We join a local expert guide for a fascinating visit to **Pompeii**, remarkably preserved beneath volcanic ash after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79. Explore its ancient streets, villas and public buildings while discovering one of the world's most extraordinary archaeological sites. (B, D)

Day 7 After breakfast you will be transferred back to Naples airport where your tour ends. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, D: Dinner

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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Six nights at the Best Western La Solara, Sorrento with breakfast & dinner (with wine)
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

20 - 26 Apr	£2,575
Single Supplement	£495



Villa Cimbrone



Palermo Botanical Gardens

Gardens & Villas of Sicily

8 DAYS from £2,795 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Catania

Discover the beauty, history and flavours of Sicily on this unforgettable island journey. From the dramatic slopes of Mount Etna and the ancient streets of Taormina to hidden gardens, aristocratic estates and mountain monasteries, we uncover the many layers of this fascinating destination. Enjoy exclusive garden visits, breathtaking landscapes and authentic Sicilian experiences, from aromatic herbs and spices to the rich cultural heritage of Palermo, where Norman and Arabic influences meet.

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Catania airport or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers that evening at our hotel. (D)

Day 2 Visit **Villa Trinità**, an elegant garden born from lava, which thrives on the slopes of Etna. This afternoon we take an excursion to **Mount Etna**, Europe's highest active volcano. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Today is ours to explore **Taormina** and its many highlights, including the private garden of **Casa Cuseni**. Created by Robert Kitson, a British painter of the early 20th century, its house and exuberant plantings demonstrate clear links with the Arts and Crafts movement. (B, D)

Day 4 We begin at the **Gardens of Princess Maria Carla Borghese**, created out of barren ground almost 50 years ago. Next it's on to **San Giuliano**, where a member of the team gives us an exclusive insight into Sicilian gardening. (B, D)

Day 5 We discover an extensive collection of herbs and spices with a multisensory tour of **Gli Aromi Sicily**. **Lunch** here makes for today's

biggest highlight: a home-made feast prepared with an abundance of fresh herbs and devotion. Free time in **Ragusa** follows. (B, L, D)

Day 6 After **lunch** at a former **Benedictine monastery**, we transfer to the village of Monreale and visit the **Cathedral and Abbey**, with its 70,000 square feet of mosaics, amazing gold leaf and glass interiors. This astounding display echoes the opulence of the Alhambra, and is a sight not to be missed. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Palermo was once known as Sicily's "garden city". We find out why during our morning visit to the local **Botanical Gardens**, one of the oldest and most significant centres of plant research in the Mediterranean. We also visit the public garden of **Villa Giulia** and the impressive **Norman Palace**. (B, D)

Day 8 After breakfast, you will be transferred to Palermo airport where your tour ends. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- Driving up the slopes of Mount Etna
- A tour with a member of the gardening team at Giardini San Giuliano
- Lunch at a former Benedictine Monastery
- An eclectic mix of cultures at Palermo

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights at a comfortable hotel in Giardini Naxos, two nights in Ragusa & two nights in Palermo with dinner & breakfast
- Three lunches
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

19 - 26 Apr	£2,795
Single Supplement	£495



Villa Giulia



Alhambra Arch, Granada

Gardens & Architecture of Andalucía

8 DAYS from £1,995 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Malaga or 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 of the Sierra Nevada. We visit the famous Alhambra and Generalife, which commands exceptional views down towards the old city, the Albaicin. Also included are the treasures of Córdoba and Seville before concluding in the dramatically situated town of Ronda.



Cathedral La Seu

Gardens & Architecture of Mallorca

6 DAYS from £1,885 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Palma

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, observe the flora and fauna of the Albufera Nature Reserve and take an exhilarating ride on the Tren de Soller.

Key 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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights at the Senator Hotel, Granada, three nights at the Hotel Exe Macarena, Seville & one night at a Malaga or Costa del Sol Hotel (or similar) with breakfast
- ▶ Three dinners
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

19 - 26 Apr	£1,995
Single Supplement	£445

Key Highlights

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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Five nights at the Hotel THB Maria Isabel (or similar), Playa de Palma with dinner & breakfast
- ▶ One lunch
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

20 - 25 Apr	£1,885
12 - 17 Oct	£1,885
Single Supplement	£445



Raixa



Santiago de Compostela

Galicia's Camellia Route

6 DAYS from £1,395 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Santiago de Compostela or La Coruña

Travel with Brightwater Holidays along Galicia's Camellia Route, staying in La Coruña and Santiago de Compostela. In this green corner of Spain, grand estates known as pazos are filled with camellias that bloom in late winter and early spring. Visit riverside gardens, Baroque landscapes and hillside castles, including Pazo de Mariñan, Pazo de Oca and Castillo de Soutomaioir, set within Galicia's gentle coastal scenery.

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Santiago de Compostela airport or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers that evening at our hotel. (D)

Day 2 This morning, we explore **La Coruña**, discovering a city where modern parks and a historic old town sit alongside the Atlantic shoreline. We visit the garden surrounding the **tomb of Sir John Moore** on the city ramparts, a peaceful viewpoint overlooking the sea. After lunch in La Coruña, we continue to **Pazo de Mariñan**, a graceful riverside estate set above a tranquil estuary. Its gardens feature mature planting, including camellias, eucalyptus and walnut, alongside centuries of careful design within this sheltered coastal landscape. (B)

Day 3 This morning, we visit **Pazo de Faramello**, a romantic estate set along the River Sar, where woodland gardens, historic buildings and flowing water create a peaceful rural setting. We continue to **Santiago de Compostela** for lunch before enjoying a **guided tour** of the cathedral, with its Baroque façade and ancient cloisters, one of Europe's most important pilgrimage destinations. (B, D)

Day 4 We visit **Pazo de Rubianes**, where terraces, fountains and camellia walks surround a handsome villa set within a historic estate. After a **guided visit and wine tasting**, we continue to **Pontevedra** for lunch. In the afternoon, we explore **Castillo de Soutomaioir**, a striking hillside castle garden with one of Galicia's most important camellia collections and sweeping views across the surrounding countryside. (B)

Day 5 We begin at **Pazo de Oca**, a celebrated Baroque garden of canals, fountains and terraces, where water and planting combine in a beautifully balanced design. We continue to **Pazo de Santa Cruz de Rivadulla**, renowned for its outstanding camellia collection and ancient olive avenues. After lunch and free time in Santiago de Compostela, we return to La Coruña for our final overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 6 After breakfast, you will be transferred back to Santiago de Compostela airport where your tour ends. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- Pazo de Mariñan, a riverside estate with mature camellias and estuary views
- Pazo de Faramello, a romantic garden estate set along the Sar River
- Pazo de Oca, one of Galicia's finest Baroque gardens of canals, fountains and terraces
- Castillo de Soutomaioir, a hillside castle garden with historic camellia collections

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Two nights at the Eurostars Ciudad de La Coruña, La Coruña, two nights at the Eurostars Gran Hotel, Santiago de Compostela & one night at the Eurostars Mar de Vigo, Vigo (or similar) with breakfast
- ▶ Three dinners
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

10 - 15 Mar	£1,395
Single Supplement	£195



Camellia



Flower Festival

Gardens of Madeira

8 DAYS from £1,875 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Funchal

Discover Madeira, the ‘Island of Flowers’, where lush volcanic landscapes, subtropical gardens and vibrant traditions create a feast for the senses. Explore beautiful estates, botanical collections and historic gardens, experience the colourful Flower Festival and uncover the stories behind Madeira’s remarkable landscapes. With expert-led visits, scenic levada walks and time to enjoy the island’s unique charm, this is a truly memorable escape.

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Funchal airport or meet your tour manager and fellow travellers at your Hotel. *(D)*

Day 2 We visit Funchal’s colourful **Mercado dos Lavradores** before experiencing the **Children’s Parade**, a highlight of **Madeira’s Flower Festival**. Afterwards, enjoy lunch overlooking **Funchal Bay**, sampling traditional Madeiran cuisine. *(B, L, D)*

Day 3 Today we discover the **Madeira Botanical Garden**, home to exotic and indigenous plants, beautiful terraces and panoramic views over Funchal. We continue to **Quinta da Boa Vista**, where we enjoy a personal welcome and admire its outstanding orchid collection, before experiencing the spectacular **Flower Festival Parade**. *(B, D)*

Day 4 Today we visit **Quinta Vigia**, part of the Presidential Palace and neighbouring Santa Catarina Park, set in a natural amphitheatre overlooking Funchal. Enjoy Madeiran specialities at a **local tea house** before free time to explore at leisure. *(B, D)*

Day 5 We explore **Quinta do Palheiro Gardens**, famed for its camellias and exceptional plant collections. Later, walk beside Madeira’s historic **levadas** before stopping for tea and cake at the **Jasmine Tea House**. *(B, D)*

Day 6 This morning we ride the **cable car to Monte** and visit the magnificent **Monte Palace Gardens**. Later, discover the gardens of **Reid’s Palace Hotel with the Head Gardener** before enjoying a **traditional afternoon tea** in this elegant setting. *(B, AT, D)*

Day 7 Enjoy a day at leisure or join an **optional island tour** showcasing Madeira’s dramatic landscapes, picturesque villages and spectacular coastal views. We gather this evening for a farewell dinner. *(B, D)*

Day 8 After breakfast, you will be transferred back to the airport where your tour ends. *(B)*

Inc. meals: *B: Breakfast, AT: Afternoon Tea, D: Dinner*

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
- Afternoon tea at Reid’s Palace Hotel

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights at the Golden Residence, Funchal *(or similar)* with breakfast
- Welcome & farewell dinners
- Afternoon tea at Reid’s Palace
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

30 Apr - 7 May	£2,395
24 Nov - 1 Dec	£1,875
Single Supplement from	£395

**Itinerary will vary slightly in November - see website for full details.*



Monte Palace



Belvedere Palace and Park

Austrian Palaces & the Apricot Blossoms

8 DAYS from £3,195 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Vienna

Discover Austria’s magnificent palaces, historic cities and glorious spring landscapes on this delightful tour. From elegant Vienna and the blossom-filled Wachau Valley to Mozart’s Salzburg, we experience the country’s rich cultural heritage alongside beautiful gardens and castles. Highlights include the Trick Fountains at Hellbrunn Palace, the permanent garden exhibition in Tulln and the spectacular scenery of the Danube Valley.



Almond trees, Douro Valley

Route of the Almond Blossom

8 DAYS from £2,545 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Porto

From the blossoming gardens of Portugal’s north to the scenic vineyards of the Douro Valley, discover elegant estates, historic manor houses and the country’s rich wine heritage. Explore the gardens of Quinta de Curvos and Quinta de Avela in the Vinho Verde region, visit the magnificent Casa de Mateus, cruise through the Douro’s dramatic landscapes, enjoy a traditional Port tasting and discover charming gardens surrounded by fragrant spring almond blossom.

Key Highlights

- Apricot Blossom in the Wachau Valley
- The Baroque Palace of Schönbrunn
- Visit the abbey of Melk, the largest Benedictine Abbey in Europe
- Schloss Hof Castle, a masterpiece of baroque garden art

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights bed and breakfast in four-star hotels: four nights at the Strudlhof Vienna, one night at the Hotel Donauhof, Emmersdorf and two nights Hotel Untersberg in St Leonhard *(or similar)*
- Three dinners
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

9 - 16 Apr	£3,195
Single Supplement	£495



Melk Abbey

Key Highlights

- Explore the UNESCO-listed Ribeira area, the historic centre of Porto
- Visit the Crystal Palace Gardens
- Almond blossom in Vila Nova de Foz Côa
- Visit to Casa de Mateus
- Camellias Flavius nursery, Bom Jesus de Monte Sanctuary, Penascosa and Quinta da Avela

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights at the Vila Gale, Porto, one night at the Vila Gale Douro, Regua & three nights at the Vila Gale, Braga with breakfast *(or similar)*
- Welcome & farewell dinner
- Two lunches
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel & all ferry crossings
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

3 - 10 Mar	£2,545
Single Supplement	£595
Optional Excursion: Tile Painting	£55



La Majorelle Garden

Gardens of Marrakech

5 DAYS from £1,695 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Marrakech

Marrakech enchants with its rose-coloured buildings framed by the snow-capped Atlas Mountains. At its heart lies Jemaa El Fna, alive with storytellers, musicians and snake-charmers. Highlights include the serene courtyards of El Bahia Palace, the dramatic ruins of El Badi, the Menara gardens and the vibrant Majorelle Garden. We also escape to the peaceful Ourika Valley in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains.

Day 1 Either join our arrival transfer at Marrakech airport or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers at the Kenzi Rose Hotel for dinner. (D)

Day 2 We discover Marrakech's finest gardens and palaces, beginning with the fragrant courtyards of **Bahia Palace** and the atmospheric ruins of **El Badi Palace**. We continue to the iconic **Jardin Majorelle**, restored by Yves Saint Laurent, where vivid planting, tranquil water features and the famous Majorelle Blue create one of the world's most celebrated gardens. Later, we visit the **Yves Saint Laurent Museum** before enjoying exclusive access to the private gardens of renowned landscape designer, botanist and perfumer **M. Ben Chaabane**, including his remarkable cactus garden and art collection. (B, D)

Day 3 Today's exploration includes the historic **Menara Gardens**, with their reflective pool and Atlas Mountain backdrop, together with **Arset Moulay Abdessalam** and **Jnane Harti**. We also visit the beautifully restored **Dar el Bacha** and **Le**

Jardin Secret, redesigned by Tom Stuart-Smith and regarded as one of Morocco's finest Islamic gardens. Later, we experience the colourful artisan quarter and lively **Jemaa el-Fnaa** square. (B, D)

Day 4 We journey into the spectacular **Ourika Valley** in the Atlas Mountains. Visit a traditional saffron plantation before touring the aromatic gardens of **Nectarome**, where we enjoy a delicious organic lunch. This afternoon we discover the imaginative **Anima Garden**, where exotic planting and contemporary sculpture combine in a unique landscape created by Austrian artist André Heller. The evening is free to dine at leisure. (B, L)

Day 5 After breakfast, we visit the magnificent **El Bahia Palace** and atmospheric **El Badi Palace**, exploring their elegant courtyards, fountains and gardens. Discover how traditional Moroccan architecture uses water, shade and planting to create tranquil spaces before transferring to the airport in the early afternoon. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- ◊ 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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Four nights at the Kenzi Rose Hotel (or similar), Marrakech with breakfast
- Three dinners & one lunch
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

19 - 23 Apr	£1,695
4 - 8 Oct	£1,795
Single Supplement	£395



Menara Garden



Visby

Sweden & Gotland in the Footsteps of Carl Linnaeus

9 DAYS from £2,995 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Stockholm or Uppsala

Botanist Carl Linnaeus is the inspiration behind this lovely tour. We begin on the Swedish mainland, touring locations with direct Linnaeus connections, including the Linnaeus Garden and Museum and his summer estate at Hammarby. In Gotland, we visit the studio of wildlife illustrator Lars Jonsson before ending with sophisticated Stockholm.

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Stockholm airport or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers that evening at our hotel in Uppsala. (D)

Day 2 We delve into the life of **Carl Linnaeus** with guided visits to the **Linnaeus Garden**, museum and his summer estate at **Hammarby**. Later, we explore **Uppsala University Botanical Garden**, Sweden's oldest botanical garden, home to more than 8,000 plant species from around the world. (B)

Day 3 We travel to **Dream Park** in Enköping, designed by Piet Oudolf, before continuing to **Bastedal Manor**, where we enjoy lunch and visit its remarkable Chinese Garden, created within a former limestone quarry. Later, we arrive in the historic lakeside town of **Vadstena**. (B, L)

Day 4 We follow the eastern shore of **Lake Vättern**, travelling through Sweden's beautiful forests and lake landscapes to the coastal town of **Oskarshamn**. (B)

Day 5 Enjoy a relaxed morning before taking the ferry to the island of **Gotland**, continuing to our hotel in the medieval town of **Visby**. (B)

Day 6 We explore southern Gotland, renowned for its rich flora, orchids and dramatic coastal scenery. Highlights include the museum and studio of renowned wildlife artist **Lars Jonsson**, together with visits to important botanical sites where seasonal wildflowers flourish. (B)

Day 7 Today's full-day tour explores northern Gotland and the island of **Fårö**, where striking limestone landscapes, coastal scenery and botanical treasures combine with garden visits and opportunities to observe the island's unique flora. (B)

Day 8 Returning to the mainland, we visit **Bergius Botanic Garden** in Stockholm before enjoying a panoramic city tour. An SL travel card is included, allowing time to explore the city independently. (B, D)

Day 9 After breakfast, you will be transferred back to the airport where your tour ends. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- ◊ Discover locations connected to the Flower King, Carl Linnaeus, including his museum and summer estate
- ◊ Admire the diverse species at Uppsala University Botanical Garden, Sweden's oldest botanical garden
- ◊ Visit the studio of wildlife illustrator Lars Jonsson on the Baltic island of Gotland
- ◊ Stroll along the beautiful shores of Lake Vättern

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Two nights at a comfortable hotel in Uppsala, one night in Vadstena, one night in Oskarhamn, three nights Gotland & one night Stockholm with breakfast
- One lunch & two dinners
- Return ferry crossings from the Swedish mainland to Gotland
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

12 - 20 Jun	£2,995
Single Supplement	£695



Stockholm



Hakone

Extraordinary gardens of the world

There are gardening moments that stay with you forever.

Cherry blossom drifting through temple gardens in Japan. The extraordinary wildflower displays of Namaqualand transforming the landscape for a few fleeting weeks each year. Tropical collections thriving in Barbados and cloud forest planting flourishing in Costa Rica.

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2027

Flexible travel on overseas tours

Arrange your own travel to the start of your holiday, choosing the flights and timings that work best for you. Join the included airport transfer *(where available)* or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers at the hotel, then enjoy a thoughtfully planned itinerary with quality accommodation, included visits and expert guidance throughout your tour.



Freedom & flexibility

Choose the flights, airline and departure airport that suit you best - you can even use your airline loyalty points.



Tailor your trip

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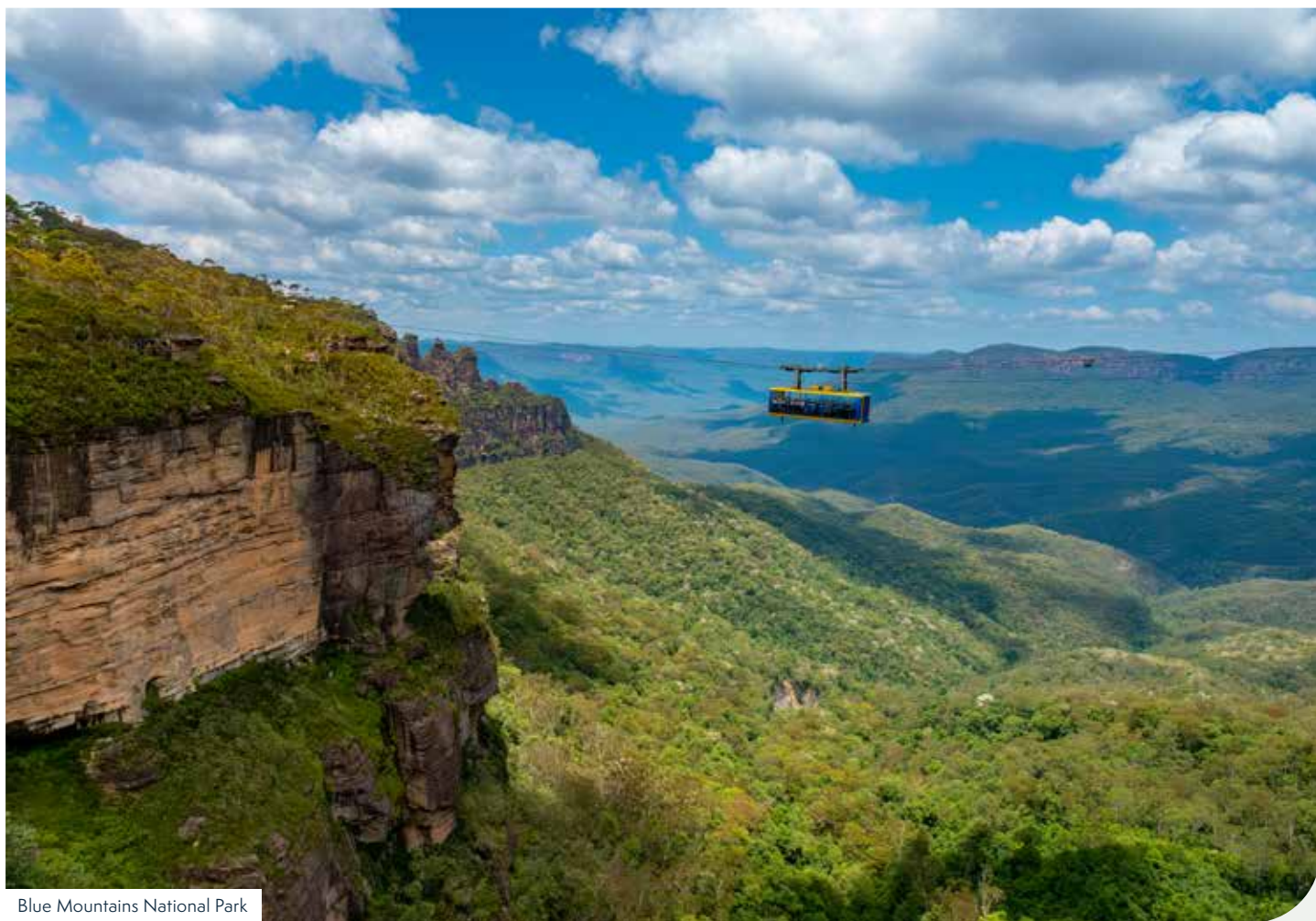
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NEW
TOUR



Melbourne Royal Botanic Gardens



Blue Mountains National Park

Australia's Gardens in Bloom: Iconic Gardens & WAFA 2027

12 DAYS from £5,495 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Melbourne

Discover Australia's gardens in bloom as we combine two internationally renowned flower shows with some of the finest gardens and landscapes of Victoria and New South Wales. Enjoy the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show and WAFA World Flower Show alongside visits to celebrated gardens, historic estates and natural landscapes. From Melbourne's Botanic Gardens and the Dandenong Ranges to Sydney Harbour, the Blue Mountains and Southern Highlands, this carefully planned journey reveals Australia's horticultural treasures and iconic landmarks, with expert guidance and thoughtful touches throughout.



Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan



Captain Cook's Cottage

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Melbourne Airport or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers at our hotel for a welcome dinner. Known as the Garden City and founded in 1835, Melbourne is known for its beautiful parks, gardens and tree-lined boulevards. (D)

Day 2 Today we discover some of Melbourne's garden highlights. We visit the **Royal Botanic Gardens**, established in 1846 and home to an extraordinary collection of plants from around the world, before visiting the nearby **Shrine of Remembrance**. A relaxing **cruise along the Yarra River** offers a different perspective of the city's parks and gardens.

Later, we visit **Fitzroy Gardens**, where we enjoy a **guided tour of Captain Cook's Cottage** and its surrounding gardens. Originally built in Yorkshire and transported piece by piece to Melbourne in 1934, the cottage offers a fascinating link between Australia and Britain's shared history. (B)

Day 3 Today we experience the **Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show**, one of Australia's most prestigious horticultural events. Showcasing the creativity of leading designers, florists and landscape gardeners, the event brings together stunning floral displays, innovative garden designs and the very best of Australian horticulture. (B, L)

Day 4 Enjoy a day at leisure in **Melbourne**. Take time to explore the city's museums, galleries, cafés and gardens independently, or make use of the free tram network to discover more of this vibrant city. (B)

Day 5 We travel into the beautiful **Dandenong Ranges**, where we board the famous Puffing Billy Railway for a scenic journey through the forested landscape. We continue to **Cloudehill Gardens** for lunch before visiting the **Tesselaar Tulip Farm** and its colourful **Kabloom Festival**, where seasonal blooms create a spectacular display. (B, L)

Day 6 We fly from Melbourne to **Sydney** (included) and begin our exploration of Australia's harbour city. Enjoy lunch overlooking Botany Bay before visiting **Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden**, a remarkable hidden garden created over many years as a living work of art. This evening enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 7 This biannual international celebration **WAFA World Flower Show at Sydney Olympic Park**. This international celebration of floral design brings together inspiring displays from around the world. (B)

Day 8 We discover more of Sydney today, beginning at the **Royal Botanic Garden** with a **First Nations guided experience** exploring the history and connection of the Gadigal people to the land. We continue to Vaucluse House, a historic 19th-century property surrounded by beautiful gardens, before enjoying a **guided tour of the Sydney Opera House**. (B)

Day 9 We escape the city and travel to the **Blue Mountains**, visiting Everglades Gardens at **Leura**, known for its beautiful design and mountain setting. After seeing the famous **Three Sisters** at Echo Point, we continue to the **Blue Mountains Botanic Garden** at Mount Tomah, home to an outstanding collection of cool-climate plants. (B, L)

Day 10 Today we explore the **Southern Highlands**, an area renowned for its gardens and historic estates. We visit the **Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan**, enjoy a high tea lunch at **Milton Park Country House Hotel & Spa** and discover the gardens of **Retford Park** and **Camden Park House**, each offering a fascinating insight into Australia's heritage. (B)

Day 11 Enjoy a day at leisure in Sydney. This evening we enjoy a **Sydney Harbour dinner cruise** with views of one of the world's most iconic waterfronts. (B, D)

Day 12 After breakfast, we have time to relax before transferring to Sydney Airport where our tour ends, bringing our Australian garden journey to a close. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- Experience two major international events: the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show and WAFA World Flower Show
- Visit Australia's most celebrated gardens, including Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden and Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens
- Discover historic estates and private gardens in the Southern Highlands, including Retford Park and Camden Park House
- Enjoy the contrasting landscapes of Victoria and New South Wales, from colourful blooms and harbour views to the Blue Mountains and native Australian flora

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Five nights at the four-star Vibe Hotel Melbourne & six nights at the four-star Furama Hotel, Darlington Harbour with breakfast
- Three dinners & five lunches
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Economy flight from Melbourne to Sydney
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of horticulturalist Julia Corden as Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE EXCLUDES INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

16 - 27 Mar	£5,495
Single Supplement	£995



Heian Shrine's pond

Seasonal Gardens of Japan

12 DAYS from £6,395 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Osaka or Kyoto

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.



Deer in Nara



Kannon temple in Japan

Day 1 On arrival in Kyoto, Osaka join our transfer to Kyoto or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers at our hotel. **Kyoto** is Japan's historic Kyoto, Japan's historic capital and a city renowned for its temples, gardens and traditional culture. We visit the gardens of the **Imperial Palace**, once home to Japan's Imperial Family, with their elegant gravel paths, lawns, woodland areas and seasonal planting. (D)

Day 2 Today we discover some of Kyoto's finest Zen gardens. At **Daisen-in Temple**, we admire its celebrated dry landscape garden, where carefully arranged rocks and raked gravel express the principles of Zen philosophy. We continue to **Ryogen-in** and **Zuiho-in**, before visiting **Kinkaku-ji**, the iconic Golden Pavilion set beside its reflective pond garden. Our final visit is **Ryoan-ji**, home to Japan's most famous and enigmatic rock garden, created as a place for contemplation. (B)



Sensouji Temple

Day 3 We explore the scenic shores of **Lake Biwako**, Japan's largest lake. At **Ishiyamadera Temple**, we discover historic gardens, cultural treasures and the site where *The Tale of Genji*, considered the world's first novel, was written. We continue to **Omi Hachiman**, a charming merchant town with traditional streets, canals and historic residences. (B)

Day 4 Our garden discoveries continue with a visit to **Ginkaku-ji**, the Silver Pavilion, famed for its beautifully designed dry landscape and strolling gardens. We then explore the private **Hakusa Sansou Garden**, created by artist Hashimoto Kansetsu, before visiting **Kyoto Botanical Garden**, home to an impressive collection of plants, seasonal displays and Japanese native species. We finish at the atmospheric **Bamboo Forest Path** in Sagano. (B)

Day 5 Enjoy a free day in **Kyoto** to explore at leisure. Alternatively, join an **optional excursion** by train to **Hiroshima**, including a visit to the **Peace Memorial Park**. (B)

Day 6 We travel to **Nara**, Japan's first permanent capital, where we visit **Todaiji Temple**, home to the Great Buddha, and explore **Nara Park**, where sacred deer roam freely. We continue to **Kasuga Grand Shrine**, surrounded by thousands of stone lanterns, before returning to Kyoto. This evening, enjoy a **special dinner** with a maiko in the traditional Gion district, learning about the fascinating world of geisha culture. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Before leaving Kyoto, we visit **Heian Shrine**, with its expansive Meiji-era gardens and **Nanzen-ji Temple**, one of Japan's most important

Zen temples. We then travel by the famous Shinkansen **bullet train** to Tokyo. (B)

Day 8 Today we visit **Kamakura**, the former medieval capital of Japan. Discover **Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine**, the impressive **Great Buddha** and **Hase Kannon Temple**, before returning to Tokyo. (B, L)

Day 9 We travel to the beautiful **Hakone** region, enjoying views of forested mountains, Lake Ashi and **Mount Fuji**. After lunch, we continue to **Lake Kawaguchi** for another opportunity to admire Japan's iconic peak. (B, L)

Day 10 Explore Tokyo's beautiful gardens, beginning with **Kyu Furukawa Garden**, where Japanese and Western styles combine, followed by **Mukojima Hyakkaen**, a charming Edo-period flower garden. The afternoon is free to enjoy Tokyo at leisure. (B)

Day 11 Our final day of sightseeing begins at **Sensouji Temple**, Tokyo's oldest temple, followed by the peaceful gardens of **Rikugien**, the **Imperial Palace East Gardens** and **Hamarikyū Garden**. We finish with a cruise along the Sumida River before a farewell dinner featuring Japanese specialities. (B, D)

Day 12 After breakfast, you will be transferred back to Tokyo airport where your tour ends. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- The temples and gardens of Kyoto, some of 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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Six nights at the ANA Hotel, Kyoto & five nights at the Grand Prince Hotel, New Takanawa, Tokyo (or similar) with breakfast
- Dinner & welcome drink on first evening, dinner with a Maiko, three lunches & farewell dinner
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager (Horticulturalist Colin Crosbie in Mar & Sue Pomeroy in Nov)

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

23 Mar - 3 Apr	£6,395
13 - 24 Nov	£6,395
Single Supplement	£1,345
Optional Hiroshima	Price on request



Hunte's Botanical Garden

Gardens of Barbados

8 DAYS from £3,275 | ACTIVITY RATING   

 Meet us in Barbados

Barbados may be small, but it offers pure Caribbean bliss: radiant seas, palm-lined beaches and lush rainforest. Discover flourishing private gardens, vibrant orchids and sweeping views from Cherry Tree Hill. Meet Anthony Hunte in his celebrated garden, visit Andromeda Botanical Garden and explore George Washington House, with an optional catamaran cruise.

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Barbados airport or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers that evening at our hotel. (D)

Day 2 Our introduction to Barbados begins at **George Washington House**, where the future first US President stayed in 1751. Later, we visit the **Barbados Museum** to discover the island's fascinating history before returning to the hotel. (B, L)

Day 3 We visit the enchanting **Hunte's Garden**, a lush tropical garden created within a rainforest gully. Later, we discover the **Tropical Gardens**, home to more than 20,000 orchids, where colourful displays and exotic species flourish throughout the beautifully landscaped grounds. (B, L)

Day 4 Today we explore the spectacular limestone caverns of **Harrison's Cave**, with its crystal-clear pools, towering stalactites and nature trail. We continue to the peaceful **Flower Forest**, where tropical planting and sweeping island views create a memorable setting. (B, L)

Day 5 This morning we visit **St Nicholas Abbey Plantation**, with its historic house, tropical gardens and scenic heritage railway journey through sugar cane fields and mahogany woodland. Later, there is time to explore the charming colonial streets of **Speightstown**. (B, L)

Day 6 We enjoy a guided tour of **Bridgetown**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, discovering its historic buildings and vibrant atmosphere, with free time afterwards for sightseeing or shopping. (B)

Day 7 Today is at leisure to relax by the beach or explore independently. Alternatively, join an **optional catamaran cruise**, with the chance to swim in crystal-clear waters alongside turtles. This evening, we gather for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 8 After breakfast, you will be transferred back to the airport where your tour ends. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- Explore Hunte's Garden
- Visit George Washington House
- Discover Harrison's Cave and the Flower Forest

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights at the Accra Beach Hotel and Spa, Barbados (or similar) with breakfast
- Two dinners
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

4 - 11 Feb	£3,275
Single Supplement	£895
Optional excursion - Catamaran cruise	£135



Pink Stem Ginger flower



Monteverde

Gardens & Wildlife of Costa Rica

12 DAYS from £4,645 | ACTIVITY RATING    

 Meet us in San José

Discover Costa Rica, a biodiversity hotspot where lush tropical forests, spectacular scenery and extraordinary plant life create an unforgettable journey. Explore remarkable gardens including the **Else Kientzler Botanical Gardens**, alongside the **Monteverde Cloud Reserve**, home to an incredible array of flora and fauna. From rare plants to vibrant wildlife, this expertly planned tour reveals the natural wonders of one of the world's most fascinating destinations.

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from San José airport or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers that evening at our hotel. (D)

Day 2 We visit **Else Kientzler Botanical Garden**, home to an impressive collection of tropical plants, succulents and bromeliads. We also explore **Ark Herb Gardens**, discovering ethnobotanical terraces, culinary plants and an essential oils garden. (B, L)

Day 3 Leaving San José, we visit **Lankester Botanical Garden**, a research centre dedicated to the conservation and study of orchids. We continue through Costa Rica's spectacular countryside to our hotel. (B, D)

Day 4 Discover **CATIE Botanical Gardens**, where tropical plants from around the world thrive alongside research into sustainable agriculture. Later, visit **Hacienda Tayutic** to learn about traditional sugarcane production and coffee cultivation. (B, L)

Day 5 Visit **Palmitour** to discover the process behind growing and producing palm hearts, followed by a visit to a **pineapple plantation** to learn about one of Costa Rica's most important crops. (B, L)

Day 6 Enjoy a full-day excursion to **Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge**, where a **boat trip** through protected wetlands offers the chance to spot an abundance of wildlife. We continue to the Arenal

area, with the opportunity to experience its geothermal **hot springs**. (B, D)

Day 7 Travel through Costa Rica's landscapes, crossing Lake Arenal before continuing to Monteverde. Visit an **orchid farm**, home to many of the country's remarkable orchid species. (B, D)

Day 8 Explore the Monteverde **Cloud Forest Reserve**, a remarkable ecosystem rich in plants and wildlife. Later, visit a **butterfly garden** designed to attract a variety of colourful species. (B, L)

Day 9 Travel to Manuel Antonio, with the afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10 Discover **Manuel Antonio National Park**, combining rainforest, beaches and coral reefs. Later, visit **Villa Vanilla**, a family-run spice farm producing vanilla, cinnamon and other tropical crops. (B, L)

Day 11 Visit another **orchid garden** before meeting a local gardener at her private garden in **Ciudad Colón**. She shares the story behind her evolving garden before we transfer to San José. (B, D)

Day 12 After breakfast, you will be transferred back to San José airport where your tour ends. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

- The imposing volcano of Arenal
- Exploring the cloud forest at Monteverde
- Spotting subtropical wildlife in the Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge
- CATIE Botanical Gardens, home to a wide variety of tropical plants from around the world

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights at the Bougainvillea Hotel, San José, two nights Villa Florencia, Turrialba, two nights in the Volcano Inn, Arenal, two nights in the Los Pinos, Monteverde & two nights in La Foresta, Quepos (hotels subject to change) with breakfast
- Five dinners & six lunches
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

26 Jan - 6 Feb	£4,645
Single Supplement	£995



Hummingbirds



Botanical Garden in Pamplemousses

Gardens of Mauritius

10 DAYS from £3,995 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Mauritius

Mauritius may be small, but its forests and coasts hold remarkable biodiversity, with many plants found nowhere else. We discover once-lost trees, rare palms and the giant waterlilies of Pamplemousses Botanic Garden. At L’Île aux Aigrettes, we witness vital conservation, while Black River Gorges offers sweeping tropical views. There’s also time to enjoy white beaches, turquoise waters and the island’s vibrant culture.

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Mauritius airport or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers that evening at our hotel. *(D)*

Day 2 We begin with a guided visit to **La Vanille Tropical Garden**, discovering its rich collection of tropical plants, giant tortoises and other native wildlife. Later, we explore **Domaine de Saint Aubin**, where botanical and spice gardens, the Vanilla House, traditional sugar mill and Rum House reveal the island’s rich agricultural heritage. *(B, D)*

Day 3 Visit **Morcellement St André**, where we meet the owner and explore an impressive greenhouse filled with tropical plants and flowers. We then continue to **Port Louis** to browse the lively market, visit the fascinating **Blue Penny Museum** and enjoy time at the vibrant Caudan Waterfront. *(B, D)*

Day 4 Free day to relax and enjoy the facilities of the hotel or explore the surrounding area at your leisure. *(B, D)*

Day 5 Take a boat to **Île aux Aigrettes**, where conservation projects have helped protect some of Mauritius’ rarest native plants and wildlife. Continue to **Le Jardin de Beau Vallon**, a beautiful tropical estate, before visiting **Le Parc Floral du Domaine des Aubineaux**, where we enjoy tea and pastry surrounded by magnificent botanical gardens. *(B, D)*

Day 6 Explore the spectacular scenery of **Black River Gorges National Park**, home to rare ebony trees, the famous dodo tree and colourful endemic birdlife. We also visit **Plaine Champagne, Grand Bassin** and beautiful **La Morne Beach**, where there’s time to enjoy the stunning coastal setting. *(B, D)*

Day 7 Discover some of Mauritius’ rarest endemic plants at **Curepipe Botanical Garden** and **Le Petrin Nature Reserve** before visiting **Bois Chéri**, the island’s oldest tea plantation, where we learn about tea production and enjoy a tasting. *(B, D)*

Day 8 Explore **Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanic Garden** at Pamplemousses, famous for its giant water lilies, tropical planting and palm avenues. Continue to **Domaine de Labourdonnais** to visit the château, nursery and enjoy a local tasting. *(B, D)*

Day 9 Visit the plantations of **Moka** and a **pineapple plantation** before continuing to **Eureka House**, a colonial mansion set within beautiful gardens and woodland. Lunch is included here. *(B, L, D)*

Day 10 After breakfast you will be transferred back to Mauritius airport where your tour ends. *(B)*

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

Key Highlights

- Giant tortoises at La Vanille
- Giant waterlilies at Pamplemousses
- Rare trees and exotic birds in the Black River Gorges
- A taste of local rum at Labourdonnais
- Relaxing in a luxurious resort hotel and bathing in the wonderfully warm waters of the Indian Ocean

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Nine nights at the Anelia Resort & Spa *(or similar)*, Flic-en-Flac with dinner & breakfast
- One lunch
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICES DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

11 - 20 Nov	£3,995
Single Supplement	£945



Caudan Waterfront



Wild Flower Garden in the Ramskop Nature Reserve

Spring Flowers of Namaqualand

13 DAYS from £4,895 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Cape Town

Namaqualand, in South Africa’s Northern Cape, is a place of exquisite beauty, an unspoilt expanse of open spaces broken by ancient outcrops of granite. Come spring, the ground bursts into a carpet of flowers and in addition to this spectacular display, our tour includes coastal and mountain fynbos, succulent plants, bulbs and orchids, proteas and heaths, a game drive, whale watching and a vineyard visit!

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Cape Town airport or meet us at the hotel. In the afternoon we visit **Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden**, regarded as one of the world’s finest botanical gardens and an introduction to South Africa’s extraordinary flora. *(D)*

Day 2 Ascend **Table Mountain** by cable car to discover its unique floral species, followed by a city orientation tour including **Company’s Garden**, a historic green oasis in the heart of Cape Town. *(B)*

Day 3 Explore the **Cape Peninsula**, travelling along Chapman’s Peak Drive to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Discover the unique coastal fynbos vegetation before visiting Boulders Beach and its thriving colony of African penguins. *(B, L)*

Day 4 Visit **!Kha Ttu San Cultural Centre and Nature Reserve** to learn about indigenous plant knowledge and enjoy a wildlife drive. Continue to **West Coast National Park** and **Postberg Nature Reserve**, famous for its spectacular spring flower displays. *(B, L, D)*

Day 5 Travel north through the beautiful West Coast landscapes to **Clanwilliam**, visiting **House of Rooibos** to learn about the famous tea plant. Continue to **Namaqualand**, visiting a nursery showcasing remarkable succulent plants and their adaptations. *(B, L, D)*

Day 6 Journey through **Vanrhyns Pass** to discover the remarkable **quiver tree forest**, before continuing to **Matjiesfontein** to enjoy sweeping fields of spring flowers. *(B, L, D)*

Day 7 Explore **Namaqua National Park**, following flower paths through one of the world’s most spectacular wildflower regions and discovering the area’s unique flora and fauna. *(B, L, D)*

Day 8 Return towards Clanwilliam via the scenic Pakhuis Pass. Visit **Traveller’s Rest** and **Ramskop Wild Flower Garden**, home to hundreds of wildflower species with views over the Cederberg Mountains. *(B, L, D)*

Day 9 Visit **Karoo National Botanical Garden**, home to an outstanding collection of indigenous succulents and Namaqualand flora, before continuing to Franschoek. *(B, L)*

Day 10 Discover **Stellenbosch Botanical Garden**, featuring plants from around the world, followed by a visit to **Vergelegen Wine Estate** and its beautifully restored gardens. *(B, L)*

Day 11 Visit **Caledon Wildflower Garden and Nature Reserve**, dedicated to the conservation of the region’s diverse fynbos species. Later, enjoy time at leisure in Hermanus. *(B)*

Day 12 Explore **Fernkloof Nature Reserve**, home to an exceptional variety of coastal and mountain fynbos, followed by **Harold Porter**

Key Highlights

- Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, one of the finest in the world
- Tea tasting with the San people
- Botanising in the Namaqua National Park
- Discover the Quiver Tree forest at the Vanrhyns Pass
- Optional Robben Island excursion

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights at the Commodore Hotel, Cape Town, one night at the Saldanha Bay Hotel, Saldanha, three nights at the Letsatsi Lodge, Vanrhynsdorp, one night at the Clanwilliam Hotel, Clanwilliam, two nights at the De Zalze Lodge, Stellenbosch & two nights at the Windsor Hotel, Hermanus *(or similar hotels)* with breakfast
- Nine lunches & six dinners
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICES DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

29 Aug - 10 Sep	£4,895
Single Supplement	£595

Optional Excursions:
Robben Island £50



Cape Town

National Botanical Gardens, renowned for its waterfalls, pools and native plant collections. *(B, L)*

Day 13 After breakfast you will be transferred back to the airport where your tour ends. *(B)*

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



Carthage - Byrsa Hill

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Getting to your departure point

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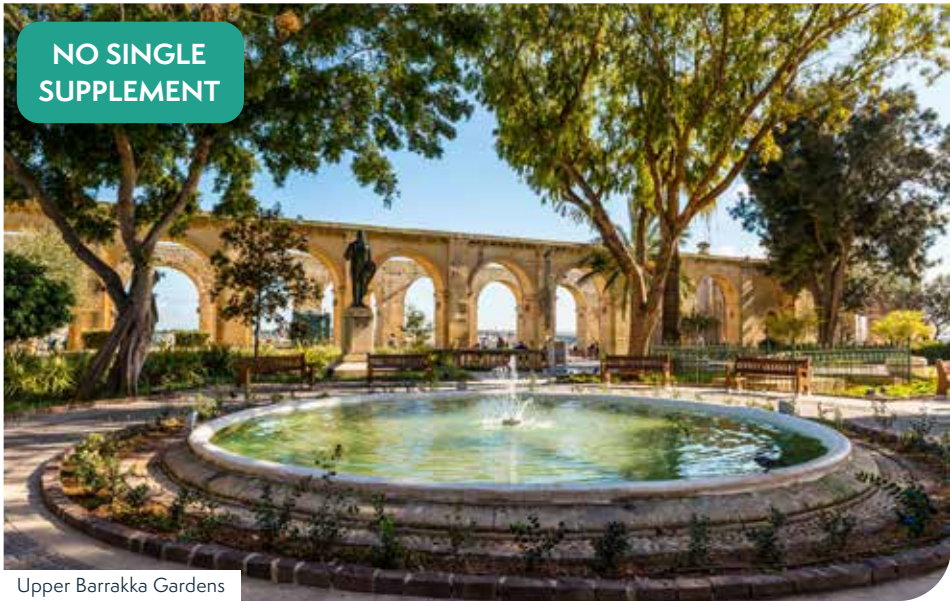
Hagar Qim

Malta’s Archaeological Heritage

7 DAYS from £1,795 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Malta

Malta’s diminutive archipelago is by no means any indication of the vast riches it holds – from the Neolithic to now, they’re all waiting to be discovered on this special tour. We venture inside the walled citadel of Mdina, explore the tomb-lined passages of St Paul’s Catacombs, enjoy a Blue Grotto boat trip and discover the mysterious sites of Mnajdra Temples and Hagar Qim.



Upper Barrakka Gardens

A Cultural Tour of Malta

5 DAYS from £1,295 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Malta

Nowhere on earth concentrates as much turbulent past into such a small land mass as Malta, so if you’d like to learn about the rich cultural heritage of the Mediterranean region in just five days, this is the tour for you! Venture inside the walled citadel of Mdina, visit the Barrakka Gardens, discover the Blue Grotto and explore the ancient megaliths of Hagar Qim.

Key Highlights

- Priceless art treasures at St John’s Cathedral
- The walled citadel of Mdina
- The ancient and mysterious Hal Saflieni Hypogeum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The extraordinary labyrinth of St Paul’s Catacombs
- 5,000-year-old temples of Hagar Qim and Mnajdra Temples
- The ‘Cave of Darkness’, one of the earliest sites used by Neolithic man
- A visit to the picturesque fishing village of Marsaxlokk

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Six night at 4-star AX ODYCY hotel with dinner (with wine) & breakfast
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

9 - 15 Mar	£1,795
9 - 15 Nov	£1,895

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Seaview Room Supplement	£90
Optional Excursion: Gozo	£135



Dougga

An Archaeological Tour of Tunisia

9 DAYS from £1,995 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Tunis

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.

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Tunis Airport or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers that evening at the Regency Tunis Hotel, our home for the next two nights. (D)

Day 2 Discover Tunisia’s fascinating history with a visit to the **Bardo Museum**, home to one of the world’s finest collections of Roman mosaics. Later, explore the **UNESCO-listed ruins of Carthage**, including Byrsa Hill, the ancient Punic centre and the impressive Antonine Baths. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Travel through the Tunisian countryside to **Thuburbo Maius**, where the remains of this Roman city reveal temples, baths and ancient colonnades. Continue to **Dougga**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of North Africa’s best-preserved Roman towns, set amongst olive groves. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Visit **Bulla Regia**, renowned for its unique underground Roman villas, decorated with remarkable mosaics and offering an insight into the luxurious lifestyle of the Roman elite. Explore the site’s impressive remains before continuing our journey. (B, L, D)

Day 5 We continue through the Tunisian countryside to **Kairouan**, one of Islam’s

most important cities, where we check into our hotel and relax. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Explore **Kairouan’s** UNESCO-listed medina, traditional souks and the **Great Mosque**, one of the oldest and most significant mosques in the Islamic world. Continue to **El Djem**, home to one of the world’s best-preserved Roman amphitheatres. (B, L, D)

Day 7 We visit **Sousse**, exploring its **archaeological museum**, UNESCO-listed medina and the impressive Ribat, before continuing to **Hammamet**. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Discover **Kerkouane**, an ancient Punic city known for its remarkably preserved ruins and unique architecture. Continue to the **Nabeul Museum** to view collections of Punic, Roman and Islamic artefacts, including pottery, mosaics and tools. (B, L, D)

Day 9 After breakfast you will be transferred back to the airport where your tour ends. (B)

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Two nights at the Regency Tunis Hotel, Gammarth, two nights at the Hotel Thugga, Dougga, two nights at the Hotel La Kasbah, Kairouan & two nights at the Le Royal Hotel, Hammamet with dinner & breakfast
- Seven lunches
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

22 - 30 Apr	£1,995
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NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



El Djem



Kato Pafos Archaeological Park

The Archaeology of Ancient Cyprus

8 DAYS from £1,895 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Meet us in Cyprus

The Mediterranean Island of Cyprus has a rich prehistoric, classical and medieval past just waiting to be explored with our archaeological expert Clive Warsop. 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 very spot where the newborn goddess Aphrodite came ashore in her shell, a popular subject for classical painters.

Key Highlights

- The exceptionally well-preserved Neolithic walled village of Khirokitia
- A visit to Amathous Archaeological Site
- A full day discovering the Cypriot capital, Nicosia
- Visits to Kourion Archaeological site, Sanctuary of Apollon Hylates and Aphrodite's Rock
- Archaeological sites in Paphos, including the Archaeological Park and Museum and the Tomb of the Kings

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights at the Mediterranean Hotel, Limassol & three nights at the Mayfair Hotel, Paphos *(or similar)* with breakfast
- ▶ Two dinners at local restaurants *(with wine)* & two lunches
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

17 - 24 Mar	£1,895
Single Supplement	£495



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Albanian Archaeology

8 DAYS from £1,995 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Tirana

In archaeological terms, the dramatic landscapes of Albania offer some of Europe's best sites with a host of Classical cities, once on a par with those in Greece and Italy. We visit Durrës on the Adriatic coast, one of the largest amphitheatres in the Balkans, Albania's second largest Greek colony of Apollonia, the UNESCO-listed site of Butrint and the remote mountain city of Byllis.

Key Highlights

- The Roman amphitheatre in Durrës, one of the largest in the Balkans
- Apollonia, the second oldest Greek colony in Albania, dating back 2,700 years
- The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Butrint
- Dramatic views from the remote site of Byllis
- The medieval town of Berat, another UNESCO World Heritage site

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Two nights at a comfortable hotel in Tirana, two nights in Saranda, one night in Gjirokastra & two nights Berat *(3 and 4-star rated hotels)* with dinner & breakfast
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

5 - 12 Oct	£1,995
Single Supplement	£395



Giza Pyramids

Gardens & Temples of Ancient Egypt

12 DAYS from £4,495 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Egypt

Within 24 hours of arriving in Egypt, we find ourselves marvelling at one of the world's most iconic sights, the Great Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza. That is just the start of our memorable journey along the Nile, which sustained one of the greatest civilisations ever seen. Other highlights include the treasures of the long-awaited Grand Egyptian Museum and the botanical Al Azhar Garden.

Key Highlights

- The newly opened Grand Egyptian Museum
- The Great Pyramids and the Sphinx of Giza
- The stunning Al Azhar Garden
- Lunch at the peaceful Al Moudira Hotel, near the Valley of the Kings
- Four-night Nile cruise on a full-board basis
- The unique Valley of the Kings

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Five nights at the Ramses Hilton, Cairo, one night at five-star Jolie Ville, Luxor, one night at the Sonesta Nouba Hotel, Aswan *(or similar)* with dinner & breakfast
- ▶ Four-night Nile Cruise on MS Tulip, MS Nile Premium or MS Nile Style *(or similar)* on a full-board basis
- ▶ 7 lunches
- ▶ Internal flights from Cairo to Luxor & Aswan to Cairo
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE EXCLUDES INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

4 - 15 Feb	£4,495
Single Supplement	£1,475



Frederiksborg Palace

Archaeology of Denmark & Sweden

8 DAYS from £3,295 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Stockholm or Uppsala

The neighbouring Nordic nations of Sweden and Denmark offer a host of archaeological and historical sites, from Neolithic megaliths and Viking forts to fairytale castles and a magnificent royal warship. We begin in Uppsala and visit Stockholm's excellent Historical Museum and Vasa Museum before a high-speed rail journey to Malmö. Next is the Osterlen region, Copenhagen and Aarhus, where we learn about the region's former inhabitants.

Key Highlights

- The Royal Mounds at Gamla Uppsala, Sweden's oldest national symbols
- Skokloster Castle, one of the great castles of Baroque Europe
- The hugely impressive but ill-fated warship Vasa
- The Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, considered the best art museum in Denmark
- On the trail of Vikings in Aarhus and Fyrkat
- Coming face to face with a man and a woman who died more than 2,300 years ago

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Two nights at a comfortable hotel in Uppsala, one night in Malmö, two nights in Copenhagen & two nights in Aarhus with breakfast
- ▶ Three dinners & one light meal on board the train from Stockholm to Malmö
- ▶ Standard class rail journey from Stockholm to Malmö
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

1 - 8 Sep	£3,295
Single Supplement	£695



Archaeological Area of Tharros

Archaeological Secrets of Sardinia

8 DAYS from £2,495 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Cagliari

Welcome to a captivating journey through time and history on the beautiful island of Sardinia. From the bustling streets of Cagliari to the serene landscapes of Supramonte, we are guided by an expert who brings stories of the past to life. Join us as we delve into the mysteries of the Nuragic civilisation, marvel at Roman architecture and uncover archaic legacies amidst stunning surroundings.

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Cagliari airport or make your own way to the hotel. If you join the transfer, enjoy a guided tour of Cagliari, including the **Archaeological Museum**. This evening, meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. *(D)*

Day 2 Today, we explore the **Sant’Antioco Archaeological Park** with an expert guide, discovering Phoenician and Punic tombs, Roman streets and early Christian catacombs. In the afternoon, we visit **Nora**, one of Sardinia’s oldest settlements, where we explore ancient streets, Roman baths and an amphitheatre overlooking the sea. *(B)*

Day 3 We travel to **Barumini** to visit **Su Nuraxi**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the best-preserved example of Sardinia’s ancient nuraghi. With a local guide, we discover this remarkable legacy of the Nuragic civilisation before continuing to **Oristano**, where the afternoon is at leisure. *(B, D)*

Day 4 We visit **Tharros**, a fascinating coastal archaeological site shaped by Punic and Roman cultures, with its ancient streets, baths and city walls. En route to our hotel in the dramatic Supramonte region, we stop at the Nuragic

complex of Santa Cristina, home to a sacred well, ancient village and impressive tower. *(B, D)*

Day 5 Today, we visit **Nuraghe Santu Antine**, one of Sardinia’s finest Bronze Age sites, before continuing to the Basilica della Santissima Trinità di Saccargia, a beautiful example of Romanesque architecture with a distinctive black-and-white striped façade. *(B, D)*

Day 6 In Sassari, we visit the **Archaeological Museum Sanna**, exploring exhibits spanning Sardinia’s cultural history. We also discover **Monte d’Accoddi**, a unique prehistoric ritual site resembling a stepped pyramid. *(B, D)*

Day 7 We take a boat trip to **Neptune’s Grotto**, exploring its spectacular stalactites and stalagmites, before visiting Anghelu Ruju Necropolis, one of Sardinia’s largest prehistoric burial sites. *(B, D)*

Day 8 After breakfast, you will be transferred to Olbia airport where your tour ends. *(B)*

Inc. meals: *B: Breakfast, D: Dinner*

Key Highlights

- Enjoy a guided walking tour of Cagliari in the company of a local guide
- Visit one the oldest settlement site in Sardinia at Nora
- Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of Su Nuraxi

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Two nights at the Best Western Hotel Residence Italia, Cagliari, one night at the Mistral 2 Hotel Ristorante, Oristano, one night at the Gorropu Hotel, Supramonte & three nights at the Pegasus Hotel, Sassari with breakfast *(or similar)*
- Six dinners *(with wine)*
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS	
17 - 24 Sep	£2,495
Single Supplement	£345



Neptune's Grotto



Teylers Museum

Art Masters of Holland

6 DAYS from £1,795 | ACTIVITY RATING

DEPARTURE POINT: London St Pancras International

Join us as we explore a collection of museums which showcase some of the most well-known Art Masters and celebrated painters in the world, led by experienced Art Historian Mariska Beekenkamp-Wladimiroff throughout. From *The Night Watch* and *The Milkmaid* at the Rijksmuseum to works by Michelangelo and Raphael at Teylers Museum, each masterpiece offers insight into the artistic development and personal struggles of the artist as well as the culture of the time.



Antwerp Central

The Art & Architecture of Antwerp

5 DAYS from £1,395 | ACTIVITY RATING

DEPARTURE POINT: London St Pancras International

Famed for its medieval streets and Renaissance monuments, Antwerp is home to thousands of paintings by the Old Masters, housed in some of the world’s most famous museums. Our tour explores some of the wonderful architecture to be found in the city, including the Cathedral of Our Lady, and we are joined by expert local guides as they take us through the notable art collections.

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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Five nights at the Golden Tulip Hotel, Leiden *(or similar)* with breakfast
- Two dinners
- Return standard class rail travel between London & Amsterdam with Eurostar
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of Art Historian Mariska Beekenkamp-Wladimiroff as tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

19 - 24 Mar	£1,795
Single Supplement	£395



Rijks Museum

Key Highlights

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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Four nights at the MAEK Hotel, Antwerp *(or similar)* with breakfast
- Two dinners
- Return Eurostar from London to Brussels and onward rail to Antwerp
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert tour manger plus expert local guides for our walking tours & visits

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

25 - 29 Mar	£1,395
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	



Antwerp



Mouse Island

Discover The Durrells' Corfu with Lee Durrell

5 DAYS from £1,545 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Corfu

Discover the magical Mediterranean island that inspired The Durrells. Explore the landscapes that captured the imagination of Gerald Durrell, with visits to the family's favourite places and a private talk with naturalist Lee Durrell. Stay at the five-star Corfu Holiday Palace, with time to relax by the pool, enjoy the private beach and discover Corfu's captivating charm at your own pace.

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Corfu Airport, or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers this evening at the five-star Corfu Holiday Palace Hotel. There will be an optional walking tour this afternoon through the picturesque **Corfu Town**. *(B)*

Day 2 After breakfast, we are joined by **Lee Durrell** for an exclusive talk on the Durrell family's lifelong connection with Corfu and Gerald Durrell's pioneering conservation work. Lee then accompanies us along with a private guide for the morning as we follow in the footsteps of the Durrells, visiting **Pontikonisi (Mouse Island)**, where Gerald's ashes are scattered. We then continue to the **Achilleion Palace** *(the interior currently closed for renovation)* to explore its beautiful Imperial Gardens and exterior grounds. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure, before meeting for dinner in the evening. *(B, D)*

Day 3 Today we are joined again by Lee as we visit some of the iconic locations made famous by Gerald Durrell's books and The Durrells

television series. We begin at the **White House in Kalami**, once home to Lawrence Durrell, Lee's novelist brother, on the north-east coast of Corfu. We continue with Lee to the **Lake of the Lillies**, where Lee will give a reading from My Family and Other Animals. We then visit the historic village of **Old Perithia**, where we enjoy a traditional taverna lunch of local specialities and meet a local beekeeper with the opportunity to sample and purchase Corfiot honey. Lee will then bid us farewell. *(B, L, D)*

Day 4 Today is yours to enjoy at leisure. Relax beside one of the hotel's swimming pools, unwind on the private beach or make use of the spa facilities. Alternatively, catch the local bus into Corfu Town or choose an optional boat trip or island excursion. *(B, D)*

Day 5 After breakfast, you will be transferred back to the airport where your tour ends. *(B)*

Inc. meals: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

Key Highlights

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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Four nights at the 5-star Corfu Holiday Palace, near Corfu Town with dinner & breakfast
- Special appearance by Lee Durrell, including a tour of locations & an exclusive talk & Q&A session
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert Tour Manager & local guide

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

4 - 8 May	£1,595
5 - 9 Oct	£1,545
Single Supplement	£295



Lee Durrell



Tarangire National Park

Birdwatching & Wildlife Safaris in Tanzania

9 DAYS from £4,795 | ACTIVITY RATING

Meet us in Kilimanjaro or Arusha

Join Sue Pomeroy on an unforgettable wildlife adventure through Tanzania, where breathtaking landscapes provide the backdrop for exceptional birdwatching and safari experiences. From the vast plains of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Conservation Area to the shores of Lake Manyara and Tarangire National Park, discover a remarkable diversity of birds and wildlife, including rare species, magnificent mammals and unforgettable natural encounters.

Day 1 Join our arrival transfer from Kilimanjaro airport or meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers at your hotel. *(D)*

Day 2 After breakfast, we travel to **Tarangire National Park**, famous for its vast elephant herds, ancient baobab trees and incredible variety of wildlife and birdlife. Enjoy a **game drive** through the park, with the chance to spot buffalo, lions, antelope and an abundance of bird species before continuing to our lodge. *(B, PL, D)*

Day 3 Spend the morning exploring **Tarangire National Park** before continuing to our lodge in **Karatu**, the gateway to Tanzania's famous northern safari circuit. *(B, L, D)*

Day 4 Today we travel to the legendary **Serengeti National Park**, one of Africa's most iconic wildlife destinations. Covering vast grasslands and woodland, the park is home to the 'Big 5', including lions, leopards, elephants and buffalo, as well as thousands of other animal and bird species. *(B, PL, D)*

Day 5 Enjoy a full day's game drive in the **Serengeti**, where we may witness

incredible wildlife encounters and, depending on the season, the spectacular wildebeest migration. The central Seronera Valley is renowned for its rich ecosystem and frequent sightings of predators. *(B, L, D)*

Day 6 Enjoy a morning **game drive** in the **Serengeti** before travelling to our lodge on the rim of the **Ngorongoro Crater**, with stunning views over this remarkable landscape. *(B, PL, D)*

Day 7 This morning, we descend into the **Ngorongoro Crater**, the world's largest caldera and a UNESCO-listed conservation area. Discover its incredible concentration of wildlife, including lions, elephants, flamingos and many bird species, before continuing to our lodge. *(B, PL, D)*

Day 8 We visit **Lake Manyara National Park**, famous for its flamingos, birdlife and diverse habitats beneath the **Great Rift Valley** escarpment. Later, we continue to **Arusha**. *(B, PL, D)*

Day 9 After breakfast, transfer to the airport where your tour ends. *(B)*

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

Key Highlights

- Game drives in Tarangire National Park
- Full-day game drive in Lake Manyara National Park
- Exploring the Serengeti National Park
- Full day in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- One night at the Arusha Planet Lodge, one night at the Tarangire Safari Lodge, two nights at the Farm of Dreams Lodge, two nights at Tamu Tamu Serengeti, one night at the Serena Ngorongoro & one night at Airport Planet Lodge Arusha on a full-board basis *(hotels subject to change)*
- Transport in 4x4 safari land cruiser with the services of an English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees to all parks & reserves included in the itinerary
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of Sue Pomeroy as our expert tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHTS

6 - 14 May	£4,795
Single Supplement	£450



Cheetah



Ushaw Historic House

Secrets of County Durham & North Yorkshire with Nicholas Merchant

5 DAYS from £1,395 | ACTIVITY RATING

DEPARTURE POINT: London Kings Cross

Delve into the some of the hidden treasures and fascinating collections of County Durham in the company of Nicholas Merchant, an expert lecturer on Decorative and Fine Arts. Enjoy a guided tour at Ushaw College along with an opportunity to meet the library Curator, plus a guided tour of Hovingham Hall and a visit to the Bowes Museum, home to The Curiosity Project.

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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights at the Blackwell Grange Hotel, Darlington with dinner & breakfast
- ▶ Return standard rail travel from London to Darlington (regional connections can be arranged & upgrades are also available at a supplement; £100pp reduction for no rail travel)
- ▶ One lunch
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of expert lecturer Nicholas Merchant as tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

17 - 21 May	£1,395
Single Supplement	£245



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Alnwick Gardens

Highlights of Northumberland

5 DAYS from £1,395 | ACTIVITY RATING

DEPARTURE POINT: London Kings Cross

Explore the highlights of Northumberland, including the holy island of Lindisfarne, the imposing Bamburgh Castle, the 'Windsor of the North', Alnwick Castle, as well as Hadrian's Wall and Chester's Fort, some of the most significant Roman ruins to be found in Great Britain.

Key Highlights

- A Unique experience at Belsay Hall – visit the house then the garden built in the quarry that provided the stone for the house
- Bamburgh Castle, one of the most impressive fortresses in the land
- Follow in the footsteps of Harry Potter at Alnwick Castle
- Remarkable innovations at Cragside
- The magnificent grounds of Wallington House

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights at a comfortable three-star hotel in the Newcastle area with dinner & breakfast
- ▶ Return standard class rail travel from London Kings Cross to Newcastle (first class up-grades & regional connections available on request – there is a discount of £100pp for those making their own way to/from Newcastle)
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of local expert Alan Appleton as tour manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

13 - 17 Jun	£1,395
12 - 16 Sep	£1,395
Single Supplement	£225



Mary Rose ©

The Mary Rose - A Tudor Tale

4 DAYS from £995 | ACTIVITY RATING

PICK-UP POINT: London

Explore the Tudor world through Henry VIII and his flagship, the Mary Rose. We visit Hampton Court, then Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard for the Mary Rose Museum and a private talk, continuing to Anne of Cleves' House and Arundel Castle before ending at Haver Castle, childhood home of Anne Boleyn, bringing this richly layered Tudor story to a memorable close.

Key Highlights

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

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights at the Norton Park Hotel, Spa and Manor House, Winchester with dinner & breakfast
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

11 - 14 Apr	£995
Single Supplement	£120



Hampton Court Palace



Aberlemno Pictish Stone

In the Footsteps of the Picts

4 DAYS from £995 | ACTIVITY RATING

PICK-UP POINTS: Glasgow, Edinburgh

Beyond Rome's northern frontier, the Picts were fierce Celtic tribes who left few homes but remarkable carved stones and jewellery before disappearing around 900 AD. Explore their heartland in Perthshire and Angus, visit a newly excavated Pictish fortress and see their artistry and symbols of power in museum collections in Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee's McManus Museum plus a visit to Vigeans Museum of Pictish Sculpture.

Key Highlights

- Pictish jewellery and sculpture in the National Museum of Scotland
- Magnificent Pictish stones at Aberlemno
- Pictish stone carving demonstration
- Specially-arranged tour of East Lomond Hillfort

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Three nights at the Links Hotel, Montrose with dinner & breakfast
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

6 - 9 Aug	£995
Single Supplement	£125



Aberlemno Pictish Stone



Dun Carloway Broch

Ancient Stones of the Outer Hebrides

5 DAYS from £1,895 | ACTIVITY RATING

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

Journey to the remarkable landscapes of Lewis and Harris, where thousands of years of history are woven into every corner. Discover the iconic Calanais Standing Stones, ancient settlements, Norse heritage and traditional blackhouses in the company of a local specialist guide. Along the way, enjoy spectacular island scenery and experience the enduring traditions of Gaelic culture in the beautiful Outer Hebrides.



Jarlshof

An Archaeologist's View of Orkney & Shetland

6 DAYS from £2,095 | ACTIVITY RATING

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

Orkney and Shetland are rich in archaeological treasures, from 5,000-year-old settlements to Norse and medieval sites. Visit Mousa with its 2,000-year-old broch, Jarlshof, St Ninian's Isle, Scalloway Castle, the Italian Chapel, Maeshowe, Skara Brae and Skail House. En route to Aberdeen, pause for photos at the dramatic Dunnottar Castle, offering a remarkable insight into ancient life and the people who shaped these islands.

Key Highlights

- Bosta Iron Village, the Outer Hebrides' version of Skara Brae
- The remarkable and mysterious standing stones of Callanish
- Glimpses into a not-so-distant past at the Blackhouses of Gearrannan and Arnol
- Echoes of vanished lives at the Genealogy Centre
- The incomparable scenery of the Western Isles

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ Four nights at the Royal Hotel, Stornoway with breakfast
- ▶ One dinner
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel & all ferry crossings
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

13 - 17 Aug	£1,895
Single Supplement	£225



Bosta Beach

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
- Handling 5,000-year-old artefacts at the Tomb of the Eagles
- The Churchill Barriers and Italian Chapel, poignant reminders of more recent history

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- ▶ One night at the Sumburgh Hotel, Shetland with dinner & breakfast & three nights at the Albert Hotel/Kirkwall Hotel* with breakfast plus two dinners
- ▶ All ferry crossings, including overnight accommodation in 2-berth cabins on Serco Northlink Ferries MV Hrossey/Hjaltland on the outward sailing
- ▶ Visits as outlined in the itinerary on our website
- ▶ Private air-conditioned coach travel
- ▶ Services of an expert Tour Manager

DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

10 - 15 Apr	£2,095
23 - 28 Aug	£2,195
Single Supplement	£495

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT in April

*April in Kirkwall & Shore Hotel and August at the Albert Hotel

Frequently asked questions

Will I receive financial protection when I book?

Yes, for all UK residents all our holidays are fully bonded and protected by the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust (ABTOT) please visit www.abtot.com.

New for 2027 : Freedom and Flexibility

To give you greater flexibility, some of our holidays are now offered on a tour-only basis. This allows you to choose the flights, airline and departure airport that suit you best, use your airline loyalty points, or extend your holiday before or after your tour. From the moment you join us, every detail is expertly planned by our specialist team, and if you'd like guidance before you travel, we're always happy to recommend suitable flight options. Our departures by coach and Eurostar remain unchanged.

Do you offer Private Group tours?

Planning a trip for a club, society or group of friends? With over 34 years' experience, we create tailor-made holidays designed around your interests. From garden and heritage tours to rail journeys and cultural escapes, we'll help you plan a memorable group holiday.

What level of knowledge do I need to enjoy a tour?

All you need is a passion for travel and a curiosity for the past. Our itineraries are designed to be enjoyed and are accessible for all interest levels.

Do you accept late bookings?

We always recommend booking as early as possible, as many departures do sell out however. We do understand that sometimes the spirit of adventure is too strong to ignore and we often do take late bookings. Our Specialist Travel Executives are happy to help check availability.

Can I tailor my tour?

Sometimes our guests want to add little extras to their tours to make their time away a bit more special. If you wish to stay for extra days before the start or after the end of your tour, just call us to discuss.

Will there be support whilst on tour?

When you travel with us, you are looked after round the clock at all times. In the event of an emergency, your Tour Manager is on the ground and will be able to support you locally.

How active are the tours?

We have a simple 4-tier grading system in place to help you decide whether a tour is suitable for you, which is summarised on page 5 and featured on each tour page. If you would like more information about a particular itinerary, please visit our website.

Do I need travel insurance?

Yes, it is a condition of booking that you must ensure you are covered for any necessary medical issues or repatriation needs, as we will not be able to cover these costs or access your personal funds. Your insurance should also cover you in the event that you need to cancel your trip. Please ensure your policy is in place at the time of booking.

What are your booking and cancellation conditions?

Full booking terms and conditions can be found at <https://brightwaterholidays.com/booking-conditions>, and we'd encourage you to read these carefully before booking. In summary: a deposit secures your place, with the balance due no later than 14 weeks before departure. Should you need to cancel, charges apply on a sliding scale depending on how close to departure the cancellation is made — these are detailed in full in our Booking Conditions. We recommend ensuring your travel insurance covers cancellation for peace of mind.

New important information for travel to Europe: EES & ETIAS

If you are travelling to Europe, new mandatory border checks (**EES**) and travel authorisation requirements (**ETIAS**) are likely to be in effect. Please read the information in our booking conditions carefully to understand how this may affect your journey and what pre-travel requirements you will need to make.

Further details can be found at <https://travel-europe.europa.eu/pub>

"Excellent holiday. Richard, the horticulturist was an excellent guide and Darian the coach driver was very nice. I enjoyed the country homes and gardens featured in the itinerary. Very few companies offer trips to country homes. Brightwater does an excellent tour for great value."

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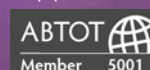
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