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Dunrobin Castle

Our Grand Tour of Scotland's finest gardens holiday spans every corner of the country, from the open spaces of the far north to the wilds of the west, the splendours of the south and the elegance of the east. We begin at Branklyn and Cluny House before continuing to Inverness for visits to Dunrobin Castle, the Castle of Mey, Dundonnell and the outstanding Inverewe. Travelling through the Great Glen, we enjoy tranquil West Highland gardens such as Ardchattan and Arduaine. Turning south into Dumfries and Galloway and the Borders, we discover further lush planting before concluding in Edinburgh at the distinguished Royal Botanic Garden.



Arduaine

Autumn Tints of Dumfries & Galloway

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Drumlanrig Castle

As the summer fades, autumn colours begin to blaze in high definition in the south-western corner of Scotland. As the warm yellows, rusty oranges and fiery reds consume the foliage we explore the region's most delightful gardens. Highlights of our tour include Dumfries House, home to the Queen Elizabeth Walled Garden; Glenwhan Gardens, Logan Botanic and a visit to Brightwater tour manager Colin Crosbie's own garden of Dalswinton Mill.

Key Highlights

- ✿ A visit to the Queen Elizabeth Walled Garden, which is one of the best examples of its kind in Scotland
- ✿ The private garden at Millhall
- ✿ Stunning interiors and a wonderful walled garden at Dumfries House
- ✿ Colin Crosbie's own garden, Dalswinton Mill

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,255~~ \$1,067 | NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

DEPARTURE: 25 - 28 Oct

Gardens of Dumfries & Galloway

Logan Botanic Garden

Some of Scotland's most attractive gardens and artistic treasures await. Dumfries House in Ayrshire, saved with the support of King Charles, shines with superb Adam interiors, a unique Chippendale collection and an outstanding walled garden. At Broughton House, we enjoy EA Hornel's Japanese-influenced artist's garden, while Drumlanrig Castle impresses with its extensive grounds, fine art and Renaissance grandeur.

Key Highlights

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

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,185~~ \$1,130 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$275

DEPARTURES: 31 May - 3 Jun, 19 - 22 Jul & 13 - 16 Sep

Scottish Garden Inspirations

Key Highlights

- ✿ Exotic planting at Inverewe, Arduaine and Logan Botanic Gardens
- ✿ The late Queen Mother's homely and much-loved rose garden at the Castle of Mey
- ✿ Peaceful, loch-side gardens in Argyll
- ✿ The great woodland gardens of Ardkinglas and Glenarn
- ✿ The stately surroundings of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

11 DAYS from ~~\$4,195~~ \$3,776
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1,255

DEPARTURE: 2 - 12 Jun

- Ten nights dinner, bed & breakfast: three nights in the Inverness area; two nights in the Oban area; one night near Glasgow; two nights near Stranraer; one night in Dumfries; one night in the Edinburgh area
- Visits include: Branklyn Gardens, Cluny House Gardens, Dunrobin Castle, Inverewe Gardens, Abriachan Gardens, Glenarn, Dumfries House, Logan Botanic Gardens & Threave Estate
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert tour manager



Gardens of Wester Ross

Attadale

Discover some of the finest gardens in one of Scotland's most scenic regions. A highlight is our private visit to Attadale Gardens, voted RHS Partner Garden of the Year for Scotland in 2023, complete with a light lunch in the main house. We also explore a three-acre private garden near Inverness, visit Skye's award-winning Dunvegan Castle garden and enjoy magnificent Inverewe – an unforgettable tour for garden lovers.

Key Highlights

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

5 DAYS from ~~\$1,605~~ \$1,445 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$275
DEPARTURE: 19 - 23 May



Gordon Castle & Gardens of the East Highlands

Gordon Castle - Garden Cottage - © Ed Bollom

Explore the spectacular gardens of the East Highlands, from grand glasshouses and royal plantings to unique nurseries and castle grounds. Highlights include the UK's most northerly botanic gardens at Inverness, the wildflower meadows of Aldourie Castle on Loch Ness and Gordon Castle Gardens, RHS Regional Partner Garden of the Year 2024, where its restored kitchen garden provides a perfect setting for our included afternoon tea.

Key Highlights

- Stroll amongst the unique variety of plants and vibrant flowers at Branklyn Garden
- Enjoy exploring the impressive Gordon Castle Gardens, complete with afternoon tea
- Discover the colour of Aldourie Castle Gardens, set on the banks of Loch Ness

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,255~~ \$1,130 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$210
DEPARTURE: 14 - 17 Sep



Geilston

Charles Rennie Mackintosh is arguably Scotland's most famous architect and designer, and his works were influential in various European design movements. Living most of his life in Glasgow, there are many buildings around the city that are to Mackintosh's architectural design, including the Glasgow School of Art, Queens Cross Church and the Daily Record Building. No Mackintosh tour would be complete without a visit to his Willow Tea Rooms, where we enjoy afternoon tea, and also visit his finest domestic creation at Hill House. Other highlights include the Burrell Collection, the Walled Garden at Geilston, Glenarn Garden and Mount Stuart.



Hill House

Key Highlights

- A visit to Hill House, Charles Rennie Mackintosh's finest domestic creation
- The spectacular house and gardens of Mount Stuart on the Isle of Bute
- The impressive herbaceous border at the Walled Garden at Geilston
- Afternoon Tea at the Willow Tea Room, a Charles Rennie Mackintosh masterpiece

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,255~~ \$1,130
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$210
DEPARTURE: 26 - 29 Jun

- Three nights dinner, bed and full breakfast at a comfortable hotel in the Glasgow area
- Afternoon tea at the Willow Tea Rooms
- Visits include: The Burrell Collection, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Hill House, Glenarn Garden, The Walled Garden at Geilston and Mount Stuart
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert tour manager



Glamis Castle

The rich, fertile soil of Angus creates ideal conditions for gardening and this historic corner of North-East Scotland is home to a wealth of beautiful gardens. The House of Pitmuies, with its lavishly planted herbaceous borders, is a clear highlight. We also visit two grand gardens: Edzell Castle, with its charming formal layout and Glamis Castle, famed for its royal connections and attractive grounds. Further delights include the traditional mixed borders of Dunninald and the gardens of Langley Park near Montrose, where four separate walled gardens, woodland and wildflowers combine to create a wonderfully varied horticultural experience.



House of Dun

Key Highlights

- Historic castles and their fine gardens
- Sweeping views of Montrose Basin, a haven for birds
- Travel into the Angus Glens
- The richly planted borders of the House of Pitmuies

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,185~~ \$1,067
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
DEPARTURE: 1 - 4 Jul

- Three nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Links Hotel, Montrose
- Visits include: Glamis Castle, Pitmuies House, Dunninald, Hospitalfield House, Edzell Castle, Langley Park Gardens & House of Dun, Garden and Estate
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of horticulturalist Brian Sinclair as tour manager



Pitmuies Gardens



The Quoy of Houton

The far north of Scotland and the Orkney Isles may be known for wild moorlands, dramatic cliffs and booming surf. Yet, they also nurture remarkable gardens created by determined gardeners over generations. Long summer days – the famed 'simmer dim' – provide an ideal backdrop for these green havens. We begin in Caithness and Sutherland with a visit to the Castle of Mey before crossing the Pentland Firth to Orkney. There, we follow Orkney's Garden Trail, enjoying special access to selected private gardens and exploring archaeological treasures such as the standing stones of Stenness and Brodgar.



Kierfold House

Key Highlights

- The delightful gardens at the Castle of Mey
- Special access to private gardens in Orkney and on the mainland
- Explore the heart of Neolithic Orkney

6 DAYS from ~~\$2,655~~ \$2,390
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$415
DEPARTURE: 17 - 22 Jul

- Five nights dinner, bed & breakfast: one night at the Park Hotel, Thurso and four nights at the Kirkwall Hotel, Orkney (one dinner is taken on the ferry)
- Visits include: Old Allangrange, the Castle of Mey, Greens Garden, Westlea Garden, Skara Brae, Kierfold, The Quoy of Houton, Standing Stones of Stenness and Dunrobin Castle
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Return ferry travel
- Services of horticulturalist Sue Pomeroy as tour manager

NEW TOUR



Culzean Castle

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Castles & Abbeys of Western Scotland

Western Scotland’s castles and abbeys reveal a landscape shaped by power, faith and imagination. This tour explores grand estates, ancient fortresses and sacred medieval sites amid dramatic coastal scenery. Highlights include Culzean Castle high above the Firth of Clyde, a private tour and afternoon tea, at Mount Stuart on Bute and the artistic Kelburn Castle, along with visits to evocative Paisley Abbey and the birthplace of Robert Burns.

Key Highlights

- Admire the romantic splendour of Culzean Castle
- Visit atmospheric Paisley Abbey, one of Scotland’s most important medieval religious sites
- Discover the striking contrast of ancient stone and bold street art at Kelburn Castle

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,325~~ \$1,193 | NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
DEPARTURE: 1 - 4 Jun

NEW TOUR



Balmoral Castle

Castles of Aberdeenshire

Discover a rich tapestry of history, legend and architectural splendour on this journey through Aberdeenshire’s castles. From the dramatic clifftop ruins of Dunnottar to the royal grandeur of Balmoral, each site reveals a chapter of Scotland’s turbulent past. Explore romantic tower houses, ancient fortresses and elegant gardens, all set within the spectacular landscapes of the north east on a four-day tour celebrating Scotland’s noble heritage.

Key Highlights

- The magnificent painted ceilings at Crathes Castle
- Castle Fraser, one of Scotland’s grandest baronial tower houses
- 175 years of royal history at Balmoral
- A scenic tour of Royal Deeside, famed for its picturesque landscapes, sparking rivers and historic villages like Ballater

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,325~~ \$1,193 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$210
DEPARTURE: 8 - 11 Jun

Highland Wildlife Safari

LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



Dolphins, Moray Firth

Scotland’s Highlands offer wildlife encounters amid stunning scenery. We visit Loch of the Lowes to see breeding ospreys, deer and red squirrels, then the Highland Wildlife Park with rare animals including snow leopards and polar bears. Highlights include a Moray Firth dolphin-spotting boat trip, the House of Aigas, Inverewe Garden and the Abernethy and Insh Marshes reserves for ospreys and breeding waders.

Key Highlights

- Ospreys on the nest at Loch Garten and Loch of the Lowes
- The chance to see the famous Moray Firth dolphins
- A walk on the wild side at Beinn Eighe
- Spectacular plant life at Inverewe
- Beavers and Wildcats at the House of Aigas

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,395~~ \$1,256 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$210
DEPARTURE: 22 - 25 Jun

Knitting in the Shetland Isles



Fair isle knitting

Explore knitting in the Shetland Isles with workshops led by skilled artisans. Visit Nielanell Design Studio for wool souvenirs and enjoy other textile-related experiences. Discover the islands’ heritage and scenery, including Jarlshof and Sumburgh Head’s cliffs. Travel in comfort on the overnight ferry from Aberdeen to Lerwick, combining relaxation, scenic cruising and an unforgettable crafting holiday in this remote and inspiring archipelago.

Key Highlights

- Three tutored knitting workshops
- Learn from local experts
- Visits to textile galleries, museums and woollen mills
- Scenic tours of Shetland
- Comfortable overnight cruising with Northlink

6 DAYS from ~~\$2,655~~ \$2,390 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$555
DEPARTURE: 13 - 18 Sep

Castles, Palaces & Abbeys of Eastern Scotland

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



Falkland Palace

Explore the East of Scotland’s royal palaces and historic castles. Highlights include Linlithgow Palace, Stirling Castle, Glamis Castle – birthplace of the Queen Mother and setting for Macbeth – Scone Palace, Falkland Palace and Loch Leven Castle. We also visit Culross Palace, with its maze of passageways and painted ceilings and Dunfermline Abbey, the resting place of Scottish royals including Robert the Bruce, celebrating Scotland’s rich royal heritage.

Key Highlights

- Stirling Castle is set in an imposing position with breathtaking views over the surrounding countryside
- Glamis Castle - the inspiration for William Shakespeare’s Macbeth
- Loch Leven Castle where Mary, Queen of Scots was imprisoned in 1567

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,325~~ \$1,193 | NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
DEPARTURES: 12 - 15 Jun & 28 - 31 Aug

Glasgow’s Art Treasures featuring the Burrell Collection

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



Kelvingrove

Re-opened in 2022, Glasgow’s Burrell Collection showcases treasures from around the world, from 5,000-year-old Chinese porcelain to paintings by Manet, Cézanne and Degas, alongside medieval stained glass, armour and tapestries. We also visit Kelvingrove Art Gallery, the Hunterian, the Gallery of Modern Art, Holmwood House and the House for an Art Lover, exploring Glasgow’s finest art, classical architecture and the genius of Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

Key Highlights

- Explore the newly refurbished Burrell Collection
- Discover one delight after another at Kelvingrove
- See world class art (and a Glasgow icon) at the Gallery of Modern Art
- Charles Rennie Mackintosh’s design brought to life at the House for an Art Lover

4 DAYS from ~~\$975~~ \$829 | NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
DEPARTURES: 13 - 16 Mar & 30 Oct - 2 Nov

Highlights of Orkney & Shetland



St Ninian’s Isle

Sail to lands of rich history, vibrant wildlife and breathtaking scenery – the Orkney and Shetland Isles. People have been drawn here for millennia, from early settlers around 3000 BCE to the legendary Vikings. Orkney’s green, fertile landscapes contrast with Shetland’s dramatic cliffs and sea-lochs, yet both are steeped in the stories of Picts, Norsemen and seafaring legends, united by a fiercely independent spirit. We travel overnight aboard modern Serco Northlink Ferries from Aberdeen to Lerwick, enjoy two full days exploring Shetland, then sail to Kirkwall for two days discovering Orkney’s archaeological and natural treasures.



Standing Stones of Stenness

Alternative option: 5 days by Air departing 12 May & 11 Aug 2026 from ~~\$2,195~~ \$1,975

Key Highlights

- The multi-period settlement of Jarlshof
- Neolithic Orkney – a UNESCO World Heritage Centre
- Spectacular sea cliffs at Eshaness
- The Churchill Barriers and Italian Chapel, poignant reminders of more recent history
- Multitudes of seabirds at Sumburgh Head (May-July)

6 DAYS from ~~\$2,655~~ \$2,390
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$695
DEPARTURES: 18 - 23 May, 17 - 22 Jun, 13 - 18 Jul, 2 - 7 Sep & 14 - 19 Sep

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



The Isle of Mull, with high peaks and dramatic coastal views, is a place of serene beauty. From our base at the Isle of Mull Hotel & Spa, explore colourful Tobermory, sail to the seabird-filled Treshnish Isles and Staffa’s basalt cathedral, visit Duart Castle with sweeping views to Ben Cruachan and discover the peaceful Abbey on Iona – a perfect blend of wildlife, history and tranquillity.

- Key Highlights*
- Sailing out of Oban Bay as the holiday begins
 - Wildlife cruise from Tobermory plus the amazing spectacle of Fingal’s Cave
 - Taking in the view towards Ben Cruachan from the top of the keep at Duart Castle
 - Moments of peaceful contemplation at Iona Abbey

4 DAYS from ~~\$2,235~~ \$2,012 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$590
📅 **DEPARTURES:** 13 - 16 Jun & 19 - 22 Sep



Northern Scotland boasts some of the country’s most scenic railways, with Victorian engineers creating sweeping curves and majestic viaducts across wild moors and glens. Highlights include Eilean Donan Castle, a ride on the Jacobite steam train over the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct, and a visit to Boat of Garten on the Strathspey Line, where the charm of the Highlands’ steam era is perfectly recreated.

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

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,325~~ \$1,193 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$210
📅 **DEPARTURES:** 27 - 30 May & 14 - 17 Oct



Shetland’s rugged islands offer raw beauty, unique culture and abundant wildlife. We visit four islands, including Mousa with its Iron Age broch, the Shetland Croft House Museum and Jarlshof, a 3,000-year archaeological treasure. We explore the northern islands of Yell and Unst, sail by boat as islanders have for centuries and take in dramatic seascapes, fresh air and the distinctive character of this remote archipelago.

- Key Highlights*
- Rich wildlife on the Island of Mousa
 - 3,000 years of archaeological history at Jarlshof
 - Muness Castle – the most northerly castle in the British Isles
 - The stunning sea cliffs of Noss
 - Bobby’s bus shelter in Baltasound – surely the most famous in the world!

5 DAYS from ~~\$2,165~~ \$1,949 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$555
📅 **DEPARTURES:** 22 - 26 Jun & 12 - 16 Aug



Scotland’s largest cities, Glasgow and Edinburgh, offer a friendly rivalry and strikingly different architecture. Glasgow’s grand Victorian centre reflects its ‘Second City of the Empire’ past, while Edinburgh blends Georgian elegance with its historic Old Town. Highlights include Gladstone’s Land, the Scottish Parliament and Georgian House in Edinburgh and Glasgow’s City Chambers, exploring each city’s history, character and architectural heritage.

- Key Highlights*
- Visit Gladstone’s Land with its hand-painted ceilings
 - Contrast and compare Edinburgh’s Georgian House with Glasgow’s Tenement House
 - Private tour of the marble staircases and cavernous rooms at Glasgow City Chambers
 - Afternoon Tea at Mackintosh at the Willow

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,255~~ \$1,067 | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**
📅 **DEPARTURE:** 6 - 9 Nov



Orkney’s 70 islands offer unique history, charm and landscapes. Based on the Mainland, we explore hidden gems across the North and South Isles. Sail Westray’s Old Norse routes, cross Scapa Flow to Hoy with its dramatic scenery and discover the ‘Heart of Neolithic Orkney’ on Mainland, including the Stones of Stenness and Skara Brae. This itinerary also features part of the scenic North Coast 500.

- Key Highlights*
- The Scaun Natural Arch and the spectacular sea cliffs, Westray
 - Views of the Old Man of Hoy as we sail to Scrabster
 - Discover Orkney’s naval history at the Scapa Flow Museum
 - The UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Maeshowe, Stones of Stenness and Skara Brae
 - A dram of the finest whisky at Highland Park Distillery

5 DAYS from ~~\$2,375~~ \$2,138 | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**
📅 **DEPARTURES:** 8 - 12 Jun & 17 - 21 Aug



Scotland’s rugged north-west coast is at its most majestic in early spring and autumn, with Atlantic waves crashing dramatically against the shore. Based in Kinlochbervie, with panoramic views over lochs and hills, we explore coastal gems including the white sands of Oldshoremore and Smoo Cave at Durness. Evenings are spent enjoying fine food, good company and a welcoming fireside dram in our highland hotel.

- Key Highlights*
- The magical Smoo Cave
 - The spectacle of the Suilven Mountain
 - Officially the best hot chocolate in the world at Cocoa Mountain
 - Salmon Leap at Loch Shin
 - White sands of Oldshoremore

4 DAYS from ~~\$975~~ \$878 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$210
📅 **DEPARTURES:** 12 - 15 Mar, 7 - 10 Apr, 17 - 20 Apr & 6 - 9 Oct



Scotland’s northern coast is breathtaking, where wind and sea clash against ancient rock. Highlights include Duncansby Head with sea stacks and seabirds, John O’Groats, Dunnett Head and the Castle of Mey, former summer home of the Queen Mother. From Kinlochbervie, explore Strathnaver’s haunting valley and Smoo Cave at Durness, with its waterfall and blowhole, revealing the raw power and timeless beauty of this remote coastline.

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

5 DAYS from ~~\$1,675~~ \$1,508 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$170
📅 **DEPARTURES:** 5 - 9 May, 9 - 13 Jun, 8 - 12 Sep & 20 - 24 Sep



Scotland’s steam journeys combine engineering feats with stunning scenery. Ride the Jacobite Steam Train from Fort William to Mallaig past Ben Nevis, Loch Morar, River Morar and across the Glenfinnan Viaduct. Discover the beauty of Loch Lomond followed by Inveraray Castle, cruise Loch Katrine on the steam-powered Sir Walter Scott and experience the rotating Falkirk Wheel, linking the Union and Forth & Clyde canals.

- Key Highlights*
- Enjoy a journey on the Falkirk Wheel boat lift
 - Stunning views from the Jacobite steam train
 - Cruise on Loch Lomond followed by a trip to Inveraray Castle
 - A captivating sailing on Loch Katrine on the steamship Sir Walter Scott

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,115~~ \$1,004 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$130
📅 **DEPARTURES:** 23 - 26 Apr (**No Single Supplement**), 7 - 10 May (**No Single Supplement**), 25 - 28 Jun & 8 - 11 Oct



A Grand Tour of the Outer Hebrides (5 days)

Luskentyre

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

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

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

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



Croft on Isle of Lewis

Key Highlights

- The unique airport at Cockleshell Beach
- 5,000 year old standing stones
- The tranquil location of the Norse Mill at Shawbost
- Four scenic ferry crossings

5 DAYS from ~~\$1,815~~ \$1,634
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$280

DEPARTURES: 24 - 28 Apr,
16 - 20 Sep, 25 - 29 Sep & 2 - 6 Oct

- Four nights dinner, bed & breakfast: two nights at the Dark Island Hotel, Benbecula and two nights at the Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway (breakfast served on board the ferry on day 5)
- Visits include: The isle of Barra, St Clement’s Church at Rodel, Callanish Standing Stones site, the Black Houses at Gearannan and the the Norse Mill at Shawbost
- Comfortable coach travel and all ferry crossings
- Services of an expert tour manager



A Grand Tour of the Outer Hebrides (6 days)

Stornoway Harbour

This remarkable tour of the Outer Hebrides promises to live long in the memory, featuring a wide range of islands with hidden treasures at every turn. The stunning scenery of towering peaks, rugged moorland and unspoilt coastlines await as we journey through the Highlands, Harris, Lewis, Eriskay, Vatersay and Barra, home to turquoise waters and white sands. Along the way, expect to see a whole host of wonders, including the Standing Stones of Callanish*, the Norse Mill at Shawbost and the Black Houses at Gearannan, typical of the crofting settlements which until relatively recently were found throughout the Western Isles.

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



Callanish

Key Highlights

- 5,000-year-old standing stones
- The Black Houses at Gearannan, typical of the crofting settlements
- St Columba’s Ui Church, one of the most important archaeological sites on the Isle of Lewis

6 DAYS from ~~\$2,375~~ \$2,201
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$350

DEPARTURES: 10 - 15 May & 2 - 7 Aug

- Five nights dinner, bed & breakfast: two nights at the Dark Isle Hotel, Benbecula and three nights at the Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway (breakfast on board the ferry on day 6)
- Visits include: The Isle of Barra, St Clement’s Church at Rodel, the standing stones at Calanais II, the Black Houses at Gearannan and St Columba’s Ui Church
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert tour manager

Please note: on 2 August departure we stay three nights at the Dark Isle Hotel, Benbecula and two nights at the Cabarfeidh Hotel. Instead of visiting St Columba’s Ui Church, we visit South Uist and Kildonan Museum.



Eriskay Harbour by Graham Addison

A Grand Tour of the Outer Hebrides (7 days)

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

NC500: Please note that these itinerary features part of the North Coast 500, the highly scenic coastal route around the north of Scotland which begins and ends in Inverness.



Lewis Castle

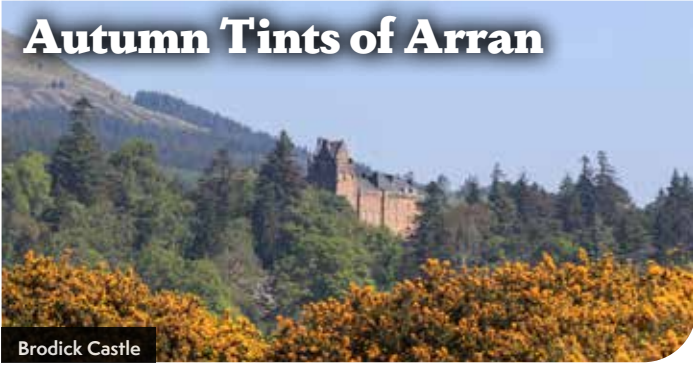
Key Highlights

- A tour is the island of Barra
- A visit to the Kildonan Museum
- A visit to the Lews Castle and Museum

7 DAYS from ~~\$2,655~~ \$2,390
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$420

DEPARTURE: 30 May - 5 Jun

- Six nights dinner, bed and breakfast: three at the Dark Isle Hotel Benbecula and three at the Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway
- Visits include: Kildonan Museum, the RSPB reserve at Balranald, St Clement’s Church at Rodel, Callanish Standing Stones site and the Lews Castle and Museum
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- All ferry crossings
- Services of an expert tour manager



Often called “Scotland in Miniature,” Arran blends Highland peaks and glens in the north with lush farmlands in the south. Its small villages, like pearls on a necklace, include Whiting Bay, Lamlash, Brodick, Corrie and Sannox, passing the ‘12 Apostles’ at Lochranza. Brodick Castle impresses with warm sandstone, a dramatic setting and gardens ablaze with autumn colour, making this a truly memorable island visit.

- Key Highlights*
- ✿ Sailing across the Firth of Clyde and watching the mountains of Arran draw ever nearer
 - ✿ Brodick Castle, with its incomparable setting and autumn colours in the garden
 - ✿ The comfortable Kinloch Hotel, located on the ‘sunset side’ of the island

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,395~~ \$1,256 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$350
📅 **DEPARTURE:** 14 - 17 Oct



As we approach the island, Goat Fell rises from the Firth of Clyde, hinting at Arran’s magic. “Scotland in Miniature,” blends northern granite peaks and glens with southern farmlands. Explore villages like Whiting Bay, Lamlash, Brodick, Corrie and Sannox, passing the ‘12 Apostles’ at Lochranza. Brodick Castle impresses with its dramatic setting and gardens, bursting with seasonal interest.

- Key Highlights*
- ✿ Highly scenic circular tour of the island
 - ✿ Brewery tour and tasting
 - ✿ The incomparable setting and colourful gardens of Brodick Castle

5 DAYS from ~~\$1,955~~ \$1,760 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$455
📅 **DEPARTURES:** 18 - 22 May, 7 - 11 Jun, 10 - 14 Aug & 21 - 25 Sep



Around 1800 BC, a vigorous civilisation left its mark on the Outer Hebrides. The Standing Stones at Callanish align with the midsummer full moon, while later settlers created cairns, Iron Age houses, Norse mills and Blackhouses. With a local guide, explore Lewis and Harris’s moors, beaches and mountains and enjoy four nights in Stornoway, where Gaelic culture thrives, music plays and history lives on.

- Key Highlights*
- ✿ Bosta Iron Age Village, the Outer Hebrides’ version of Skara Brae
 - ✿ The remarkable and mysterious Callanish Standing Stones
 - ✿ 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

5 DAYS from ~~\$2,235~~ \$2,012 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$315
📅 **DEPARTURE:** 14 - 18 Aug



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 and Perth, with unique access to recent discoveries revealing their extraordinary culture.

- 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

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,255~~ \$1,130 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$130
📅 **DEPARTURE:** 7 - 10 Aug



The Scottish Borders offer rolling hills, misty valleys and the salmon-rich River Tweed. Visit historic houses and castles, including Paxton House, Traquair House, Mellerstain, Abbotsford and Floors Castle. Based at the Peebles Hydro, the tour blends tranquil landscapes with a rich slice of Scottish history, folklore and architectural heritage, revealing the understated beauty and remarkable past of this often-overlooked region.

- Key Highlights*
- ✿ Georgian masterpieces at Mellerstain
 - ✿ Regal connections at Traquair House
 - ✿ Sir Walter Scott’s personal collections at Abbotsford
 - ✿ The opulence of Floors Castle
 - ✿ Lunch in the Victorian Kitchen at Thirlstane Castle

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,535~~ \$1,382 | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**
📅 **DEPARTURE:** 2 - 5 Sep



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*
- ✿ Mousa Broch – the best preserved Iron Age tower in existence
 - ✿ The multi-period settlement of Jarlshof
 - ✿ Neolithic Orkney – a UNESCO World Heritage Centre
 - ✿ The Churchill Barriers and Italian Chapel, poignant reminders of more recent history

6 DAYS from ~~\$2,655~~ \$2,390 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$695
📅 **DEPARTURES:** 11 - 16 Apr (**No Single Supplement**) & 24 - 29 Aug



Explore the Tudor world through Henry VIII and his flagship, the Mary Rose. Visit Hampton Court, then Portsmouth’s Historic Dockyard for the Mary Rose Museum and a private talk. Continue to Anne of Cleves’ House and Arundel Castle before ending at Hever 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 & guided tour with Tudor artefacts
 - ✿ Explore Anne of Cleves’ House & historic Arundel Castle
 - ✿ Discover Anne Boleyn’s childhood home at Hever Castle

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,255~~ \$1,067 | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**
📅 **DEPARTURES:** 31 Mar - 3 Apr & 9 - 12 Oct



Discover the rich history and horticultural beauty of Kent on this inspiring garden tour. From Leeds Castle to the elegant gardens of Doddington Place and Mount Ephraim, each day offers fresh delights. Enjoy exclusive visits, including a private tour and tasting at Yotes Court, a tour with the head gardener at Hever Castle, plus a full day at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and the natural serenity of Wakehurst.

- Key Highlights*
- ✿ Admire the floral artistry of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show
 - ✿ Explore the historic beauty of Hever Castle & Gardens and enjoy a guided tour with the Head Gardener
 - ✿ Enjoy a wine tasting at Yotes Court Vineyard
 - ✿ Discover the romantic setting of Leeds Castle
 - ✿ A cream tea at Whitstable Castle

7 DAYS from ~~\$2,655~~ \$2,390 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$490
📅 **DEPARTURE:** 16 - 22 May



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



Key Highlights

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

12 DAYS from ~~\$4,195~~ \$3,776
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$835

DEPARTURE: 13 - 24 May

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



Journey through the gardens and idyllic landscapes of the Cotswolds and experience the grandeur of the iconic RHS Chelsea Flower Show. At every turn, this tour offers an exquisite blend of historical estates, innovative garden designs and the pinnacle of horticultural displays. With visits including Tom Stuart-Smith’s The Barn and the Victorian Highnam Court, sign up for an unforgettable exploration of Britain’s finest gardens.

Key Highlights

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

7 DAYS from ~~\$2,655~~ \$2,390 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$415

DEPARTURE: 20 - 26 May



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 Kiftsgate Court.

Key Highlights

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

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,395~~ \$1,256 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$275

DEPARTURES: 29 May - 1 Jun, 26 - 29 Jun & 13 - 16 Aug



Norfolk’s gentle landscapes, rich gardening heritage and coastal charm provide the perfect backdrop for this summertime tour. Including the new RHS Sandringham Flower Show, one of the season’s most anticipated events, we also visit a handpicked selection of the region’s most beautiful gardens. From the hidden tranquillity of Norwich’s Bishop’s House Garden to the world-class rose displays at Peter Beales Roses, there’s something to inspire everyone.

Key Highlights

- Enjoy an exclusive visit to the Bishop’s House Garden in Norwich
- Spend a day at the RHS Sandringham Flower Show
- Explore the richly planted borders and rose displays at Peter Beales Roses
- Discover the extraordinary design and exotic plantings of East Ruston Old Vicarage

5 DAYS from ~~\$1,815~~ \$1,634 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$275

DEPARTURE: 22 - 26 Jul



One of the largest gardening projects in Europe, RHS Garden Bridgewater has established itself as a world-class garden. Come along and discover its wonders alongside other horticultural gems on this delightful exploration. Highlights include Trentham Estate with its Italian Gardens, the great plantsman’s garden of Dunham Massey and Tatton Park, whose gardens have developed over 200 years yet retain much of their Edwardian character.

Key Highlights

- Special visit to RHS Garden Bridgewater, the newest addition to the RHS stable
- Italian style at Trentham Estate
- Special access to a privately-owned garden
- Dunham Massey and Tatton Park, two of the foremost gardens in Cheshire

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,045~~ \$941 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$170

DEPARTURES: 23 - 26 May & 15 - 18 Aug



The picturesque pastures, orchards and villages of Somerset provide a wonderful backdrop to a varied collection of private gardens at a time when they will be looking their best. Look forward to discovering the idyllic garden of Watcombe, the contrasting riot of colour and oasis of calm at Batcombe House, the breathtaking views at Stoberry and the Grade I garden of Iford Manor, amongst other gems.

Key Highlights

- Eclectic mix of topiary and hedging at Watcombe
- Breathtaking views of Wells and the Vale of Avalon at Stoberry
- Grade I registered garden of Iford Manor
- The hidden gem of Cannington Walled Garden
- Scenic drive through the Quantock Hills

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,255~~ \$1,130 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$275

DEPARTURE: 4 - 7 Jul



2026 marks a remarkable anniversary for the Cornish horticultural scene: 25 years since the Eden Project fully opened to the public. We enjoy a full day here visiting the unique biomes, walking through the world’s largest indoor rainforests and enjoying the calm fragrance of the Mediterranean. We also visit some of the county’s other unique gardens including beautiful Trelissick, Bonython Estate Gardens and Glendurgan.

Key Highlights

- Exclusive guided tour at the Eden Project with a member of the horticultural team
- The exotic and sub-tropical Tremenheere Sculpture Gardens
- Trelissick with its delightful views across the River Fal
- This tour is led by horticulturalist Alex Goodyear

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,675~~ \$1,508 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$415

DEPARTURE: 5 - 8 Sep

GARDENS



Tresco

With the help of Mike Nelhams, Curator of Tresco's Abbey Gardens and a long-standing friend of Brightwater Holidays, we have put together this special tour of Cornwall, featuring not only the gardens but the personalities behind them. These include Sir Tim Smit, the driving force behind the Lost Gardens of Heligan and the Eden Project, Charles Williams of Caerhays Castle and Lord Falmouth of Tregothnan Estate. After an exciting day on Tresco and a tour of the outstanding Abbey Gardens led by Mike himself, our tour concludes with the private garden of Lamorran House and the unique Tregothnan Tea Plantation.



Tregothnan

Key Highlights

- Tour of Heligan with a member of the gardening team
- Lunch and tour 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

5 DAYS from ~~\$3,075~~ **\$2,908**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$415

DEPARTURE: 14 - 18 Apr

- Four nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the 4-star Alverton Hotel, Truro
- Two lunches
- Return standard class rail travel between London and Truro (regional rail connections and upgrades can also be arranged at a supplement; \$100pp discount for no rail travel)
- Return helicopter flight to the Scilly Isles
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of horticulturalist Mike Nelhams as tour manager



Scotney Castle

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
- Led by horticulturalists Julia Corden (June) and David Hurron (August)

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,325~~ **\$1,193** | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$210**

DEPARTURES: 1 - 4 Jun & 9 - 12 Aug



Forde Abbey

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 the magnolias and camellias at Fast Rabbit Farm to the enchanting displays of daffodils, 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

5 DAYS from ~~\$1,255~~ **\$1,130** | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

DEPARTURES: 6 - 10 Apr & 23 - 27 Apr



Astilbes and lake

Delightful Summer Gardens of Devon

Join us for a jaunt to the English Riviera! From our base in Torquay we explore Mothecombe Gardens, an RHS partner garden perched on a cliff, offering panoramic coastal views. We also visit Wildside Garden, evolved from a flat, featureless field to a rich and complex landscape that offers ecological niches and a vast array of plants. The Garden House delights year-round but in the summer months, the herbaceous borders of the walled garden steal the show, while the award-winning Marwood Hill Gardens, home to four National Plant Heritage Collections, rounds off a superb collection of Devon's finest gardens.



Torquay

Key Highlights

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

5 DAYS from ~~\$1,535~~ **\$1,382**
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

DEPARTURE: 17 - 21 Aug

- Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Headland Hotel Torquay
- Visits include: Hestercombe, Mothecombe Gardens, Wildside Garden, The Garden House, Marwood Hill Gardens and Castle Hill Gardens
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of horticulturalist Trevor Edwards as tour manager



Dartmoor National Park

Autumn Gardens of Devon

Explore some of Devon's most beautiful gardens as they metamorphosise with the rich tapestry of colours the autumn brings. Highlights include Overbecks, a subtropical paradise which is spectacularly perched on a cliff above Salcombe, Lukesland Garden, said to be one of the best in this corner of Britain, and Bicton Botanical Gardens, home to a collection of British champion trees and Victorian glass houses.

Key Highlights

- Lukesland Gardens, said to be 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
- The Garden House, a whimsical garden draped over romantic 16th-century ruins

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,115~~ **\$948** | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

DEPARTURE: 26 - 29 Oct



Oxford Cathedral

History & Architecture of Oxfordshire

Steeped in history and architectural splendour, Oxfordshire offers a fascinating glimpse into England's cultural heritage, from Oxford's dreaming spires to Blenheim Palace's grandeur. We enjoy an afternoon tea in opulent surroundings here, while our visit to the Kingston Bagpuize House offers a more personal perspective on English country life. Perfect for lovers of history and architecture, this is a tour filled with insight and charm.

Key Highlights

- Admire the striking architecture of Oxford Cathedral
- Explore the world-famous Bodleian Library
- Enjoy a visit to UNESCO-listed Blenheim Palace along with a traditional afternoon tea
- Discover the elegance of Kingston Bagpuize House on our guided tour

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,255~~ **\$1,130** | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

DEPARTURE: 2 - 5 Oct

GARDENS

SPECIAL INTEREST

NEW TOUR



Waddesdon Manor

LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Rothschildshire - The Vale of Aylesbury with Nicholas Merchant



Join us on this exclusive journey through architectural marvels and treasures associated with the Rothschild family. We explore locations such as Stowe House, the Natural History Museum in Tring and Waddesdon Manor, learning more about the legacy of one of the world's most renowned families. With expert guidance from Nicholas Merchant, this tour combines historical narratives, Capability Brown landscapes and curated visits to exquisite collections.

- Key Highlights
- A guided tour of Stowe House
 - A talk on the furniture at Waddesdon Manor with Mia Jackson, Curator of Decorative Arts
 - A visit to the Natural History Museum in Tring
 - Led by Nicholas Merchant, a lecturer on Decorative and Fine Arts and accredited lecturer of the Arts Society

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,395~~ \$1,256 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$170
DEPARTURE: 3 - 6 Aug


NEW TOUR



Ushaw Historic House

LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Secrets of County Durham & North Yorkshire with Nicholas Merchant



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
 - Led by Nicholas Merchant, a lecturer on Decorative and Fine Arts and accredited lecturer of the Arts Society

5 DAYS from ~~\$1,815~~ \$1,634 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$210
DEPARTURE: 24 - 28 May

NEW TOUR



Perch Hill

Perch Hill with Sarah Raven & Gardens of the South East



Enjoy an English country garden at the height of summer on this tour of world-class gardens in the South East, crowned by an exclusive event with the inspirational writer, cook and broadcaster, Sarah Raven. Explore the shrubs and perennials of Great Comp, the restored Walled Kitchen Garden at Titsey Place and Riverhill Himalayan Garden with its Edwardian Rock Garden and sweeping views across the Weald of Kent. A guided tour and tasting at the renowned Hush Heath Estate, home of the Balfour Winery, adds further flavour. The highlight is Perch Hill, where Sarah Raven gives a special talk, followed by a guided tour and seasonal two-course lunch.



- Key Highlights
- Exclusive visit to Perch Hill with Sarah Raven
 - The historic Riverhill Himalayan Garden
 - An expert-led vineyard tour and wine tasting at the Hush Heath Estate
 - The plantsman's haven of Great Comp Garden

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,745~~ \$1,571
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$275
DEPARTURE: 13 - 16 Jul

- Three nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the 4-star Donnington Manor Hotel
- An exclusive visit to Perch Hill with 1 hour talk with Sarah Raven, a guided tour and 2 course lunch
- Visits include: Great Comp Garden, Riverhill Himalayan Gardens, Titsey Place & Garden and the Hush Heath Estate
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of horticulturalist Trevor Edwards as expert tour manager

NEW TOUR



East Lambrook

In the Footsteps of Gertrude Jekyll

Few would doubt the influence Gertrude Jekyll had on garden design. This tour stretches across the south of England, visiting gardens associated with the plantswoman extraordinaire, painter and writer, such as Barrington Court and the private Upton Grey Manor House, to name but a few. We also include a private dining experience at Gravetye Manor, home to William Robinson, one of the greatest gardeners of all time.

- Key Highlights
- Hestercombe, one of Jekyll and Lutyens' greatest masterpieces
 - Garden tour and private dining experience at Gravetye Manor
 - The lovingly restored gardens at Upton Grey Manor House
 - Visits to Heale House, East Lambrook Gardens, Vann Gardens and Loseley Park

6 DAYS from ~~\$2,935~~ \$2,642 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$695
DEPARTURE: 17 - 22 Jun

NEW TOUR



Sandringham

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Stately Homes & Seaside Castles of Norfolk

Our historical tour of Norfolk begins as we travel through verdant rolling countryside to the 500-year-old Oxburgh Hall, followed by a visit to one of Britain's largest and best-preserved keeps, Castle Rising. We also visit Jacobean Blickling Estate, beloved Sandringham, the Palladian-style Holkham Hall and the moated manor of Hindringham Hall, amongst other treasures, and also enjoy a trip on the North Norfolk Heritage Railway.

- Key Highlights
- Afternoon Tea with sparkling wine and private guided tour of Sandringham
 - House and Gardens tour at Wolterton with refreshments in the Saloon
 - Tour with Lady Walpole at Mannington Hall with lunch
 - Private afternoon access to the gardens & grounds at Hindringham Hall

5 DAYS from ~~\$2,235~~ \$2,012 | NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
DEPARTURE: 8 - 12 Jun

NEW TOUR



Rydal Hall Gardens

LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Gardens of the Lake District

The Lake District boasts some of the most breathtaking scenery in England. It is packed with natural wonders, from iridescent lakes to craggy fells, which rise above sweeping valleys. Our tour includes a visit to some of the area's most celebrated gardens including Holker Hall, home to the Cavendish family, Holeird, 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 are world-famous and were created in the 17th-century by Monsieur Guillaume Beaumont. We also enjoy a cruise on the waters of Lake Windermere.



- 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

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,395~~ \$1,256
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$130
DEPARTURE: 29 Jun - 2 Jul

- Three nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the 3-star Lakeland Hotel, Kendal
- Return standard class rail travel from London to Lancaster
- Visits include: Gresgarth Hall, Rydal Hall Gardens, Holeird, Holker Hall and Levens Hall
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert tour manager



Uncover the delights of Yorkshire as we discover some of the best gardens in England's largest county, including the northern flagship garden of the RHS Harlow Carr. We also explore the vast Himalayan Garden and Sculpture Park, plus Newby Hall with its impressive double herbaceous borders. Other visits include York Gate, a magical one-acre garden tucked behind the ancient church at Adel.

Key Highlights

- A visit to the award winning Breezy Knees Garden
- Guided tour at RHS Harlow Carr
- Free time in the picturesque spa town of Harrogate
- The innovatively designed York Gate
- A visit to the Himalayan Garden & Sculpture Park, inspired by the Himalayas, and Newby Hall

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,395~~ \$1,256 | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**
DEPARTURE: 30 Jun - 3 Jul



Escape to the low-lying coast and wide-open spaces of Northumberland, peppered with a host of historic houses, castles and Roman ruins. Perhaps the most impressive of these is Bamburgh Castle, which sprawls over a rocky plateau on the coast, close to the Farne Islands. Further highlights include visits to the holy island of Lindisfarne, Belsay Hall, Wallington House, Alnwick Castle, Hadrian's Wall and Chester's Fort.

Key Highlights

- 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
- In the footsteps of Harry Potter at Alnwick Castle
- The magnificent grounds of Wallington House

5 DAYS from ~~\$1,745~~ \$1,571 | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$275**
DEPARTURES: 27 Jun - 1 Jul & 13 - 17 Sep



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 Treco's stunning Abbey Garden, home to thousands of plants 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.

Key Highlights

- Guided tour of Abbey Gardens on Treco 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
- Led by Mike Nelhams, the Curator of Treco's Abbey Gardens

6 DAYS from ~~\$3,495~~ \$3,146 | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$735**
DEPARTURE: 4 - 9 Sep



Tucked away in the rolling countryside of Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire are some fine parks and gardens. The centrepiece is the National Botanic Garden of Wales, where mere panes of glass separate the familiar green hills of Wales from a panoramic sweep of warm, Mediterranean scenery. By contrast, Aberglasney is a superb, restored 16th/17th-century garden, while an interesting collection of private gardens completes our tour.

Key Highlights

- Beautiful woodland gardens surrounding the castles of Upton and Picton
- An imaginative private garden at Llwyngarreg
- A day of striking contrasts at the innovative National Botanic Gardens of Wales and historic Aberglasney
- Led by horticultural expert Tony Russell

5 DAYS from ~~\$1,815~~ \$1,634 | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$450**
DEPARTURE: 10 - 14 Apr



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.

Key Highlights

- Privately-owned gardens giving an insight to 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
- Poulnabrone Dolmen, an impressive megalith

5 DAYS from ~~\$1,745~~ \$1,571 | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$275**
DEPARTURE: 1 - 5 Jun



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

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

5 DAYS from ~~\$1,815~~ \$1,543 | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**
DEPARTURES: 26 - 30 Mar & 8 - 12 Oct



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 Inacullin on spectacular Garnish Island.

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

8 DAYS from ~~\$3,215~~ \$2,894 | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$835**
DEPARTURES: 23 - 30 May & 8 - 15 Sep



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 Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring* to Vincent van Gogh's *Sunflowers*, each masterpiece offers insight into the artistic development and personal struggles of the artist as well as the culture of the time.

Key Highlights

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

6 DAYS from ~~\$2,025~~ \$1,712 | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$525**
DEPARTURES: 20 - 25 Mar & 17 - 22 Aug

ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeology of Denmark & Sweden



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
 - Coming face to face with a man and a woman who died more than 2,300 years ago

8 DAYS from ~~\$3,985~~ \$3,587 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$835
📅 **DEPARTURE:** 16 - 23 Sep

Malta’s Archaeological Heritage



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 Haġar Qim.

- Key Highlights*
- The ancient and mysterious Hal Saflieni Hypogeum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
 - The ‘Cave of Darkness’, one of the earliest sites used by Neolithic man
 - The extraordinary labyrinth of St. Paul’s Catacombs
 - 5,000 year old temples of Haġar Qim and Mnajdra Temples

7 DAYS from ~~\$2,375~~ \$2,019 | **NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**
📅 **DEPARTURES:** 3 - 9 Mar & 3 - 9 Nov

Albanian Archaeology

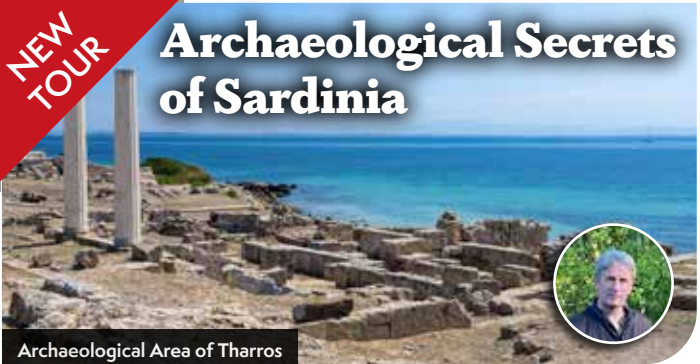


In archaeological terms, the dramatic landscapes of Albania offer some of Europe’s best sites with a host of Classical cities, once on a par with those in Greece and Italy. We visit Durrës on the Adriatic coast, one of the largest amphitheatres in the Balkans, Albania’s second largest Greek colony of 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

8 DAYS from ~~\$2,585~~ \$2,327 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$415
📅 **DEPARTURE:** 6 - 13 Oct

Archaeological Secrets of Sardinia



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.

- Key Highlights*
- Enjoy a guided walking tour of Cagliari in the company of a local guide
 - Visit one of the oldest settlement sites in Sardinia at Nora
 - Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of Su Nuraxi
 - Led by archaeological expert Clive Warsop

8 DAYS from ~~\$3,180~~ \$2,862 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$345
📅 **DEPARTURE:** 8 - 15 Oct

The Archaeology of Ancient 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.

- Key Highlights*
- 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 Tomb of the Kings

8 DAYS from ~~\$2,515~~ \$2,138 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$555
📅 **DEPARTURES:** 18 - 25 Mar & 11 - 18 Nov



Join us as we explore some of Croatia’s hidden garden gems with Julia Berg, an experienced tour manager and the UK’s expert on Croatia. This two-centre holiday covers the regions of Kvarner and Istria, visiting beautiful gardens, areas of outstanding natural beauty, flower farms dedicated to producing natural cosmetics and essential oils, as well as places of historical significance. Highlights include the terraced American Gardens in Opatija, the island of Košljun, home to a Franciscan monastery, the historically important city of Pula with its magnificent Roman monuments, and a diverse range of plant species, many of which are rare and protected.

Tulips of Keukenhof & Dutch Gardens Cruise



For vibrancy, colour and charm, nothing quite compares to the sight of not hundreds, not thousands, but millions of flowering bulbs, carpeting the fields in a radiant vision of patterns and patchwork. On this tour, enjoy the riot of colour at world-famous Keukenhof, along with visits to historic Vlinderhof, plus the Botanic Gardens and Rubens House in the Belgian city of Antwerp.

- Key Highlights*
- The tulip fields of Keukenhof Gardens
 - The Vlinderhof Garden, designed by Piet Oudolf
 - The recently re-opened Rubens House
 - Trompenburg Arboretum, a beautifully designed botanic garden boasting a large collection of trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs

5 DAYS from ~~\$2,067~~ \$2,029 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$555
📅 **DEPARTURE:** 4 - 8 Apr

Key Highlights

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

8 DAYS from ~~\$3,425~~ \$3,083
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$415
📅 **DEPARTURE:** 30 May - 6 Jun

- ▶ Seven nights dinner, bed and breakfast: three nights’ at the 4-star Hotel Admiral, Opatija (Superior Sea View Room) and four nights at the 4-star Park Plaza Histria, Pula (Standard Park View Room)
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of expert tour manager Julia Berg and local guides

ARCHAEOLOGY

CRUISE

SPECIAL INTEREST



Austrian Palaces, Gardens & Apricot Blossoms

Austria is the cultural heart of the Continent, thanks to its memorable musicians and stunning palaces that have defined the country for centuries. Our tour begins in magnificent Vienna, where we explore its highlights before journeying through the Wachau Valley, following the winding Danube River. Here, the apricot trees bloom in the early spring and the valley is beautifully peppered with flurries of white flowers. We then head to Mozart's birthplace of Salzburg, home to a cliff-top fortress backed by snow-dusted mountains. We find a collection of castles including Leopoldskron Castle, featured in the beloved film, *The Sound of Music*.



Key Highlights

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

8 DAYS from ~~\$3,845~~ **\$3,461**

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$415

DEPARTURE: 10 - 17 Apr

- Seven nights bed and breakfast in four-star hotels: four nights at the Strudlhof Vienna, one night Hotel Donauhof, Emmersdorf and two nights Hotel Unterschloß in St Leonhard (or similar)
- Three dinners
- Visits include: the Palace of Schönbrunn, Schloss Hof Castle, the permanent garden exhibition in Tulln, an apricot farm, where we enjoy a guided tour, Melk Abbey and Herrenchiemsee
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of horticulturalist Linda Robinson as tour manager

Palladian Villas of Veneto

Botanical Garden in Padua

Veneto is one of Italy's wealthiest regions, reflected in the extravagance of the grand villas and their gardens. Many of the treasures we visit were designed by Andrea Palladio, one of the most influential individuals in the history of Western architecture. We discover no fewer than six glorious villas, beginning with one of the most recognisable buildings of the Renaissance, the Palladian masterpiece, Villa Rotonda.

Key Highlights

- Guided tour of Villa Rotonda with Count Valmarana
- A tour of historic Vicenza, known as la città di Palladio
- The gardens of Villa Barbarigo, the most complete historical garden in Europe
- Giambattista Tiepolo's grand frescoes at Villa Valmarana
- Famous mazes at Villa Pisani

5 DAYS from ~~\$2,760~~ **\$2,484** | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$275**

DEPARTURE: 15 - 19 Sep



White Cities of Puglia

Alberobello Trulli Houses

For centuries, Puglia was fought over and conquered by the major powers of the day, from the Greeks and Romans to the Turks and Spanish, all of whom have left their mark. Among the more striking features are the cylindrical, whitewashed buildings with grey conical roofs known as trulli. We also see imposing castles, ornate cathedrals, ancient archaeological sites and mysterious caves.

Key Highlights

- La Cutura Botanical Garden, an old country estate built in the classic rural style of the late 19th century
- Guided tour of the town of Alberobello to see some of the trullo houses
- Matera, the Sassi town, famous for movies such as *The Passion of Christ* and *No Time to Die*

8 DAYS from ~~\$3,040~~ **\$2,736** | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$555**

DEPARTURE: 7 - 14 Oct

Arts & Gardens of Florence & Tuscany



Follow in the footsteps of renowned painters, sculptors and horticulturalists in sun-soaked Florence, a walking museum with some of the world's greatest treasures on display. Boasting beacons of architectural excellence and masterpieces of art, there is no better place to see icons of the Renaissance. Michelangelo's David, Botticelli's Birth of Venus and Brunelleschi's terracotta-tiled dome await, along with Toriggiani Gardens, Boboli's vibrant blooms and the breathtaking panoramas from the fragrant Bardini Gardens. Other highlights include the storybook city of Siena and the Castello di Verrazzano vineyard, where a wine tasting is the perfect way to round off this Tuscan discovery.



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

7 DAYS from ~~\$3,565~~ **\$3,209**

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$555

DEPARTURE: 31 May - 6 Jun

- Six nights bed & breakfast at a comfortable hotel in Florence
- Welcome and farewell dinners
- Visits include: Toriggiani Gardens, Boboli Gardens, Bardini Gardens and Villa, the Uffizi Gallery, Galleria dell'Accademia, Villa Gamberaia and Villa La Pietra
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of officially accredited guide Kate Williamson as tour manager

Gardens & Villas of Liguria

Villa Durazzo

Experience *la dolce vita* in Liguria, one of the most stunning regions of Italy, with its sparkling coastline, colourful towns and historic treasures. After discovering the winding streets of Genoa, we visit some of the most spectacular villas nestled along the coast, such as the salmon pink-hued Villa Durrazzo. Each has been carefully restored to reflect its original splendour, with intricate stucco decorations, magnificent frescoes, period furnishings and remarkable art collections along with beautiful gardens. The result is a serene journey back through the centuries and a fascinating glimpse into the lifestyles of the Italian elite during the Renaissance era.



Key Highlights

- Discover the Secret Garden at Palazzo Lomellino, a beautiful example of an Italian Renaissance garden
- Take a guided walking tour of Genoa with its medieval buildings, vibrant piazzas, majestic palaces and winding alleys (known as *caruggi*)
- Admire the gardens of Villa la Pergola, meticulously restored by famous landscape architect, Paolo Pejrone
- Enjoy a guided tour of the exquisite Villa Marigola

7 DAYS from ~~\$2,830~~ **\$2,547**

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$555

DEPARTURES: 1 - 7 May & 25 Sep - 1 Oct

- Six nights bed & breakfast at 3-star hotels: three nights at the Best Western Hotel Porto Antico, Genoa and three nights at the Hotel Corallo, La Spezia (or similar)
- Welcome and farewell dinners at local restaurants
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of officially accredited guide Kate Williamson (in May) as tour manager

Villas & Gardens of the Italian Lakes



Isola Bella

The fabulous scenery and benign climate of the Italian lakes have attracted aristocrats for years, with their elegant villas perfectly complementing the natural landscape. From our bases on the Gulf of Borromeo on Lake Maggiore and the foot of Lake Como, we explore a succession of villas and gardens, all set against the breathtaking backdrop of snow-capped mountains and glittering waters. Look forward to discovering the private garden of the President of the Italian Camellia Society, the sumptuous terraced gardens of the Borromean islands, the rare botanical specimens of Villa Taranto and the dazzling display of azaleas and rhododendrons at Villa Carlotta.



- Key Highlights
- Visit the private garden of the President of the Italian Camellia Society
 - A private tour with the owner of Villa Cicogna Mozzoni
 - The extravagance of the Borromean Islands
 - Stunning views of lakes and mountains at every turn

8 DAYS from ~~\$3,565~~ \$3,209

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$835

DEPARTURES: 22 - 29 Apr, 17 - 24 Jun & 21 - 28 Sep

- Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the four-star Hotel Milan Speranza au Lac on Lake Maggiore; three nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the four-star Hotel Barchetta Excelsior on Lake Como
- One lunch
- Visits include: Isolas Bella, Madre and Pescatori and the gardens of the villas Taranto, Carlotta and Balbianello
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of officially accredited local guide Kate Williamson

Rome, Ninfa & Castel Gandolfo



Papal Garden in Castel Gandolfo

Open by special arrangement, we are delighted to offer this rare opportunity to visit the ancient gardens of Ninfa. They are as close to gardening perfection as you can get, with roses, hydrangeas and jasmines curtaining what remains of the walls of medieval buildings and paths meandering beside a crystal-clear river. Equally rare is the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the Popes as we visit the gardens of Castel Gandolfo, the papal residence just outside Rome. The view from the balcony here, with its strict geometric parterres, edged by towering cypresses and umbrella pines, is a sight to behold.



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

4 DAYS from ~~\$2,305~~ \$2,075

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$275

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT IN SEPTEMBER

DEPARTURES: 8 - 11 May & 1 - 4 Sep

- Three nights bed & breakfast at the Hotel Albergo Santa Chiara in Rome (or similar)
- Dinner and welcome drink on the first evening
- Visits include: Villa Lante, Castel Gandolfo, Ninfa and Villa d'Este
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert tour manager (horticulturalist Julia Corden in May)

Gardens of the Neapolitan Riviera



Villa San Michele

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. There is also the opportunity to visit Pompeii, one of the most remarkable sites anywhere in the world.



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

7 DAYS from ~~\$2,970~~ \$2,673

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$555

DEPARTURE: 21 - 27 Apr

- Six nights dinner with wine, bed and breakfast at the 4-star Best Western La Solara
- Visits include: Caserta Palace Gardens, Villa San Michele, Giardini di Augusto, La Mortella, Villa Rufolo, Villa Cimbrone and Pompeii
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of horticulturalist Mike Nelhams as tour manager & local guides

NEW TOUR

Gardens of Picardy



Les Hortillonnages

The River Somme, which meanders gently through the countryside of Picardy in north-east France, takes its name from a Celtic word meaning 'tranquillity'. We discover why this is so apt as we cruise along some 50km of the river aboard our electrically powered barge. Running the full length of the waterway, there is a well-maintained towpath, offering the chance to walk where the locks are more closely spaced. We enjoy three half-day cruises over the course of our tour, with the rest of the time spent exploring our host city of Amiens and visiting some of the region's outstanding gardens.



- Key Highlights
- Enjoy three half-day cruises on the Somme waterways with lunch and wine included
 - Take a boat trip around the floating gardens of Les Hortillonnages
 - Discover the elegance at the Château de Long
 - Admire a tranquil country garden with many water features

7 DAYS from ~~\$2,655~~ \$2,390

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$415

DEPARTURE: 7 - 13 Jun

- Six nights bed & breakfast at a comfortable 3-star hotel in Amiens
- Three half-day cruises on the Somme Waterways with lunch and wine included
- Two dinners
- Return ferry crossings from Dover to Calais
- Visits include: Jardin Moulin Ventin, Les Hortillonnages, Château de Long, Floral Gardens of Digeon and the Gardens of Maizicourt
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert tour manager



**Gardens of the French Riviera
- Menton Lemon Festival & the
International Rose Festival**

Menton Lemon Festival

Menton's zesty Lemon Festival brings a vibrant burst of colour to our tour of the French Riviera. Exotic gardens, cacti collections and azure seas complete our sparkling itinerary.

The Jardin Botanique Val Rahmeh is filled with lush tropical foliage, a lovely lily pond and showcases an exceptional array of vegetation from around the world. At St. Jean Cap Ferrat, we visit the exquisite gardens of the Fondation Ephrussi de Rothschild, while a short hop over the border to Italy finds us at the incomparable Hanbury Gardens.

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



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

6 DAYS from ~~\$2,515~~ \$2,138
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT FROM \$820

DEPARTURES:
Menton Lemon Festival 12 - 17 Feb
International Rose Festival 7 - 12 May

- Five nights bed & breakfast at the 4-star Hotel Le Grimaldi, Nice (or similar)
- Three dinners and four lunches
- Visits include: Serre de la Madone, Fondation Ephrussi de Rothschild, Jardin Exotique d'Èze, Jardin Exotique de Monte Carlo and a grandstand seat at the Menton Lemon Festival
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of horticulturalists Trevor Edwards in February and Mike Nelhams in May



The Genius of Monet

Monet's Garden

Just as the gardens at Giverny inspired Monet, who spent half his life nurturing and enjoying them, they continue to enthrall countless visitors in 2026, the 100th anniversary of his death. His paintings are brought to life, with apple-green arched bridges festooned with wisteria and water lilies framed by the draped fronds of weeping willow. The perfect complement to Giverny is the Orangerie Museum in Paris, where the centrepiece of this outstanding collection is Monet's breathtaking series of murals, Les Nymphéas. We also visit the Château de Chantilly, with its extensive collection of art and gardens designed by Le Nôtre.



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

4 DAYS from ~~\$1,830~~ \$1,842
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$455

DEPARTURES: 29 May - 1 Jun & 24 - 27 Jul

- Three nights dinner (with wine), bed & breakfast at the Château Jeanne & the Forest, Chantilly
- Return standard class rail travel between London and Paris with Eurostar (first class upgrades and regional connections also available on request)
- Visits include: Château de Chantilly, house and gardens of Claude Monet at Giverny and Musée de l'Orangerie des Tuileries
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert tour manager



Gardens of the Loire Valley

Château de Chaumont-sur-Loire

Blessed with rich soil and a mild climate, it is no wonder that the Loire Valley is known as 'The Garden of France'. As we travel through this tranquil and timeless landscape, one magnificent château after another appears before us, each one apparently striving to outdo the other with their romantic atmosphere, dramatic locations and beautiful grounds. Highlights include the breathtaking recreation of a 16th-century Renaissance garden at Château de Villandry, the International Garden Festival held at Château Chaumont-sur-Loire, Château du Clos Lucé, which celebrates the life and works of Leonardo da Vinci, plus a wine tasting at Château de Valmer.



Key Highlights

- Celebrate the life and works of the genius botanist, engineer and artist Leonardo da Vinci at his former home, Château du Clos Lucé
- Discover Château Chenonceau, one of the region's best-known castles, and its stunning gardens
- 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 blooming plants and flowers

7 DAYS from ~~\$2,070~~ \$2,028
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$555

DEPARTURE: 5 - 11 Jun

- Six nights bed and full breakfast at a comfortable 3-star hotel in Tours
- Welcome and farewell dinners
- Return Eurostar travel from London St Pancras (first class upgrades and regional connections also available on request)
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of horticulturalist Linda Robinson as tour manager



**Lavender Fields & Gardens
of Provence Cruise**

Provence

Delve into Provençal life on this idyllic cruise, admiring lilac-hued fields, strolling through Old Town squares, discovering beautiful gardens and sampling superb French cuisine. Our ports of call along the Rhône are filled with layer upon layer of history, such as popular Avignon and Arles, a city of terracotta-tiled rooftops with a treasure trove of UNESCO-listed gems. The pièce de résistance of Provence is of course its fragrant lavender, and we celebrate this glorious plant with an immersive experience at Un MAS en Provence de La Plante Au Parfum and a visit to the famous Musée de la Lavande Luberon.



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 Saint-André Abbey, a Remarkable Garden of France
- Enjoy an immersive experience at Un MAS en Provence de La Plante Au Parfum

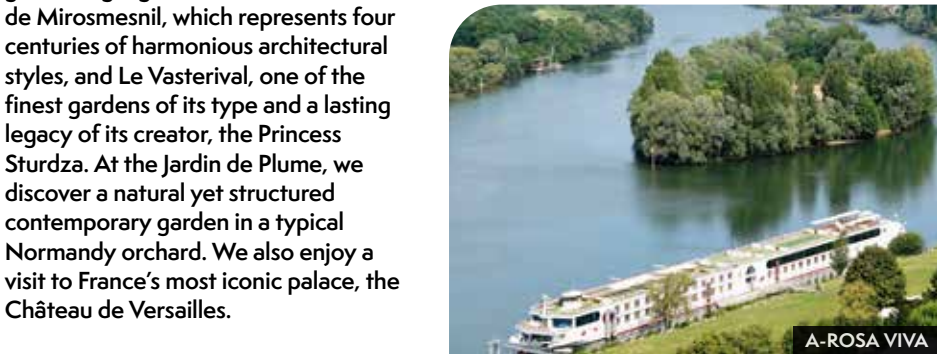
8 DAYS from ~~\$3,810~~ \$3,814
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$975

DEPARTURE: 28 Jun - 5 Jul

- Seven nights in a lower deck cabin on the A-ROSA STELLA on a full-board basis
- Drinks on board with meals and at the bar (excluding premium drinks and spirits)
- Return standard class rail travel from London St Pancras to Paris on board Eurostar
- Return standard class rail from Paris to Lyon (first class upgrades and regional connections also available on request)
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of horticulturalist Trevor Edwards as tour manager

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

Join us on a relaxing cruise along the sinuous River Seine combined with a series of visits to the outstanding gardens of Normandy, including Monet's idyllic garden at Giverny. Other garden highlights include the Château de Mirosmesnil, which represents four centuries of harmonious architectural styles, and Le Vasterival, one of the finest gardens of its type and a lasting legacy of its creator, the Princess Sturdza. At the Jardin de Plume, we discover a natural yet structured contemporary garden in a typical Normandy orchard. We also enjoy a visit to France's most iconic palace, the Château de Versailles.



Key Highlights

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

8 DAYS from ~~\$3,915~~ \$3,664
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$975

DEPARTURE: 7 - 14 May

- ▶ Seven nights in a Deck 1 outer cabin on the A-Rosa Viva on a full board basis
- ▶ Drinks included throughout the day (excluding premium drinks and spirits)
- ▶ Return standard class rail travel from London St Pancras International to Paris (first class upgrades and regional connections also available on request)
- ▶ Visits include: Musée de l'Orangerie des Tuileries, Jardin de Plume, Château de Mirosmesnil, Château de Canon and the house and gardens of Claude Monet
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of horticulturalist Trevor Edwards as tour manager

Gardens & Architecture of Mallorca

Cathedral La Seu

Away from the busy resorts, the Balearic Island of Mallorca offers a timeless, verdant landscape of wooded hills and orange groves, sweeping bays and rocky mountains. The gardens here are a delight to visit in the warm sunshine, including Raixa and Alfabia, both with Moorish origins and later Christian influences and the Gardens of Sóller, a botanist's paradise. Elsewhere, we visit the monastery of Real Cartuja de Valldemosa, tour the island's principal city of Palma, with its Gothic cathedral and Arab baths, and take an exhilarating ride on the Tren de Sóller, a heritage train that runs through spectacular mountain scenery.



Key Highlights

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

6 DAYS from ~~\$2,095~~ \$1,781
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$555

DEPARTURES: 17 - 22 Mar, 21 - 26 Apr & 14 - 19 Oct

- ▶ Five nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the 4-star Hotel THB Maria Isabel, Playa de Palma, plus one lunch
- ▶ Visits include: Jardines de Alfabia, Gardens of Sóller, the gardens of Raixa, Real Cartuja de Valldemosa, Museo Sa Bassa Blanca and Palma City
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

Gardens & Architecture of Andalucía

Seville, Plaza de España

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 Albaicín. Moving on to Córdoba, we visit the Great Mosque and the Alcázar de los Reyes Cristianos with its characteristic terraced pools before discovering the treasures of beautiful Seville. We conclude in the dramatically situated town of Ronda, visiting the Alameda del Tajo Gardens and the Palacio de Mondragon, with its Moorish courtyards and gardens.



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

8 DAYS from ~~\$2,725~~ \$2,453
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$555

DEPARTURES: 26 Apr - 3 May & 7 - 14 Sep

- ▶ Seven nights bed & breakfast: three nights at the 4-star Senator Granada Spa Hotel; three nights at the 3-star Hotel Macarena in Seville; one night at the 3-star Hotel R. Polo in Ronda (or similar)
- ▶ Three dinners
- ▶ Visits include: The Alhambra Palace, the Great Mosque and the Royal Palaces of the Alcázar in Córdoba, Gardens of Murillo and the Alameda del Tajo Gardens
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager & local guides (horticulturalist Sue Pomeroy in Apr)

Gardens of Madeira

Flower Festival

Set in a bright blue sea, some 400 miles off the coast of Africa, lies the lush, volcanic Portuguese island of Madeira. Just 36 miles long and 14 miles wide, it is an island of outstanding natural beauty. Orchids, bougainvillea, lilies, hydrangeas, magnolias, jacarandas and azaleas bloom effortlessly throughout the year and delight the eye at every turn. Our May departure is timed to coincide with Madeira's Flower Festival, when the streets are carpeted in flowers and colourful displays can be seen on every corner. Enjoy grandstand seating along the main avenues of Funchal to watch this floral spectacle.



Key Highlights

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

8 DAYS from ~~\$2,795~~ \$2,376
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$555

DEPARTURES: 1 - 8 May & 24 Nov - 1 Dec

- ▶ Seven nights bed & breakfast at the 4-star Golden Residence Hotel, Funchal (or similar)
- ▶ Welcome and farewell dinners at the hotel and afternoon tea at Reid's Palace
- ▶ Visits include: The Children's Flower Parade, Madeira Botanical Garden, Quinta da Boa Vista Gardens, the Flower festival parade, Quinta Vigia, Quinta do Palheiro and Monte Palace Gardens
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager

GARDENS

NEW TOUR

Springtime Flowers in Sintra & Lisbon



Palacio Fronteira

Embark on a journey through the stunning and historic gardens of Portugal, where springtime brings a burst of vibrant colours and fragrances. We visit the Palacio de Fronteira and its beautiful gardens: a perfect introduction to the elegance of Portuguese horticulture. We also explore the Estufa Fria, a lush indoor botanical garden, and the Lisbon Botanical Garden, an oasis of tranquillity in the city. Other highlights include the Marquês de Pombal Garden and the Queluz Palace, showcasing the opulence 18th-century garden design, plus the romantic Monserrate Palace gardens and the mystical Quinta da Regaleira, where every corner reveals a new surprise.



Monserrate Palace

Key Highlights

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

7 DAYS from ~~\$3,005~~ \$2,705
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$695
DEPARTURE: 5 - 11 Apr

- Six nights bed & breakfast at the 4-star Heritage Lisboa Plaza (or similar)
- Welcome and farewell dinners
- Visits include: The Foundation of the Houses of Fronteira and Alorna, Estufa Fria, Lisbon Botanical Garden, Queluz Palace, Marquês de Pombal Garden, Monserrate Palace, Quinta da Regaleira and Pena Palace
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of horticulturalist David Hurron as tour manager

NEW TOUR

An Archaeological Tour of Tunisia



Dougga

Join us on an extraordinary journey as we explore the archaeological wonders of Tunisia. We stay at four carefully selected hotels near key archaeological sites and visit Roman ruins, bustling medinas and museums. Our tour includes visits to magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Sites, such as the historic medina of Kairouan, the ancient ruins of Carthage and the impressive hilltop remains of Dougga. We uncover ancient Roman treasures too, including a well-preserved amphitheatre that stands spectacularly against the backdrop of the Tunisian landscape. Throughout our tour, we also visit several notable museums that house collections of Punic, Roman and Islamic treasures.



Carthage - Byrsa Hill

Key Highlights

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

9 DAYS from ~~\$2,585~~ \$2,327
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
DEPARTURES: 16 - 24 Apr & 25 Sep - 3 Oct

- Eight nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation: two nights at the Regency Tunis Hotel, Gammarth, two nights at the Hotel Thugga, Dougga, two nights at the Hotel La Kasbah, Kairouan and two nights at Le Royal Hotel, Hammamet
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of archaeologist Clive Warsop as tour manager and local guides

NEW TOUR

Sweden & Gotland in the Footsteps of Carl Linnaeus



Visby

Botanist Carl Linnaeus is the inspiration behind this tour, featuring lakes and gardens in southern Sweden and the wildflowers and seascapes of Gotland. We begin on the Swedish mainland, touring locations with direct Linnaeus connections in and around Uppsala, including the Linnaeus Garden and Museum and his summer estate at Hammarby. A ferry takes us across the Baltic Sea to the island of Gotland, to which Linnaeus led an expedition in 1741. Here we enjoy some excellent botanising opportunities along with a visit to the studio of wildlife illustrator Lars Jonsson before ending with Sweden's sophisticated capital of Stockholm.



Stockholm

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

9 DAYS from ~~\$4,020~~ \$3,618
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$835
DEPARTURE: 13 - 21 Jun

- Eight nights bed & breakfast: two nights Uppsala, one night Vadstena, one night Oskarhamn, three nights Gotland and one night Stockholm
- One lunch and two dinners
- Return ferry crossings from the Swedish mainland to Gotland
- 24hr SL Access card in Stockholm
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of an expert tour manager

Gardens & Temples of Ancient Egypt



Giza Pyramids

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-Orman Garden.

Key Highlights

- The Great Pyramids and the Sphinx of Giza
- The newly opened Grand Egyptian Museum
- Stopover at the luxurious Sofitel Winter Palace
- Four night Nile cruise on a full board basis
- The unique Valley of the Kings

12 DAYS from ~~\$5,945~~ \$5,054 | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1,675
DEPARTURES: 5 - 16 Feb & 5 - 16 Nov

A Cultural Tour of Malta



Upper Barrakka Gardens

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
- 5,000 year old temple of Hagar Qim
- Boat trip to the Blue Grotto
- A splendid afternoon tea in the most opulent surroundings

5 DAYS from ~~\$1,535~~ \$1,305 | NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
DEPARTURES: 3 - 7 Mar & 3 - 7 Nov

ARCHAEOLOGY

GARDENS

SPECIAL INTEREST

Spring Flowers of Namaqualand



Namaqua National Park

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 – and a plant lover's delight. 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, a chance to go whale watching and a vineyard visit! We begin in Cape Town with visits to familiar destinations such as Kirstenbosch and Table Mountain, before moving north into less well-known yet fascinating territory.



Wildflower Garden in the Ramskop Nature Reserve

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 Whale Watching Excursion

15 DAYS from ~~\$6,465~~ **\$5,819**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$695

DEPARTURE: 30 Aug - 11 Sep

- 12 nights bed & breakfast basis: three at the 4-star Commodore Hotel, Cape Town; one night at the 3-star Saldanha Bay Hotel, Saldanha; three nights at the 3-star Letsatsi Lodge, Vanrhynsdorp; one night at the 3-star Clanwilliam Hotel, Clanwilliam; two nights at the 4-star De Zalze Lodge, Stellenbosch, two nights at the 3-star Windsor Hotel, Hermanus (or similar)
- Ten lunches and four dinners
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of horticulturalist Colin Crosbie as tour manager and local guides

Seasonal Gardens of Japan



Sensō-ji Temple

Japanese gardens evolved from sacred forest clearings into serene landscapes shaped by stone, water and seasonal planting. In Kyoto, we explore tranquil stroll gardens and the shimmering Golden Pavilion. Travelling by Bullet Train to Tokyo, we visit Hamarikyu, the Imperial Palace Garden and Lake Ashi beneath Mount Fuji. An optional excursion to Hiroshima and a final day in Kamakura complete this journey through Japan's timeless beauty.

Key Highlights

- ✿ The temples and gardens of Kyoto, arguably the finest in Japan
- ✿ Riding the bullet train to Tokyo
- ✿ The enormous Buddhas at Todaiji and Kamamura
- ✿ Stunning scenery in Hakone, including the iconic Mount Fuji
- ✿ Services of horticulturalist Colin Crosbie in March and Sue Pomeroy in November

14 DAYS from ~~\$8,255~~ **\$7,136** | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1,395**

DEPARTURES: 23 Mar - 3 Apr & 11 - 22 Nov

Gardens of Barbados



Hunte's Botanical Garden

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.

Key Highlights

- ✿ Explore Hunte's Garden
- ✿ Visit George Washington House
- ✿ Discover Harrison's Cave and the Flower Forest
- ✿ Services of horticulturalist David Hurron as Tour Manager

9 DAYS from ~~\$4,335~~ **\$3,685** | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1,115**

DEPARTURES: 5 - 12 Feb & 9 - 16 Nov

NEW TOUR

Singapore Garden Festival



Singapore Garden Festival

The Singapore Garden Festival takes place every two years and is among the premier flower shows on the international calendar. It was the first event to bring together top award-winning landscape and garden designers, florists and horticulturists from around the world, who are invited to the festival to work alongside Singapore's own talented horticulturalists. In addition to a full day at the show, we explore Singapore's many treasures, including the spectacular Gardens by the Bay, Hort's Park, Fort Canning's Spice Garden and Singapore Botanic Gardens. No trip here would be complete without an afternoon tea at iconic Raffles too.



Merlion Park

Key Highlights

- ✿ The iconic Gardens by the Bay
- ✿ Enjoy a full day at the Singapore Garden Festival
- ✿ Experience afternoon tea at the iconic Raffles Hotel

10 DAYS from ~~\$5,805~~ **\$5,225**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1,115

DEPARTURE: 6 - 13 Jul

- Seven nights bed and breakfast accommodation at a central 4-star hotel
- Five dinners and one lunch
- Afternoon tea at Raffles
- Visits include: A half day city tour, Gardens by the Bay, Singapore Botanical Garden, Singapore Garden Festival, Hort Park and Fort Canning Spice Garden
- Comfortable coach travel throughout
- Services of horticulturalist Mike Nelhams as tour manager and local guides

Gardens of Marrakech



La Majorelle Garden

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.

Key Highlights

- ✿ Faded glory at El Badi Palace
- ✿ Bright colours and international glamour at La Majorelle
- ✿ Delightful flavours and aromas in the Ourika Valley
- ✿ Services of horticulturalists Trevor Edwards in April and David Hurron in October

5 DAYS from ~~\$2,235~~ **\$2,012** | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$560**

DEPARTURES: 20 - 24 Apr & 5 - 9 Oct

Gardens of Mauritius



Botanical Garden in Pamplemousses

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'Ile 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.

Key Highlights

- ✿ Giant tortoises at La Vanille
- ✿ Giant waterlilies at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolan Botanic Garden
- ✿ 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 water of the Indian Ocean

12 DAYS from ~~\$4,755~~ **\$4,042** | **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1,115**

DEPARTURES: 19 - 28 Mar & 11 - 20 Nov

NEW
TOUR

Gardens of New Zealand



Milford Sound



New Zealand dazzles with snow-capped mountains, aquamarine lakes, geysers, fjords, tree ferns and glittering glaciers. Travelling from Auckland to Rotorua, New Plymouth and Wellington, we then cross to the South Island to explore Marlborough Sounds, Blenheim, Christchurch, Dunedin and Queenstown. Along the way, we discover remarkable spring flora, unique wildlife, Māori culture and superb wine in a land where 75% of flowering plants grow nowhere else.



Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Key Highlights

- Discover a wide range of gardens at the peak of their summer flowering
- Sail from North to South Island across the Cook Strait, admiring the stunning scenery of Marlborough Sounds
- Cruise across Lake Wakatipu on the steamer TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station and dine at the Colonel's Homestead

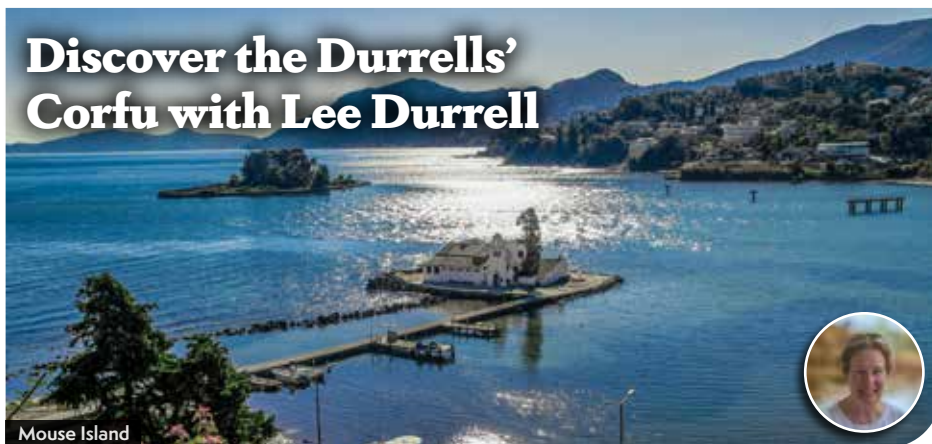
19 DAYS from ~~\$8,395~~ **\$7,136**

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1,675

DEPARTURE: 12 - 27 Nov

- ▶ 15 nights bed & breakfast accommodation in 3 and 4-star hotels; one night in Auckland; one night in Rotorua; two nights New Plymouth; two nights in Wellington; two nights in Marlborough; two nights in Christchurch; two nights in Dunedin and three nights in Queenstown
- ▶ Three dinners
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of horticulturalist Colin Crosbie as tour manager

Discover the Durrells' Corfu with Lee Durrell



Mouse Island



Discover the magical Mediterranean island that inspired *The Durrells*. Corfu's landscapes were among the show's brightest stars, and it's hard to read Gerald Durrell's books or watch the series without wishing your own family had moved here. Now you can enjoy a five-day holiday filled with special moments for Durrell fans, including a private talk with naturalist Lee Durrell and visits to the family's favourite places. Stay at the five-star Corfu Holiday Palace, with time to relax by the pool or on the private beach and explore the island at leisure. Come and experience Corfu's charm for yourself.



Corfu

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

5 DAYS from ~~\$2,165~~ **\$1,949**

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$315

DEPARTURES: 5 - 9 May & 6 - 10 Oct

- ▶ Four nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the 5-star Corfu Holiday Palace
- ▶ One lunch
- ▶ Special appearance by Lee Durrell, including a tour of locations and exclusive evening talk and Q&A session
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of an expert tour manager and local guide

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