



The Best Tours
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Cornwall
Garden Tour

CORNISH GARDEN TOUR

10 NIGHTS, 24TH MAY – 2ND JUNE, 2023

Discover the charm and grandeur of the gardens and homes of Cornwall and the Scilly Isles on this 10-night foray into the world of the legendary King Arthur and the Pirates of Penzanze!

Cities and Historical Sights:

The first and last nights will be at a country house hotel outside of London to facilitate transfer to and from the airport. On the journey through the south-west region of the United Kingdom, we'll spend time at the quaint fishing village of Padstow on the north coast of Cornwall and Falmouth, a working port and market town on the south coast. You'll visit the ancient castle of Tintagel (the legendary home of King Arthur); Stonehenge; the Eden Project; the grand homes and gardens of Lanhydrock and Caerhays Castle; Rosemoor (an RHS garden); St. Michael's Mount and, as a highlight, the Abbey Gardens of Tresco, which you'll access via helicopter. Your last visit is to Wisley, the mainstay- and trial garden of the Royal Horticultural Society, just outside London.

Tour Price: **\$3,650 per person sharing**

\$4,750 per person single occupancy

International flights not included

Included in the cost of the tour:

- *All accommodation in minimum 4-star hotels on a bed and breakfast basis*
- *Land Transport, including pick up and drop off at London's Heathrow Airport*
- *Entries to all historical sites and prescribed excursions as listed in the itinerary*
- *Dinner on 4 evenings*
- *6 lunches*
- *Meal Tips included*
- *Helicopter flight to the Scilly Isles*

This is a personalized tour, limited to 14 guests (minimum of 6 guests). If you're keen on joining us on this exciting trip, please contact Denise Best for availability and a booking form.

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CORNISH GARDEN TOUR ITINERARY

Tuesday 23rd May 2023
Flight departure from the US to London, Heathrow Airport

The itinerary is based on an element of flexibility, taking into account any Covid-19 restrictions that may still be in place.

DAY 1 Arriving in London on Wednesday 24th May, 2023

The Best Tours will meet you at Heathrow International Airport for a one-night stay in a country hotel in the Hampshire town of Haslemere. This afternoon, you have an opportunity to visit the lovely garden at Jane Austin's home. Join us in the evening for welcome cocktails and dinner.

 The Georgian (1 night)

DAY 2 – 5 North Cornwall

En-route to Cornwall, we'll visit Finch Foundry, a water-powered forge with a lovely cottage garden. The foundry was at one time a 19th-century family owned business, producing mining and farming tools to industries located in the South West of England. You'll dine at the hotel this evening.

DAY 3


Today you'll visit the grand house and gardens of Lanhydrock, home to the Agar Robartes family. Most of the 17th-century house was rebuilt in 1881 after a fire and has a beautiful High Victoria Arts and Crafts interior. The gardens are famed for it's magnolias and ancient woodlands. After lunch, the afternoon is at your leisure in the village of Padstow.

DAY 4

A visit to King Arthurs' Tintagel, then on to the Royal Horticultural Society garden of Rosemoor for a picnic lunch and the garden. Your evening in Padstow is at your leisure.

DAY 5

We'll be travelling across to the east coast of Cornwall today to visit the stunning spring gardens at Caerhays Castle, one of Cornwall's coastal castles. In the afternoon, you'll be able to walk the quaint streets of one of Cornwall's traditional working harbour villages, Mevagissy. Your evening is at your leisure in Padstow.

 The Harbour Hotel (4 nights)



DAY 6 - 8 – South Cornwall

Today, as we leave the northern part of Cornwall, to travel south, we'll visit the Eden Project, a millennium project which transformed an almost 200 ft deep china clay pit into a global garden display, employing massive conservatories to house specific world biomes. Dinner at the hotel tonight.

DAY 7



An early departure from Falmouth to board a helicopter for a short 15 minute hop from Penzanze to the Scilly Isles to visit the Tresco Abbey Gardens, a sub-tropical oasis home to some 20,000 plants from 80 countries. The evening is at your leisure in Falmouth.

Day 8

St Michael's Mount, home of the St Aubyn family since the mid 1600's, is the destination of the day. A tidal island off the coast of Cornwall is accessible on foot when the tide is out, but when the tide is in it is a boat ferry! Not only is the castle of immense interest, but the cliffside terrace gardens have many unlikely plants that live in this micro-climate. The evening is at your leisure in Falmouth.



Anacapri Hotel (3 nights)

Day 9

Farewell to Cornwall as we head back towards London, stopping at Stonehenge, the world famous prehistoric site on the way. Dinner is at a local pub.

Day 10

On our last day in England we will visit Wisley, the mainstay garden of the Royal Horticultural Society. A farewell dinner at the hotel will conclude the tour.



The Georgian Hotel (2 nights)

DAY 11

A mid-morning departure from your hotel to the airport for your international flight to the USA.