



The Best Tours
We'll take you there...

Cornwall
Garden Tour

CORNISH GARDEN TOUR, CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

10 NIGHTS, 14TH – 24TH MAY, 2024

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. Top it off with a visit to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show!

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 your journey through the south-west region of the United Kingdom, you'll have the opportunity to visit the homes of Jane Austen and Agatha Christie, spend time at the quaint fishing village of Padstow on the north coast of Cornwall, Truro, a cathedral city and Cornwall's only city and Dartmouth in Devon. You'll visit the ancient castle of Tintagel (the legendary home of King Arthur); Stonehenge; the Eden Project; the grand home and garden of Caerhays Castle; Rosemoor (an RHS garden); Glendurgan Gardens 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, or substitute your day for a visit to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

Tour Price: **\$3,400 per person sharing (Chelsea Flower Show tickets are additional)**
 \$4,700 per person single occupancy
 International flights not included

Included in the cost of the tour:

- All accommodation in 3-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
- Welcome Cocktails
- Dinner on 6 evenings
- 5 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.



CORNISH GARDEN TOUR ITINERARY

Monday, 13th May 2024

Flight departure from the US to London, Heathrow Airport

The itinerary is based on an element of flexibility, allowing for weather and other exceptional circumstances.

DAY 1 Arriving in London on Tuesday 14th May, 2024

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



Frensham Pond Hotel (1 night)

DAY 2 – 4 Padstow, 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.



The Harbour Hotel (3 nights)

DAY 3

We'll be travelling across to the east coast of Cornwall today to visit the Eden Project, created by transforming an almost 200 ft deep china clay pit into a global garden display, employing massive conservatories to house specific world biomes. The evening is at your leisure in Padstow.

DAY 4

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

DAY 5 – 7 Truro, Cornwall

An early departure from Padstow to board a helicopter for a short 15 minute hop from Penzance to the Scilly Isles to visit the Tresco Abbey Gardens, a sub-tropical oasis home to some 20,000 plants from 80 countries.



Mannings Hotel (3 nights)



DAY 6

The day out today is a visit to the stunning spring gardens at Caerhays, a coastal castle. In the afternoon, you'll be able to walk the quaint streets of one of Cornwall's traditional working harbor villages, Mevagissy. Your evening is at your leisure in Truro.

DAY 7

Glendurgan was created in the 1820's by Alfred and Sarah Fox, where they developed a garden with some rare and exotic plants, as well as a maze. They also built a small single room school for the local and their own children, of which they had 12. The property runs right down to a small beach on the river Durgan's edge. The evening is at your leisure in Truro.

DAY 8

Farewell to Cornwall today as we head back north to Devon and a visit to Agatha Christie's home Greenway House, situated on the banks of the tidal river Dart. After lunch, you'll have an opportunity to explore the castle and charming village of Totnes, ending the day with a lovely pub dinner on the river.



Royal Crown Hotel (1 night)

DAY 9

Enroute back to London, you'll visit Stonehenge, the world famous prehistoric site. Dinner this evening will be at a private local garden.



Frensham Pond Hotel (2 nights)

DAY 10

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

Alternative substitutes for the day:

- **The Chelsea Flower Show (at an additional cost, approx. \$160/person)** Today is the first public day of the show, which runs to the 25th May.
- **Or Windsor and Windsor Castle**
- **Or Hampton Court Palace**

DAY 11 Departing from London on Friday, 24th May 2024

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

Please enquire if you wish to extend your visit in London



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