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ENGLAND PRE-DESIGNED TOURS

Cotswolds and Shakespeare Country Garden Tour

An 8-night personalized garden tour of the South West part of England, based upon an invitation to visit the gardens at Highgrove House, the private residence of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales and encompassing gardens and historical sites in the Cotswolds, Stratford-upon-Avon (known as Shakespeare Country) Warwickshire and Oxford.

Gardens and Historical Sights:

Highgrove House; Hidcote Manor; Kiftsgate; Hodges Barn; Painswick Gardens; Sezingcote; and Rousham House. Sudeley Castle (where Henry VIII's widow, Queen Katherine Parr and Lady Jane Grey lived) Warwick Castle, the Shakespeare Houses in Stratford-upon-Avon, an evening at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and a visit to Oxford are all part of the itinerary.

Included in the cost of the tour:

- *Accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis (except the Gatwick Airport hotel, which is bed only)*
- *Transport*
- *Entries to all gardens and historical sites*
- *Lunch on 5 days*
- *Dinner on 4 evenings*
- *Theatre Tickets*

This is a personalized tour and is only able to accommodate 14 guests. Your deposit and completed booking form will secure your place on the trip, on a first-come, first-serve basis.



COTSWOLDS AND SHAKESPEARE COUNTRY GARDEN TOUR ITINERARY

Flight departure from the USA to London.

DAY 1

You will be met upon your arrival at your London Airport and shuttled to your hotel outside the greater London area, where the rest of the day will be at your leisure to explore the culture, shopping and local sights. A pre-dinner cocktail reception will be held at 6pm.

DAY 2

An early departure to begin your journey toward Tewkesbury and the heart of the Cotswolds. En-route, a visit to the historic castle and gardens of Sudeley Castle (one of Queen Elizabeth I's childhood homes) will fill the afternoon, before arriving at your hotel where you'll be staying for the next 3 nights.

DAY 3

A visit to Highgrove House, the home and garden of HRH The Prince of Wales. Prince Charles has developed the estate organically and a guided tour of the grounds explains his vision and passion for nature. A picnic lunch rounds off the morning. An afternoon tour of Tewkesbury Abbey precedes afternoon tea. Choral Evensong is available to attend.

DAY 4

Today you'll visit two quite eccentric gardens, that of Painswick Gardens a rococo styled garden and Sezincote Gardens which has an overwhelmingly Eastern influence of the house; the gardens are a combination of parkland and exotic.

DAY 5

Stratford upon Avon – the home of Shakespeare. A visit to Warwick Castle will end the day in Shakespeare's back yard. Dinner and the theatre are the evening's pleasure.

DAY 6

Your day of leisure to explore Stratford and its historical homes, gardens and river.

DAY 7

Hidcote Manor and Kiftsgate – two well-known gardens are visited on this day with dinner on our final evening in Stratford.

DAY 8

An early departure for London with a stop at Rousham House, which has one of the most famous 18th-century gardens in Europe. After lunch, the afternoon in the College city of Oxford is at your leisure and we'll depart in the late afternoon for your London airport hotel.

DAY 9

An airport shuttle will take you to the airport for your international flight from London to the USA.



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SCOTLAND TOUR

Scottish Golf and Garden Tour

So! You don't think Nessie is still lurking in those dark deep waters of the Loch, do you?

Come and explore Bonnie Scotland with us, and...

Ohh! You exclaim at the spectacular scenery of the Isles of Skye

Taste a wee dram of Whiskey and don't forget the Haggis!

Let's explore the history of the ancient kingdom

And play "around" at the birthplace of Golf—St Andrews

Never have you experienced the tropics at 57.8° north!

Don't forget the beautiful gardens of Scotland either...

A wonderful trip through Scotland, starting in Edinburgh, traveling up through Perthshire and the Highlands to Inverness. Over the moors, to the beautiful West Coast which sports a tropical climate, perfect for exotic gardens with tropical plants. From the Isle of Skye, down through Argyle and Bute, Glencoe with all it's history, myth and legend, and ending back in Edinburgh.

Gardens, Historical Sights and Activities:

Among some of the gardens and castles on the tour, you will visit Alnwick Castle, Crarae Gardens, Cawdor Castle, Inverewe and Drummond Castle. Golf at St. Andrews, the home of golf.

Included in the cost of the tour:

- *13 nights accommodation (Hotel taxes and services included)*
- *All transportation as detailed in the tour itinerary*
- *Full breakfast daily, 8 lunches, 4 dinners*
- *Entries to all gardens and sights included in the itinerary*
- *A separate golf/garden package is available upon request*

An intimate tour able to accommodate a maximum of 14 guests. Your deposit and completed booking form will secure your place on the trip, on a first-come, first-serve basis.



SCOTTISH GOLF AND GARDEN TOUR ITINERARY

Flight departure from the USA to Edinburgh.

DAY 1

You will be met upon your arrival at Edinburgh Airport and shuttled to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore the culture, shopping and local sights of Edinburgh.

DAY 2

Alnwick Gardens and Castle will be an exciting visit. The gardens were recently restored and features an interesting series of ponds and fountains as well as a poison garden – plants that can kill you – only available on guided tours! For those Harry Potter fans, a visit to Alnwick Castle is a must if you want an autograph from Hagrid or Dumbledore! Lunch is in the treehouse.

DAY 3

The day at your leisure for a full day in Edinburgh.

DAY 4

Into the Highlands you go, with a visit to Branklyn Gardens and lunch in Perth. An afternoon tea stop in Pitlochrie gives you the opportunity to do some Highland shopping. En-route to your Highlands hotel, we'll stop for the breathtaking "Queen's View" a magnificent view of a Highland loch.

DAY 5

Drummond Castle with its dramatic parterre garden is the delight for the day having spent the morning visiting Crieff.

DAY 6

Visit to Blair Castle with an early arrival in Inverness.

DAY 7

The morning's garden visit is to Cawdor Castle, returning to Inverness to board the boat to search for the Loch Ness Monster. The boat takes you to the ancient ruins of Urquhart Castle. The evening is at your leisure in Inverness.

DAY 8

Heading toward the glorious west coast, you'll have the opportunity to visit Inverewe Gardens, a tropical garden which hosts many plant varieties from the Southern Hemisphere, only made possible by the warm sea current that runs up the west coast of Scotland. The next two nights are spent at the most quaint seaside village!

DAY 9

You have the option to join us on a scenic drive of the Isle of Skye and visit to Dunvegan Castle and Talisker Whiskey Distillery.



DAY 10

As we travel further south along the coast you'll experience a day of incredible scenic beauty as we head toward Melfort.

DAY 11

An Cala is a private garden on the tiny Isle of Seil, the only access is over a bridge passable by only one vehicle at a time and as steep as a roller coaster. Lunch is at a local pub with enough time in the afternoon for a visit to Arduaine Gardens.

DAY 12

As we make your way back toward Edinburgh, we'll visit Crarae Gardens, situated on a steep hillside and home to many rhododendrons 80 years and older. A garden with some splendid views across the valley. Lunch in Inverrary, to arrive back in Edinburgh late afternoon.

DAY 13

Your last day in Edinburgh, either on your own or join us for a visit to Rosslyn Chapel (of the "Da Vinci Code" fame) a chapel of exquisite carvings one of the pillars being the Apprentice Pillar, the most elaborately decorated pillar in the Chapel.

One last garden to visit on this trip - the Edinburgh Botanical Garden. Explore this garden at your leisure.

DAY 14

An early departure for the airport and your international flight from Edinburgh to the USA.