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WORLDWIDE GARDENS HOLIDAYS

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# Now's the time to book your 2024 Gardens holiday!

Spring is finally here and warm sunny days are just around the corner – so what better time to book one of our glorious UK & Worldwide garden holidays, a chance to reconnect with nature and enjoy the restorative power that a little bit of sunshine can provide! With spaces going fast and savings of up to £400 per person, you'll need to act quickly if you want to secure your holiday for 2024.

Within these pages you'll find details of our fantastic garden holidays departing this year. Treat yourself to a memorable Brightwater experience on one of our best-selling overseas and worldwide holidays, or stay closer to home with a holiday celebrating everything the United Kingdom has to offer. Our holidays are all led by experienced and friendly tour managers – among whom you will find a former Head Gardener to HM The Queen Mother at Windsor and one of Britain's leading authorities on trees and shrubs – and they are on hand throughout to ensure the smooth running of your trip from start to finish, leaving you free to simply enjoy the experience.

Please note that, as always, full details of our itineraries can be found on our website. Happy browsing!

Best wishes,

*Alison Wilson*

Managing Director



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# What makes our tours special?

AWARD-WINNING HOLIDAYS

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GREAT VALUE FOR MONEY WITH COACH TRAVEL, VISITS,  
ACCOMMODATION AND MOST EVENING MEALS INCLUDED

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OVER 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE

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24/7 ACCESS TO UK-BASED ASSISTANCE TEAM WHILST ON TOUR

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PERSONALISE YOUR HOLIDAYS WITH PRE- & POST-TOUR EXTENSIONS

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UNIQUE AND INNOVATIVE HOLIDAYS THAT ARE WELL PLANNED AND PERFECTLY PACED

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EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO PRIVATE GARDENS AND VISITS

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NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

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NO & LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS

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FRIENDLY AND AUTHORITATIVE TOUR MANAGERS

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WELCOMING, FRIENDLY SERVICE FROM FIRST CONTACT

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ENJOY PEACE OF MIND WITH FINANCIAL PROTECTION



# Gardens of the UK

Glorious gardens, historic homes, world-class art and evocative archaeological sites await in the British Isles, and a tour here will show you just how much there is to discover. We have a broad range of UK-based holidays that can take you from private gardens to grand castles and their grounds, and everything in between.



Sissinghurst



Mount Congreve Gardens



Hestercombe Gardens



Wells Cathedral

# Gardens of Dumfries and Galloway

4 DAYS FROM

**£695**

SAVING PER PERSON

**£150**

In the south-western corner of Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway is home to some of the country's most attractive gardens. For many the highlight of our tour is undoubtedly Dumfries House, actually in Ayrshire, which King Charles helped to save. One of the Adam brothers' finest achievements, the stunning interiors showcase a unique collection of Chippendale furniture, while the walled garden is one of the most exciting new garden developments in Scotland. Other highlights include exotic plants at Logan Botanic Gardens, Glenwhan Gardens with its hilltop vistas and Drumlanrig Castle with its extensive gardens and world-class collection of fine art.

## Tour Highlights

- Stunning interiors and a wonderful walled garden at Dumfries House
- One of Charles Jencks' distinctive landscapes at Crawick Multiverse
- 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

**Day 1** We depart from our designated pick-up points (*Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, Kinross, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow*) and head for **Dumfries House**, whose stunning interiors are home to a world class collection of furniture, and explore the **Queen Elizabeth Walled Garden**, one of the best examples of its kind in Scotland. We continue to our hotel in Dumfries. (D)

**Day 2** We begin with a visit to the lavishly planted **Glenwhan Garden**, with marvellous views over Luce Bay. At its heart is an extensive pool, divided by a grassy causeway and fed by a tumbling stream. This afternoon we explore the world-famous **Logan Botanic Gardens**. The gardens are beautifully laid out, particularly in the walled garden with its fine terraces and well-planned borders under an avenue of cabbage palms. The climate here is exceptionally mild and several different habitats provide conditions for a huge range of plants. (B, D)



Logan Botanic Garden

**Day 3** We begin at the former artist's studio of **Broughton House**, whose compact but colourful garden displays Japanese influences. Next we spend some time in **Kirkcudbright**, a haven for artists, as paid testament to by its abundance of art galleries. Following this we visit the wonderful plantsman's nursery of **Ellenbank**. Our last visit of the day will be to the **Threave Estate**, whose extensive gardens have been largely created by students at the School of Horticulture which started here in 1960. (B, D)

**Day 4** Surrounded by the 120,000 acre Queensberry Estate and grand Victorian gardens, **Drumlanrig Castle** was completed in 1691 by William Douglas, 1st Duke of Queensberry and is one of the first and most important Renaissance buildings in the grand manner in Scotland. Our final visit is to the **Crawick Multiverse**, a hidden gem nestled among rolling hills. We return to our original pick-up points. (B)

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

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Three nights' dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4-star Cairndale Hotel
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Services of a professional tour manager (*horticulturalist Colin Crosbie in July and September*)

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024				
2 - 5 Jun	<del>£845</del>	£695	15 - 18 Sep	<del>£845</del> £695
21 - 24 Jul	<del>£845</del>	£695		
Single Supplement		£160		

Tour code: **BDAG**

# Gardens of the Northern Highlands

5 DAYS FROM  
**£1,145**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£150**

A journey to the far north of Scotland brings many rewards, not least the sense of freedom and open space to be found in the thrilling seascapes of the coasts or the vast, empty expanses of mountain and moorland. Rewards also come in the shape of some enchanting castles and gardens, such as the Castle of Mey, where the late Queen Mother had one of her favourite retreats, and Inverewe, a truly wonderful garden. We also visit the gardens of Cawdor Castle, famed for its magnificent herbaceous borders; Dunrobin Castle, the imposing ancestral home of the Dukes of Sutherland, and several private gardens of contrasting styles.

## Tour Highlights

- The desolate beauty of the Highland landscape
- Inverewe, widely regarded as one of Scotland's greatest gardens
- The holly maze, styled on the Minotaur's labyrinth, at Cawdor Castle
- The walled garden of Bighouse Lodge
- Spectacular borders at Langwell

**Day 1** We depart from our designated pick-up points (*Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kinross, Perth*) and head north, stopping for lunch in Pitlochry (*not included*). We continue with a visit to **Cawdor Castle**, whose magnificent gardens include vast herbaceous borders and topiary, a rose garden, a peony walk and a fascinating holly maze. Cawdor is, of course, also associated with Shakespeare's Scottish tragedy 'Macbeth'. Later we continue to our hotel in Inverness. (*D*)

**Day 2** We have a long but most rewarding day as we drive across the north of Scotland to visit **Dundonnell House Garden**. The current owner has added delightful new borders for year-round colour, centred on an enormous and ancient yew tree over 300 years old. Our second visit of the day is to **Inverewe**, unquestionably one of the most outstanding gardens in the country. We will return to Inverness via **Loch Maree** and **Achnasheen**, another spectacularly scenic journey. (*B, D*)



Inverewe

**Day 3** We check out of the hotel and head north to **Dunrobin Castle**, the château-style ancestral home of the Dukes of Sutherland. Below the castle is a magnificent example of a formal 19th century garden. We then visit the private garden of **Langwell**, a beautiful old walled garden with spectacular borders situated in the secluded Langwell Strath. We continue to our hotel in Thurso. (*B, D*)

**Day 4** Travel along the northern coast to **Bighouse Lodge**, a two-acre walled garden. This afternoon we visit the **Castle of Mey**, the former holiday home of the late Queen Mother. (*B, D*)

**Day 5** We head for home with two further visits en route, the private gardens of **Old Allangrange**, a haven for wildlife, and **The Lookout** at North Kessock. We return to our original departure points. (*B, D*)

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

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Four nights' dinner, bed and breakfast: two nights at the Palace Hotel, Inverness and two nights at the Station Hotel, Thurso
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of a professional tour manager

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

<b>2024</b>		
8 - 12 Jul	<b>£1,295</b>	<b>£1,145</b>
Single Supplement		<b>£395</b>

Tour code: **BGNH**

## In the Footsteps of Gertrude Jekyll

2024 Departures:  
4 JUN

6 DAYS FROM  
**£1,745**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£150**



Hestercombe Gardens

Over the last hundred years, few would doubt the great influence Gertrude Jekyll had on garden design. In her lifetime Jekyll was a prolific garden designer creating over 400 gardens; she was a plantswoman extraordinaire, painter and writer, however she is perhaps best remembered for her association with the architect Sir Edwin Lutyens. Our tour stretches across the south of England: from the scenic West Country to the Home Counties of Kent, Sussex and Surrey – where she lived for most of her life. Among the gardens we visit are Manor House, a Jekyll garden dating from 1908, and the historically significant Gravetye Manor, where we enjoy a private dinner.

*Single Supplement*

**£495**

### Tour Highlights

- Hestercombe, one of Jekyll and Lutyens' greatest masterpieces and tour with head gardener
- Garden tour and private dining experience at Gravetye Manor
- Munstead Wood, Gertrude Jekyll's own private haven
- The lovingly restored gardens at Upton Grey Manor House
- Visits to Durmast House, East Lambrook Gardens, Vann gardens & Loseley Park

Tour code: **BJEK**

## The Chichester Flower Festival and Gardens of Hampshire

2024 Departures:  
7 JUN

4 DAYS FROM  
**£745**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£150**

The biennial Chichester Flower Festival, in the magnificent setting of the 940 year-old Cathedral, is the centrepiece of this garden tour, an opportunity to experience a host of beautiful handcrafted floral arrangements along with an exhibition of sculptures. Our colourful and fragrant tour features, among others, Bramdean House, a lovely five-acre garden famous for its mirror-image herbaceous borders; the Sir Harold Hillier Garden & Arboretum, with its unique collection of plants, and Mottisfont Abbey, whose collection of old roses will be at the peak of its flowering glory. This tour is led by experienced horticulturalist Julia Corden.

*Single Supplement*

**£195**

### Tour Highlights

- Impressive handcrafted floral displays at Chichester Cathedral
- Mirror-image herbaceous borders at Bramdean
- Wonderful collections of trees and shrubs at Sir Harold Hillier
- Glorious display of old roses at Mottisfont Abbey
- Shopping for souvenir plants at Longstock Nursery



Chichester Flower Festival

Tour code: **BCFF**



## Highgrove and the Cotswolds

2024 Departures:  
13 JUN\*, 2 AUG\*

4 DAYS FROM  
**£695**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£150**



Highgrove ©Robert Smith

Our tour of the Cotswolds features an exclusive visit, with lunch included, to Highgrove House, the country home of His Majesty The King. This will be a rare opportunity to see these fascinating gardens, which, of course, are cultivated using wholly organic methods. Some of the finest gardens in England are to be found nestled among the green and rolling hills of Gloucestershire. These include the Arts and Crafts house of Rodmarton Manor, whose fine garden comprises a series of 'outdoor rooms'. Hidcote Manor's contrasting garden rooms are one of the most impressive sights in England and Kiftsgate's splendid views are justly famous. We also visit Painswick Rococo Garden.

Single Supplement

£195

### Tour Highlights

- Weaving through the magical meadows of Highgrove
- Exclusive Lunch at Highgrove
- Arts and Crafts style at Rodmarton Manor
- Discovering the secret gardens at Hidcote
- Rococo buildings and woodland walks at Painswick

Tour code: **BHGC**

## Gardens of Rutland, Leicestershire & Lincolnshire

2024 Departures:  
14 JUN

4 DAYS FROM  
**£695**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£150**

The late Geoff Hamilton is fondly remembered as a long-serving presenter of the BBC's *Gardeners' World*, often broadcasting from his beloved garden at Barnsdale, which for many will be the highlight of this East Midlands experience. But there are many other gems to be enjoyed here, such as Belton House, often described as the perfect English country estate, and the 400-year old Easton Walled Garden, brilliantly brought back to life after decades of neglect. We also have visits to Stowe Landscape Gardens, one of 'Capability' Brown's most notable works, and the extensive Coton Manor Gardens, plus a relaxing cruise on Rutland Water.

Single Supplement

£195

### Tour Highlights

- Geoff Hamilton's beloved Barnsdale Gardens
- Wonderful private garden at the Old Vicarage
- Classic English country estate at Belton House
- Boat trip on Rutland Water
- Discover the story of the King in the Car Park



Barnsdale ©Steve Hamilton

Tour code: **BRBG**

## Colours of the Lake District

2024 Departures:  
17 JUN, 29 SEP

4 DAYS FROM

**£795**

SAVING PER PERSON

**£150**

NO SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT



Derwentwater, Keswick

It's easy to see why so many celebrated literary figures chose to call the Lake District home - this part of the country is simply spectacular. By far the UK's most popular national park, the Lake District was given UNESCO World Heritage Status in 2017 and its spellbinding landscape of rolling mountains and sprawling lakes is sure to inspire even the most uncreative soul! Taking a leaf from the books of the area's most famous residents, we will embark upon a scenic, story-filled tour, paying visits to Beatrix Potter's 17th century farmhouse known as Hill Top, William Wordsworth's idyllic Dove Cottage and artist and critic John Ruskin's Brantwood.

### Tour Highlights

- The couch upon which Wordsworth lay 'in vacant or in pensive mood' at Dove Cottage
- John Ruskin's 'Living Laboratory' at Brantwood
- Arts & Crafts style and stunning lake views at Blackwell
- Beatrix Potter's original paintings and sketches
- The Gardens of Sizergh and Levens Hall

Tour code: **BATL**

## The Gardens of Kent and Sussex

2024 Departures:  
21 JUN, 16 AUG, 27 SEP

4 DAYS FROM

**£745**

SAVING PER PERSON

**£150**

If there's one tour that epitomises the joy of strolling around a perfect English country garden, it is this one – with one shining example after another to be savoured and enjoyed. Even if you have visited some of these properties before, such is their allure that you can return again and again, just as you would re-read your favourite novel. First-time visitors will be bowled over by the quality and pedigree of these gardens, which capture the essence of the English country garden. Visits include Great Comp, Lullingstone Castle and its World Garden of Plants, Nymans Garden, the Sussex Prairie Garden, Sissinghurst, Great Dixter and RHS Garden Wisley.

Single Supplement

**£195**

### Tour Highlights

- Lullingstone Castle's innovative World Garden of Plants
- Outstanding plant collections at Nymans
- The magnificently manicured gardens of Sissinghurst



Wakehurst Place © Jim Holden - RBG World

Tour code: **BKSG**

## Summer Gardens of Cornwall

2024 Departures:  
24 JUN

7 DAYS FROM  
**£2,095**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£150**



RHS Garden Rosemoor

A visit to Cornwall in early summer is a rewarding experience and there is an abundance of gardens to choose from - thanks to the benign climate a wide range of plants can be grown here, from the great Asiatic shrubs to tender exotics. Among the outstanding visits is a specially arranged guided tour of the garden at Tregrehan with owner Tom Hudson, who will give us his personal insight into gardening here in the Duchy of Cornwall. Other highlights include the garden at Marsh Villa and the Tremenheere Sculpture Garden. On the way to and from Cornwall we also visit Gertrude Jekyll's masterpiece of Hestercombe and the impeccable RHS Garden Rosemoor.

Single Supplement **£395**

### Tour Highlights

- Guided tour with the owner at Tregrehan
- Optional visit to the Abbey Gardens, Tresco
- The ground-breaking Lost Gardens of Heligan
- Glendurgan's intriguing maze
- Guided tour at RHS Garden Rosemoor

Tour code: **BUCO**

## Somerset's Secret Gardens

2024 Departures:  
4 JUL

4 DAYS FROM  
**£695**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£150**

One of England's most scenic counties is Somerset, whose lush green pastures, orchards and little villages provide a wonderful backdrop to a most colourful and varied collection of private gardens. Highlights include Bradon Farm, a classic formal garden with good use of structure; Batcombe House, an outstanding plantswoman's garden and Watcombe, a mature Edwardian garden with colour themed, informally planted herbaceous borders. We conclude at the Walled Gardens of Cannington, which our guide, RHS judge and vastly experienced horticulturalist Roy Cheek, helped to create.

Single Supplement

**£195**

### Tour Highlights

- Careful planting and structure at Bradon Farm
- Breathtaking views of Wells and the Vale of Avalon at Milton Lodge and Stoberry
- Soil Association certified ornamental and edible plants at Yeo Valley
- The hidden gem of Cannington Walled Garden
- Scenic drive through the Quantock Hills



Quantock Hills

Tour code: **BSSG**

## Gardens of Northumberland

2024 Departures:  
28 JUL

4 DAYS FROM  
**£845**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£150**



Alnwick Gardens

The largely rural county of Northumberland is home to a range of individual and imaginative gardens, with each one giving an unusual insight into the pleasure of gardening in this most beautiful and tranquil corner of England. We visit the gardens of Belsay Hall, which are uniquely set in the quarry that provided the stone to build the house itself; Mindrum, with its large and generous garden and the newer sister garden at Kirky Cottage, where we enjoy a delightful lunch. Newbiggin House, in the pretty village of Blanchland, offers us delightful old fashioned herbaceous borders, while, by way of contrast, the Alnwick Garden gives us a garden for the 21st century.

Single Supplement **£120**

### Tour Highlights

- Visit Mindrum, a garden created with great skill and verve
- Wander Alnwick Garden, one of the world's most ambitious new gardens
- Marvel at interesting specimens at the Manor House in Whalton with contributions from Jekyll and Lutyens

Tour code: **BNBG**

## RHS Garden Bridgewater & Gardens of the North West

2024 Departures:  
3 AUG

4 DAYS FROM  
**£545**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£150**

Known for being one of the largest and most ambitious gardening projects in Europe, RHS Garden Bridgewater was created by leading landscape architect Tom Stuart-Smith. Highlights include one of the largest walled gardens in the UK, beautifully landscaped grounds, living plant collections and horticultural trials. We also take the opportunity to visit some of the best gardens in the region, including Trentham Estate, where the contemporary revival of the famous Italian Gardens was also led by Tom Stuart-Smith; the plantsman's garden at Dunham Massey and Arley Hall, whose double herbaceous border is one of the great garden sights of England.

Single Supplement **£120**

### Tour 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
- Arley Hall's famous double herbaceous borders



Italian Gardens, Trentham Estate

Tour code: **BBNW**

## Stately Homes and Seaside Castles of Norfolk

2024 Departures:  
1 SEP

5 DAYS FROM  
**£1,245**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£150**

NO SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT



Sandringham

Our historical tour of Norfolk takes us through verdant rolling countryside to many of the fine stately homes including Sandringham, the much-loved retreat of the British monarchy, where we enjoy an afternoon tea followed by a private guided tour. Other highlights include the 500-year-old Oxburgh Hall, Blickling Estate, a stunning Jacobean mansion, a trip on the North Norfolk Heritage Railway and Wolterton Park, set in classic English parkland. We round off the tour with a visit to Lady Walpole at her ancestral family home, the charming, moated manor of Mannington Hall, where we enjoy a guided tour and lunch.

### Tour Highlights

- Afternoon Tea with Sparkling wine and guided evening tour of Sandringham
- House and Gardens tour at Wolterton with refreshments in the Saloon
- Journey on the North Norfolk Railway
- Private afternoon access to the gardens & grounds at Hindringham Hall
- Tour with Lady Walpole at Mannington Hall with Lunch
- House tour with the owner at Hoveton Hall with refreshments
- Visits to Oxburgh Hall, Holkham Hall, Castle Rising and Blickling Estate

Tour code: **BPCN**

## Coastal Castles & Magnificent Mansions of Dorset

2024 Departures:  
5 SEP

5 DAYS FROM  
**£1,145**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£150**

NO SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

We wind our way through the stunning Surrey countryside, the rolling downs of Hampshire and the New Forest National Park to discover the coastal castles and magnificent mansions of Dorset. We visit Deans Court, the ancestral home of William and Ali Hanham, whose family has lived here for nearly 500 years. We also have a private guided tour of Highcliffe Castle, visit the opulent Kingston Lacy, as well as the Russell-Cotes House and Gallery. We enjoy a nostalgic journey on the heritage Swanage Railway and have the chance to explore the ruins of Corfe Castle. Our tour is rounded off with a delightful lunch at historic Athelhampton.

### Tour Highlights

- Guided tour of Highcliffe Castle with refreshments
- 'Story of the Victorian Villa' tour at Russell Cotes House & Gallery
- Guided tour of Portland Castle, guide book and tea or coffee with cake
- Guided tour of Athelhampton Hall with light lunch, tea or coffee and glass of wine
- Visits to Deans Court, Kingston Lacy, Sherborne Castle and Corfe Castle



Highcliffe Castle

Tour code: **BCMD**

## Gardens of Jersey

2024 Departures:  
4 SEP

5 DAYS FROM  
**£1,645**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£150**



Mont Orgueil

Situated within touching distance of France, the island of Jersey is blessed with wonderfully mild and sunny weather, making it the perfect destination for an early summer holiday. It is also home to some splendid gardens which make the most of this favourable climate to produce stunning displays, not to mention the profusion of wildflowers that thrive in the lush green meadows. Highlights include Creux Baillot Cottage Garden, packed full of unusual plants and elegant features, the Domain des Vaux, where fine trees and shrubs are set around a traditional Jersey farmhouse, the excellent Samarès Botanical Gardens and the Eric Young Orchid Foundation.

Single Supplement **£295**

### Tour Highlights

- Enthusiastic owners show off their private gardens
- Diverse styles and exotic plants at Samarès Botanical Gardens
- Chelsea gold medal-winning quality at Eric Young Orchid Foundation
- Marvellous sea views and wildflower meadows
- Explore Jersey's attractions or take a trip to Guernsey

Tour code: **BJER**

## Gardens of Guernsey and Sark

2024 Departures:  
12 SEP

5 DAYS FROM  
**£1,645**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£150**

The island of Guernsey, just 20 miles off the coast of France, flourishes in the warmth of late summer and is home to some wonderful gardens. On our first day here we visit the Guernsey Millennium Tapestry which provides a colourful introduction to the island's history, followed by Castle Cornet where a profusion of plants nestles within the ancient walls, a large town garden with good planting in St. Peter Port as well as a small private garden. Further highlights on Guernsey include Saumarez Park and the Guernsey Folk and Costume Museum, the workshop of a local jewellers and Candie Gardens, a Victorian gem with sweeping views over St Peter Port.

Single Supplement

**£395**

### Tour Highlights

- An interesting range of private gardens in Guernsey
- 1000 years of history at the Millennium Tapestry
- The garden of La Seigneurie and wildflower meadows on Sark
- The Guernsey Folk and Costume Museum



La Seigneurie Gardens

Tour code: **BGYS**

## Grand Gardens of Anglesey & Snowdonia

2024 Departures:  
5 AUG

4 DAYS FROM

£645

SAVING PER PERSON

£150



Bodnant Garden

Set among glorious scenery with its dramatic views of Snowdonia, North Wales is home to outstanding gardens. One of the best is Plas Cadnant, which 25 years ago was an abandoned wilderness of ivy and decrepit fruit trees. It has since emerged as a gem of a garden full of interest. Further highlights include Maenen Hall, the sumptuous Bodnant Garden and the eccentric Italianate village of Portmeirion. Our tour is led by local resident and expert horticulturalist Tony Russell.

Single Supplement

£195

### Tour Highlights

- The film-set surroundings of Portmeirion
- Bodnant's wide range of exotic plants
- The stately gardens at Powis Castle in the Welsh Marches
- The majestic mountains of Snowdonia, an ever-changing backdrop
- Comfortable hotel in historic Caernarfon

Tour code: **BNWA**

## The Irish Rover

2024 Departures:  
13 JUN, 8 AUG

8 DAYS FROM

£2,145

SAVING PER PERSON

£150

Just like the Van Morrison song, this Irish Rover is wrapped up in glory – the glory of some of Ireland's finest gardens. A rich feast of horticultural excellence awaits, with memorable and beguiling gardens, enthusiastic and skilful owners and an ever-changing backdrop of lush green hills, fertile fields and glittering seascapes. Our north to south journey is packed full of gems yet relaxed and unhurried, taking in the very best that the Emerald Isle has to offer. Highlights include the dazzling and idiosyncratic garden of Mount Stewart, romantic Rowallane, sumptuous Powerscourt and the Italianate gem of Inacullin. Horticulturalist Trevor Edwards is our guide.

Single Supplement

£495

### Tour Highlights

- Huge collection of plants at Mount Congreve
- Exploring the extensive and enchanting gardens of Mount Stewart
- Rowallane's mysterious approach and mixed borders
- The historic island gardens of Inacullin
- Historic castle and botanic garden at Malahide



Powerscourt Gardens

Tour code: **BIFG**

# Gardens of Europe & the World

Europe is home to some truly incredible destinations, all within easy reach whether by air or rail. Discover the 'painting brought to life' at Monet's Garden in France, enjoy the captivating cities of Andalusia or explore the amazing gardens of Ninfa in Italy. Or, if you're looking to explore more of our wonderful world, we have a spectacular array of long-haul holidays to choose from, which can take you from the forest temples of Japan and the Supertrees of Singapore to stunning Caribbean gardens in sun-soaked Barbados and Grenada. So, whether you're looking for a wild escape or a scenic break, you're bound to find inspiration from our once-in-a-lifetime itineraries on the following pages.





Lake Como



Heian-jingu Shrine



Lake Grey



Garden at Son Marroig

## The Genius of Monet

2024 Departures:  
15 JUL

4 DAYS FROM  
**£1,045**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£250**



Monet's Garden

Just as the gardens at Giverny inspired Monet, who spent half his life nurturing and enjoying them, they continue to enthrall visitors more than 90 years after his death. The restored gardens give a vivid impression of Monet's favourite subjects. The perfect complement to Giverny is the Orangerie Museum in Paris. The centrepiece of this outstanding collection is Monet's breathtaking series of two-metre high murals, *Les Nymphéas*, which provide a moving testament to the genius of the painter. Besides Giverny, we visit the Château de Chantilly, with its collection of fine art and its gardens designed by Le Nôtre, and also the market town of Senlis.

Single Supplement **£295**

### Tour 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
- Comfortable rail travel aboard Eurostar

Tour code: **BMOG**

## Gardens and Architecture of Andalusia

2024 Departures:  
9 SEP

8 DAYS FROM  
**£1,745**

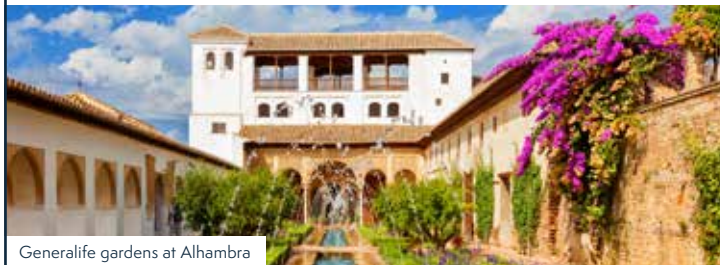
SAVING PER PERSON  
**£250**

Andalusia 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. A highlight for many will be the wonderful Generalife Gardens in Granada, where patios and terraces are filled with colour. Moving on to Córdoba we will visit the Great Mosque, one of the most ancient gardened sites in the world, and continue to the vibrant city of Seville, where visits include the Cathedral and the Maria-Luisa Park. Our tour concludes in the dramatically situated town of Ronda with its Moorish courtyards.

Single Supplement **£395**

### Tour Highlights

- Pinnacle of Moorish architecture, the Alhambra Palace
- Dramatic views of the rugged Sierra Nevada mountain range
- Mesmerising multi-arched columns of Córdoba's Great Mosque
- Centuries old orange trees of Seville
- The historic Puente Nuevo bridge which spans the El Tajo gorge in Ronda



Generalife gardens at Alhambra

Tour code: **BANG**

## Gardens and Architecture of Mallorca

2024 Departures:  
1 OCT

6 DAYS FROM  
**£1,445**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£250**



Cathedral La Seu

Away from the busy beach resorts, the Balearic island of Mallorca offers a timeless, verdant landscape of wooded hills and orange groves, sweeping bays and rocky mountains. Dotted around the island is a host of historic gardens whose origins date back hundreds of years, as well as more modern creations, providing a rich range of horticultural delights. These include the gardens at Raixa and Alfaiba, both with Moorish origins and later Christian influences, and Son Marroig, a former residence of Archduke Luis Salvador with dramatic views. We also tour the island's principal city of Palma and take an exhilarating ride on the scenic Tren de Soller, a heritage train.

Single Supplement

£325

### Tour Highlights

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

Tour code: **BMCA**

## Gardens of Madeira

2024 Departures:  
25 NOV

8 DAYS FROM  
**£1,645**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£250**

Set in a bright blue sea, some 400 miles off the coast of Africa, lies the lush, volcanic Portuguese island of Madeira. Much of the island is assigned as a conservation area where rare flowers cover the island like a green mantle. One of the best ways to explore the island is by following the footpaths alongside the "levadas" (small man-made irrigation canals), which wind their way around the island, and we have included a gentle half-day levada walk, with the opportunity to take further walks on your free days. Further highlights include the splendid Palheiro Gardens and the glorious Monte Palace Gardens.

Single Supplement

£395

### Tour Highlights

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



Botanical Garden Monte

Tour code: **BGMD**

## Rome, Ninfa and Castel Gandolfo

2024 Departures:  
3 SEP

4 DAYS FROM  
**£1,445**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£250**



Gardens of Ninfa

Open by special arrangement, we are delighted to offer this rare opportunity to visit the beautiful gardens of Ninfa. The romantic flower covered ruins are as close to gardening perfection as you can get. Scented roses, hydrangeas and jasmines curtain what remains of the walls of medieval buildings and paths meander beside a crystal-clear river. We also have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the Popes as we explore the gardens of Castel Gandolfo. We also visit Villa Lante, a study in geometry and symmetry, and tour the 16th century gardens at Villa D'Este, romantically overgrown with tall pines, evergreen oaks and cedars.

Single Supplement **£420**

### Tour 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

Tour code: **BRNI**

## Palladian Villas of Veneto

2024 Departures:  
17 SEP

5 DAYS FROM  
**£1,745**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£250**

Join us as we discover no fewer than five glorious villas on our tour. The first on our list is one of the most recognisable buildings of the Renaissance - the palladian masterpiece, Villa Rotonda. The UNESCO World Heritage Site was designed for elegant entertainment, and is lavishly decorated with stucco and frescoes. We are honoured to be shown round by the owner himself, Count Valmarana. Others featured on this stunning itinerary include Villa Pisani, Villa Barbarigo and Villa Valmarana, where family members give us a personal tour and host dinner. We also have a special farewell dinner, hosted by old Italian nobility - the Godi Malinverni family.

Single Supplement

**£195**

### Tour 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



Villa Pisani

Tour code: **BVEN**

# Villas and Gardens of the Italian Lakes

8 DAYS FROM

**£2,545**

SAVING PER PERSON

**£250**

This tour features a rare treat as we visit the private garden of the President of the Italian Camellia Society, home to a collection of over 500 plants. We also discover the three Borromean islands, Bella, Madre and Pescatori, which feature sumptuous terraced gardens and elegant statuary. Other highlights include Villa Taranto and Villa Pallavicino, and a visit to a remarkable specialist nursery. During our stay on Lake Como we will have a private tour with the owner of Villa Cicogna Mozzoni. Autumn-flowering bulbs put on a dazzling display at Villa Carlotta while the manicured Villa Balbianello will be an undoubted highlight.

## Tour 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

**Day 1** We depart from London to Milan and on arrival transfer to the formal Italian garden at **Villa Cicogna Mozzoni**, situated in what were ancient hunting grounds for the nobility, in the foothills between Varese and Lake Lugano. Here we will be privileged to enjoy a private guided tour with the owner. Later we transfer to our hotel in Como. (B, D)

**Day 2** We spend the day on **Lake Como**. On arrival in **Tremezzo** we will have time to enjoy the elegant 18th century **Villa Carlotta**, where tree ferns, palms, eucalyptus, Japanese maples and cactus revel in the microclimatic conditions. Next, we continue to **Villa Balbianello**, which offers unparalleled views down the three branches of the lake. (B, D)

**Day 3** Today is free to explore at your own pace. Take a boat trip on the lake or visit the nearby **Villa Melzi d'Eril** (admission not included). (B, D)

**Day 4** We check out of our hotel and transfer to our hotel in Pallanza, whose lakefront is one of the finest on Lake Maggiore. Lunch is served on arrival. (B, L, D)

**Day 5** Visit the gardens of **Villa Taranto**, flourishing with rare botanical examples and a



Isola Bella

wide range of plants. Later, we visit the most remarkable wholesale nursery business in the Italian Lake District, **Compagnia Del Lago**. (B, D)

**Day 6** Today we tour the Borromean islands. We cruise from Stresa to **Isola Bella** and continue to **Isola Pescatori** and **Isola Madre**. (B, D)

**Day 7** Tour the private garden of the **President of the Italian Camellia Society**, home to 500 plants and 318 cultivars. After lunch, we have free time in Stresa before we pay a visit to **Villa Pallavicino**. (B, L, D)

**Day 8** Today we transfer to Milan airport for our return flight to London. (B)

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

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Seven nights' dinner, bed & breakfast: three nights at the 4-star Hotel Barchetta Excelsior, Lake Como and four nights at the 4-star Grand Majestic Hotel, Lake Maggiore
- ▶ Two lunches
- ▶ Return flights from London to Milan
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel and all visits
- ▶ Services of officially accredited guide and local resident Kate Williamson as tour manager

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024		
6 - 13 Oct	<b>£2,795</b>	<b>£2,545</b>
Single Supplement		<b>£595</b>

Tour code: **BSLG**

# Singapore Garden Festival

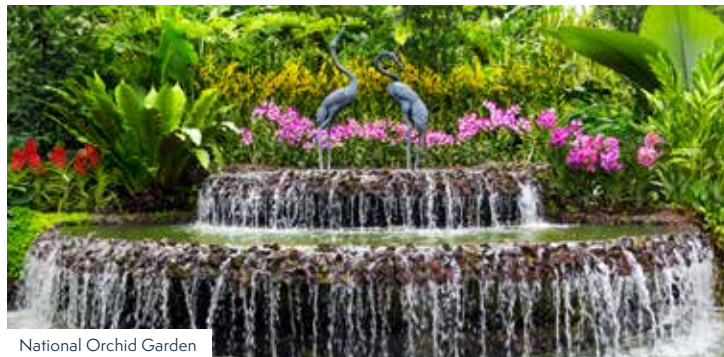
9 DAYS FROM  
**£4,395**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£400**

The Singapore Garden Festival takes place every two years and is among the top flower and garden shows on the international calendar. It was the first event to bring together top international award-winning landscape and garden designers, florists and horticulturalists from around the world, who are invited to the Festival to work alongside Singapore's own talented horticulturalists. Singapore's geographic location makes the Festival an ideal platform to showcase horticultural and gardening products and services from the northern and southern hemispheres, including Asia and New World nations. A colourful and stimulating experience with a truly international flavour, the Festival is a treat for the senses. Other highlights include the spectacular Gardens by the Bay, whose illuminated Supertrees have gained iconic status, and afternoon tea at Raffles, the famous Singaporean institution.



Marina Bay



National Orchid Garden

## Tour Highlights

- Full day at the Singapore Garden Festival
- Stunning views from the Marina Bay Sands observation platform
- Relaxing river cruise
- Chinese and Japanese gardens
- Singapore's friendly, multicultural ambience

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Six nights' bed and breakfast at the 4-star Orchard Rendezvous Hotel, Singapore (or similar), plus five dinners and one afternoon tea at Raffles Hotel
- ▶ Return flights from London to Singapore
- ▶ London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel and all visits
- ▶ Services of Mike Nelhams as tour manager and a local guide

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024		
4 - 12 Aug	<b>£4,795</b>	<b>£4,395</b>
Single Supplement	<b>£695</b>	Optional Excursion: Sentosa Island <b>£175</b>

Tour code: **BSIN**

# Gardens and Wildlife of Western Canada

10 DAYS FROM

**£5,295**

SAVING PER PERSON

**£400**

Spectacular scenery and a warm, friendly welcome await us in Vancouver, a city which owes its vibrancy and cosmopolitan flavour to the diverse cultural background of its inhabitants. Set amidst majestic mountains and surrounded by blue Pacific waters, Vancouver's gentle climate keeps the city green year-round and makes it the perfect backdrop for many outstanding gardens. We will be privileged to visit some of the finest gardens in Vancouver and Victoria. Our journey also includes the opportunity to enjoy a whale watching trip, and, if we're lucky, we'll catch a glimpse of orca, grey, humpback and minke whales. From the resort of Tofino, we embark on a bear watching boat tour along the calm coastal waters and we'll explore the Naa'Waya'Sum Gardens (formerly known as Tofino Botanical Gardens) spread over 12 hectares of gardens, forest and shoreline.



Butchart Gardens



Orca

## Tour Highlights

- Visits to the Van Dusen Botanical Garden, Dr Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden & the UBC Botanical Garden
- Vancouver city tour including Vancouver Lookout and the Capilano Suspension Bridge
- Butchart Gardens, Milner Garden and Woodland, Naa'Waya'Sum Botanical Gardens and the Hatley Estate visits on Victoria Island
- A bear watching trip to spot black bears, as British Columbia is home to around one-quarter of all black bears in Canada

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Eight nights' bed and breakfast in 3-star hotels: four nights Vancouver, two nights Victoria & two nights Ucluelet
- ▶ One dinner
- ▶ Return flights from London to Vancouver
- ▶ London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of a professional tour manager and local guides

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024

13 - 22 Sep **£5,695** **£5,295**

Single Supplement

**£895**

Optional Excursion: Whale watching **£90**

Tour code: **BGWC**

# South Africa's Garden Route

16 DAYS FROM

**£4,495**

SAVING PER PERSON

**£400**

South Africa's stunning Garden Route winds its way for some 200km between richly forested mountains and a crinkle-cut coastline dotted with beautiful beaches and empty bays. Vividly coloured wildflowers delight the eye at every turn and progress tends to be leisurely, as one stunning photo opportunity after another presents itself. Visits include the Wilderness National Park, the sea cliffs at Knysna and the famous suspension bridge at Tsitsikamma. Also returning from the wilderness to grace our tour are the Drakensberg Mountains, where we do some gentle botanising and can visit neighbouring Lesotho. We also visit Pietermaritzburg, known as the City of Flowers, and delightful Durban, home to some splendid gardens.



Babylonstoren



Kirstenbosch

## Tour Highlights

- Table Mountain and Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- Masses of wildflowers along the Garden Route
- Whale watching at Hermanus
- Botanising in the Drakensberg Mountains
- Optional day trip into the independent kingdom of Lesotho

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ 13 nights' accommodation on a bed & breakfast basis: three nights at the Signature Lux by ONOMO, Cape Town; two nights at the Windsor Hotel, Hermanus; two nights at the Wilderness Hotel, Wilderness; one night at the Paxton Hotel, Port Elizabeth; three nights at the Drakensberg Gardens Hotel and two nights at the Garden Court Marine Parade, Durban *(all hotels subject to change)*
- ▶ Four dinners and one lunch
- ▶ Flights from London to Cape Town; Port Elizabeth to Durban and Durban to London
- ▶ London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of horticulturalist Colin Crosbie as tour manager and local guides

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024

24 Sep - 9 Oct **£4,895** **£4,495**

Single Supplement **£595**

Optional Excursions: Lesotho **£100**

Whale watching **£85**

Tour code: **BSAG**



# Grenada - Gardens of the Spice Island

9 DAYS FROM  
**£2,895**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£400**

Lying at the southern end of the Lesser Antilles, the little island of Grenada offers a typical slice of Caribbean life, flavoured with spice and full of colour. With a lush, mountainous interior and a coastline fringed with silky-smooth beaches, it is home to some wonderful privately-owned gardens, which we have threaded together like a richly-flavoured kebab of delicious horticultural morsels.

Given that Grenada won its 16th gold medal at the 2023 Chelsea Flower Show, it's reasonable to assume that people here know a thing or two about gardening, and we can expect some real treats as we visit a host of gardens. We are based at the Blue Horizons Garden Resort, set back 300 yards from Grand Anse Beach, which provides accommodation in self-contained one-bedroom units offering both comfort and privacy. The grounds are extensive and merit a guided tour in their own right, as well as a bird-watching tour.



Grand Anse Beach



Bananaquit

## Tour Highlights

- Special access to privately-owned gardens
- Tours of historic estates and a rum distillery
- Breakfast with the owner at one of the gardens
- Comfortable resort hotel offering comfort and privacy
- Caribbean sunshine, warmth and friendly hospitality

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Seven nights' bed & breakfast at the Blue Horizons Garden Resort in a superior garden view studio
- ▶ Two dinners, one lunch, one afternoon tea, welcome and farewell drinks
- ▶ Return flights from London to Grenada
- ▶ London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of horticulturalist Trevor Edwards as tour manager and local guides

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024			<i>Deluxe One Bedroom Garden View Room Supplement</i>	<b>from £55</b>
28 Sep - 6 Oct	<del>£3,295</del>	<b>£2,895</b>	<i>Deluxe One Bedroom Partial Ocean View Room Supplement</i>	<b>from £95</b>
<i>Single Supplement</i>		<b>£495</b>	<i>Optional Excursion: Cruise</i>	<b>£120</b>

Tour code: **BGRE**

# Gardens of Marrakech

5 DAYS FROM  
**£1,445**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£250**

This timeless city has an enduring appeal with its low-rise pink and red buildings set against the snow-capped Atlas Mountains. Its beating heart is the square of Jemaa El Fna, where musicians and story-tellers and snake-charmers act out compelling scenes which have changed little over the centuries, and you will find yourself irresistibly drawn here. Other attractions in this most alluring of North African cities include El Bahia Palace, with sunlit courtyards planted with cypress, orange trees and jasmine and the fabulous, brightly coloured gardens of Majorelle. Escaping the bustle of the city we also have an excursion to the Ourika Valley in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains.



Majorelle Garden



El Badi Palace

## Tour Highlights

- The bustling square of Jemaa El Fna at the heart of the city
- Faded glory at El Badi Palace
- Contemporary style at Le Jardin Secret
- Bright colours and international glamour at the Majorelle
- Delightful flavours and aromas in the Ourika Valley

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Four nights' bed & breakfast at the 5-star El Saadi Hotel, Marrakech
- ▶ Three dinners and one lunch
- ▶ Return flights London to Marrakech
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of Jim Hart as tour manager

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024		
2 - 6 Oct	<b>£1,695</b>	<b>£1,445</b>
Single Supplement	<b>£400</b>	

Tour code: **BMRK**

# Nova Scotia in the Fall

9 DAYS FROM

**£5,395**

SAVING PER PERSON

**£400**

Nova Scotia is the crown jewel of Canada's east coast. Comprising a peninsula and its surrounding islands, it offers the chance to indulge yourself in the Canadian outdoors at its best, while offering excellent accommodation and dining. October is a spellbinding time of year here, as hardwood trees such as maple, beech, poplar and birch blaze in the most brilliant colours. The variety of colour is enormous, ranging from dark wine red to scarlet, orange and yellow. Inland, it is still wild and densely forested, with quiet rivers and lakes reflecting the blue sky. You are never more than 56km from the sea in Nova Scotia and the coastline is infinitely varied, from rocky peninsulas to seemingly endless empty beaches.



Mahone Bay



Cabot Trail

## Tour Highlights

- See relics from The Titanic at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
- Photo opportunities galore at Peggy's Cove Lighthouse
- Tour the Alexander Graham Bell Museum, dedicated to the most famous resident of Cape Breton
- Autumn colours at the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens (and everywhere else!)
- The incredible Cabot Trail, one of the most spectacular drives in all of Canada

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Seven nights' in 3-star hotels on a bed & breakfast basis: four nights in Halifax, one night in New Glasgow, two nights in Baddeck
- ▶ Five dinners and one lunch
- ▶ Return flights from London to Halifax
- ▶ London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of a local tour manager

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024

8 - 16 Oct **£5,795** £5,395

Single Supplement **£875**

Tour code: **BNOV**

# Gardens and Palaces of India

14 DAYS FROM

**£3,095**

SAVING PER PERSON

**£400**

Prepare for an assault on the senses as we plunge into the vibrant, chaotic, other-world that is India. In Delhi, the teeming capital city, we see contrasts of old and new, with visits to Humayun's Tomb and the museum dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, followed by a stimulating day that features the Garden of the Five Senses. Continuing by train to Agra we visit the Red Fort and, of course, the Taj Mahal - enjoying stunning views at both sunset and sunrise. We discover the Abhaneri stepwell before continuing to Jaipur, where we tour the impressive Amber Fort and visit the elegant gardens of the Rambagh and Sisodia Palaces. Moving on to Jodhpur we enjoy walks through the bustling bazaars and markets and explore the charming Mandore Gardens with a variety of flora and some chattering monkeys. We conclude in Udaipur, where we see an incredible Hindu temple and the treasures of the Jagmandir Island Palace. We also offer the option to extend your stay in either Shimla or Amritsar.



Taj Mahal from Mehtab Bagh

## Tour Highlights

- Private tour by the curator of Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur
- Private session with botanist in The Garden of Five Senses, Delhi
- Sunset views and sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal
- The bustling market and bazaar of Jodhpur
- Sunset Boat trip on Lake Pichola to the Jagmandir Island Palace

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Twelve nights' dinner, bed, and breakfast: three nights at 4-star Oberoi Maidens in New Delhi, one night at 4-star Trident in Agra, one night at the 4-star Samode Bagh in Samode, two nights at heritage Alsisar Haveli in Jaipur, two nights at 4-star the Radisson in Jodhpur, two nights at 4-star the Trident in Udaipur, one night at 4-star Novotel Aerocity in Delhi *(or similar)*
- ▶ Three lunches
- ▶ Pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ▶ Return flights from London to Delhi
- ▶ Flight Udaipur to Delhi
- ▶ Rail travel Delhi to Agra in Executive Chair
- ▶ Gardens of India guidebook *(on arrival)*
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ Service of a professional tour manager and local guide throughout

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024		
15 - 28 Oct	<del>£3,495</del>	£3,095
Single Supplement		£795
Shimla Extension		from £895
Amritsar Extension		from £675

Please note that tourist visas are not included

Tour code: **BIND**

# Gardens and Flora of Tasmania and Victoria with Colin Crosbie

20 DAYS FROM

**£8,895**

SAVING PER PERSON

**£400**

In late 2022, Colin Crosbie, former head gardener to HM The Queen Mother and later Head Curator of RHS Garden Wisley, went on a working holiday to Australia, in particular the states of Victoria and Tasmania, where he visited a large number of gardens, from small privately owned properties to distinguished botanical establishments. On his return he gave us his ideas for a tour which, if followed in its entirety, would have lasted about six weeks, such is the abundance of wonderful gardens to be found there!

Selecting the very best places to visit, while reluctantly discarding others, we have whittled this down to just under three weeks, and a tour that we think will provide the opportunity to experience a broad cross-section of beautifully landscaped and lavishly planted gardens as well as native flora, and a truly unforgettable holiday experience.



Styx Tall Tree Conservation Area



Royal Botanic Garden Melbourne

## Tour Highlights

- The Royal Botanical Gardens of Victoria, in both Melbourne and Cranbourne
- The Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden, Victoria's premier cool-climate garden
- Selected private gardens, opened by special arrangement
- A full day among the towering forest giants of the Styx Tall Tree Conservation Area
- Farewell dinner at Heronswood Garden

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ 16 nights' bed and breakfast in 4-star hotels – seven nights Melbourne, six nights Hobart and three nights Launceston
- ▶ Nine dinners *(eight in the hotel and one at Heronswood gardens)* and two lunches
- ▶ Return flights from London to Melbourne and Melbourne to Hobart
- ▶ London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of horticulturalist Colin Crosbie as tour manager

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024		
28 Oct - 16 Nov	<b>£9,295</b>	<b>£8,895</b>
Single Supplement		<b>£1,895</b>

Tour code: **BTAS**

# Flora and Fauna of Madagascar

15 DAYS FROM

**£6,495**

SAVING PER PERSON

**£400**

Madagascar, the world's fourth-largest island, is like a gigantic ark sailing ever so slowly across the Indian Ocean, having broken free from the African continent some 160 million years ago. The national parks and private reserves that feature on this tour are among the finest in the world. On the botanical side, we can expect to see a huge range of fascinating trees and plants, none more curious than the baobab. Among the other highlights are spiny bush plants including the unique cactus-like didiereaceae, tree ferns, aloes and euphorbias. Think of Madagascar and you think of lemurs – and, for many, these endearing primates will top a star-studded cast list of wildlife.



Lemur



Baobab Trees

## Tour Highlights

- Montagne d'Ambre National Park
- Berenty Private Reserve with its 'spiny desert' habitat
- Explore the rainforest of the Andasibe-Mantadia National Park

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ 12 nights' full board: four nights at the Hotel du Louvre, Antananarivo; two nights at the Mantasaly Resort, Diego Suarez; two nights at the Berenty Lodge; one night at the Hotel La Croix du Sud, Fort Dauphin; three nights at the Lemurs Lodge *(all hotels subject to change)*. Please note that picnic lunches are provided on days when we are away from the lodge or hotel
- ▶ Return flights from London to Antananarivo and four internal flights
- ▶ London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ▶ All land transfers in appropriate vehicles for the road conditions
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of a professional tour manager

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024		
3 - 17 Nov	<del>£6,895</del>	£6,495
Single Supplement		£795

Tour code: **BMAD**

# Gardens of Barbados

9 DAYS FROM  
**£3,095**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£400**

At 21 miles long and 14 miles wide, Barbados is a small and perfectly formed vision of pure Caribbean paradise. This is a place of upbeat welcomes, radiant seas, sandy beaches, golden palms, and thick gleaming rainforest – the quintessential island idyll. It's also a place where private gardens blossom, lilies and heliconias burst vibrantly out of the undergrowth, and species of orchid thrive in their thousands. This laid-back tour really does have something for everyone. Picture gazing across the sweeping vistas of Cherry Tree Hill, watching the lively resident monkeys of the Andromeda Botanical Garden and exploring the George Washington House, an important remnant of the island's plantation past. Join us as we escape the bustle of mainland life, and channel your inner castaway.



Hunte's Botanical Garden © Trevor Edwards



Harrison's Cave © Trevor Edwards

## Tour Highlights

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

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Seven nights' bed & breakfast at the 4-star Accra Beach Hotel, Barbados (or similar)
- ▶ Two dinners and four packed lunches
- ▶ Return flights from London to Bridgetown
- ▶ London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of a professional tour manager

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024		
6 - 14 Nov	<b>£3,495</b>	£3,095
Single Supplement	£695	Optional Excursion: Catamaran £120

Tour code: **BGOB**

# Seasonal Gardens of Japan

13 DAYS FROM

**£6,195**

SAVING PER PERSON

**£400**

Surround yourself with the splendours of the Far East with an itinerary of rare gardens, bamboo forests, ancient temples, golden Buddhas, and, of course, the majestic Mount Fuji. Experience the otherworldliness of this mystical country on a garden tour unlike any other. Travel aboard the iconic bullet train, visit the historic town of Omihachiman, take a cruise beneath Mount Fuji's snow-capped peaks on Lake Ashi, and embark upon an optional excursion to Hiroshima and its Peace Memorial Park. We have included a variety of different natural styles in order to bring this tour to life, from landscape gardens and stroll gardens to pond-and-island spaces. A popular addition to this tour is dinner with a maiko – an apprentice geisha – in traditional costume. Tradition, stories and natural beauty await.



Kyu-Furukawa Gardens

## Tour Highlights

- The temples and gardens of Kyoto, probably the finest in Japan
- Stepping back in time to old Japan at Omihachiman
- Watching the deer roam free in Nara Park
- Riding the bullet train to Tokyo
- The enormous Buddhas at Todajji and Kamakura
- Stunning scenery in Hakone, including the iconic Mount Fuji
- The pulsating light show that is Tokyo at night
- Dinner with a Maiko in Kyoto

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ 11 nights' bed & breakfast; six nights at the 4-star ANA Hotel, Kyoto and five nights at the 4-star Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa, Tokyo *(or similar)*
- ▶ Dinner and welcome drink on first evening, a dinner with a maiko, three lunches and a farewell dinner
- ▶ Flights from London to Osaka, returning from Tokyo
- ▶ London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of horticulturalist Trevor Edwards as tour manager and a local guide

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024

6 - 18 Nov ~~£6,595~~ **£6,195**

Single Supplement **£1,500**

Optional Excursion:

Hiroshima

On request

Tour code: **BJPG**



# Gardens of Mauritius

9 DAYS FROM  
**£3,595**

SAVING PER PERSON  
**£400**

The Indian Ocean island of Mauritius is only the size of the county of Surrey, yet it is blessed with a rich and diverse flora and fauna, and is home to some of the rarest plants and creatures in the world. Caressed by a benign climate and light but regular rainfall, virgin forests and coastal lands provide ideal habitats for myriad species, many of them unique to the island – of the 1,000 or so plants indigenous to Mauritius, about 300 are totally unique. Our exploration will reveal trees that will be the last of their kind in existence, giant waterlilies, and colourful Cannas and Heliconias. We will witness outstanding conservation work with almost extinct plants and animals and there will also be plenty of time to enjoy the facilities of our resort hotel, the white sandy beaches and turquoise waters, and soak up the local culture, with its unique combination of European, Indian and African influences.



Île aux Aigrettes



Seven Coloured Earths

## Tour Highlights

- Giant tortoises at La Vanille
- Giant waterlilies at Pamplemousse
- 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

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Nine nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the 4-star Anelia Resort and Spa
- ▶ One Afternoon Tea and one lunch
- ▶ Return flights from London to Mauritius
- ▶ London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of Jim Hart as tour manager and local guides

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024			
12 - 23 Nov	<b>£3,995</b>	<b>£3,595</b>	Superior Ocean
Single Supplement		<b>£795</b>	View Supplement
			<b>from £135</b>

Tour code: **BMAU**

# Chile and the Falkland Islands

17 DAYS FROM

**£12,495**

SAVING PER PERSON

**£400**

In one of the most exciting holiday packages that Brightwater Holidays has ever offered, we combine Chile, that amazing 'land of contrasts' with snow-capped volcanoes, towering glaciers and spectacular flora and fauna, with the unique thrill of travelling to the remote Falkland Islands.

We begin in the Chilean capital, Santiago, a huge city of shining skyscrapers and beautiful parks. We tour the National Park of La Campana (in the footsteps of Charles Darwin) before flying south to Punta Arenas and the Torres del Paine National Park. Two full days are set aside to do justice to the extraordinary range of plants, birds and animals to be found here in the magnificent desolation of Patagonia, and we have also included a boat trip on Lake Grey and the Grey Glacier. We then fly from Punta Arenas to the Falkland Islands, situated 400 miles off the coast of South America in the South Atlantic Ocean. The Falklands offer fresh air, big skies and an abundance of wildlife, much of which is very tame and approachable – we will discover that the penguins have no hesitation in coming up to investigate visitors! There are also elephant seals, sea lions and albatross amongst other birds and animals and in the course of our stay we will visit several different islands providing endless photo opportunities and an unforgettable experience of life on these unspoilt and proudly British islands. Truly a trip of a lifetime!



Torres del Paine

## Tour Highlights

- Follow in the footsteps of Charles Darwin in La Campana National Park
- Stunning scenery and striking plant species in Torres del Paine National Park
- Boat trip to see the Grey Glacier
- Discovering native wildflowers on Bleaker Island
- Close encounters with penguins and other wildlife at Volunteer point

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ Seven nights' accommodation in Chile: three nights' bed and breakfast at the Hotel Marina Las Condes, Santiago; three nights' half board at the Hotel Las Torres, Torres del Paine; one night bed and breakfast at the Hotel Cabo de Hornos, Punta Arenas *(or similar)*
- ▶ Seven nights' accommodation on a full board basis in the Falkland Islands: three nights at Cassard House/ Cobb's Cottage on Bleaker Island; two nights at the Pebble Island Lodge on Pebble Island; two nights at the Malвина House Hotel, Stanley
- ▶ Welcome drink and dinner and three lunches
- ▶ Return flights from London to Santiago, and all connecting and internal flights in Chile and the Falkland Islands
- ▶ London pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of horticulturalist Colin Crosbie as tour manager and local guides

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024

30 Nov – 16 Dec ~~£12,895~~ **£12,495**

Single Supplement **£3,995**

Tour code: **BCFK**

# Gardens of Costa Rica

13 DAYS FROM

**£4,595**

SAVING PER PERSON

**£400**

The term biodiversity may have been coined with Costa Rica in mind, such is the range of different species within its pristine, tropical forests. Throw in some spectacular scenery and resplendently laid-back citizens, and you have all the makings of a life-affirming holiday experience.

Visit a broad range of gardens both public and private, such as the Else Kientzler Botanical Gardens with its world-class collection of plants. At the Monteverde Cloud Reserve we will see some of the 100 mammals, 400 bird species and more than 2,500 varieties of plants that thrive here, including, if we are lucky, the famously elusive resplendent quetzal.



Monteverde



Orchid

## Tour Highlights

- World's largest butterfly garden at La Paz Waterfall Gardens
- The imposing volcano of Arenal
- Explore the cloud forest at Monteverde
- Spotting subtropical wildlife in the Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge
- Visits to private gardens

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ▶ 11 nights' accommodation on bed & breakfast: three nights at the Bougainvillea Hotel, San José; two nights at La Quinta, Sarapiquí, two nights in the Arenal area, two nights in Monteverde, two nights in Manuel Antonio (*hotels subject to change*)
- ▶ Six dinners and ten lunches
- ▶ Pre-flight Executive lounge access
- ▶ Return flights from London to San José
- ▶ Comfortable coach travel throughout
- ▶ All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- ▶ Services of a professional tour manager and a local guide

## DEPARTURES & PRICES PER PERSON

2024		
19 Nov - 1 Dec	<b>£4,995</b>	<b>£4,595</b>
Single Supplement		<b>£995</b>

Tour code: **BCOS**

# Why not take a look at the very best that Scotland has to offer?

With over 30 years' experience, it is no wonder that Brightwater Holidays is regarded as number one for scenic Scottish holidays. Wherever your interests lie we have something for you, whether island hopping in the Hebrides, exploring historic castles or going in search of native wildlife. Nothing pleases us more than sharing the delights of the country we call home with eager guests.

## BROAD RANGE OF ITINERARIES

We have an incredibly broad range of scenic Scottish holidays, more than any other, and the majority of our tours are well established, as they have been running for decades. We often introduce new itineraries, but the majority are tried and tested.

## NO AND LOW SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Our Scotland holidays continue to be so popular with guests that we have created as many low and no single supplement spaces as possible to ensure that our trips also cater to our valued solo travellers.

## KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EXPERIENCED TOUR MANAGERS

We have a team of highly experienced tour managers who know Scotland inside out, and as well as ensuring the holiday runs smoothly they will provide key facts and figures about each destination on the tour.

## PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE LOCATIONS

Between us, the members of the Brightwater team have personally visited every island and destination among our Scottish portfolio. We have extensive experience in our home country, which allows our tours to be the very best they can be.

## WE CATER FOR DIFFERENT NEEDS AND ACTIVITY LEVELS

As our range of Scottish holidays is so broad, it means that we can cater for all kinds of interests - from ancient archaeological sites to island-hopping adventures - and activity levels. So, whether you want to sit back and enjoy the view or learn how to knit a Fair Isle jumper, there's something for everyone.



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