

English Gardens & Chelsea Flower Show Tour

May 17-26, 2019

\$4265 per person land/double occupancy

Includes motor coach transportation, lodging, most meals, exclusive garden experiences, and GBBG escort.

Contracted group air available from Green Bay

****Very Limited Availability****



Fri, May-17 DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

Sat, May-18 LONDON ARRIVAL

After landing at London Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities before meeting your CIE Tours guide, who will welcome you to England and escort you and your luggage to your motorcoach. Next, drive to Wisley for a guided tour of the RHS Garden Wisley, which has one of the largest collections of plants in entire world. See the alpine plant displays, herbaceous perennials and mixed borders. You can even vote for your favorite arrangements in the Trials Field. After your tour, enjoy lunch before driving into Windsor and stopping to visit Windsor Castle, the official residence of The Queen. Covering thirteen acres, this is the largest inhabited castle in the world. See the Upper and Middle Wards, the Round Tower and the Lower Ward where St. George's Chapel is situated. Drive a short distance to your hotel, check in and settle into your room. In the evening, meet your fellow travelers at the hotel restaurant for dinner. **L/D**

OVERNIGHT: CASTLE HOTEL, WINDSOR

Sun, May-19 BLENHEIM PALACE

Today, visit Blenheim Palace, which is Britain's largest private house and also the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Afterwards, enjoy lunch with your group. Continue your journey and stop to visit Hidcote Manor Garden, which is generally recognized as being one of the world's great gardens and has been very influential on many garden design. Next, stop in Mickleton to visit Kiftsgate Court Gardens, which was created by three generations of women gardeners. Continue your journey to your hotel, check in and settle into your room. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner at the hotel restaurant. **B/L/D**

OVERNIGHT: ELLENBOROUGH PARK HOTEL, CHELTENHAM

Mon, May-20 SUDELEY CASTLE & GARDEN

After a wholesome English breakfast, enjoy a full day excursion. Travel into Winchcombe to visit Sudeley Castle and Gardens, an award-winning gardens that have lovingly been redesigned to compliment the tranquility of the castle and its ruins. Next, stop to visit Painswick Rococo Gardens before returning to your hotel and enjoying a free evening. **B**

OVERNIGHT: ELLENBOROUGH PARK HOTEL, CHELTENHAM

Tue, May-21 GREAT DIXTER HOUSE & GARDENS

Today, visit Pashley Manor with your group before driving into East Sussex and stopping to visit Great Dixter House and Gardens, home of gardener, Christopher Lloyd. Continue your travels and stop to visit Sissinghurst Castle and Gardens, which are among the most famous gardens in England. The garden epitomises the English garden of the mid-20th century, and is owned and maintained by the National Trust. Drive to your hotel, check in and relax or freshen up before dinner at the hotel restaurant. **B/D**

OVERNIGHT: HEMPSTEAD HOUSE HOTEL, SITTINGBOURNE

Wed, May-22 LEEDS CASTLE

This morning, visit Leeds Castle, which is often described as "the loveliest castle in the world." After a tour of the castle, you may want to stroll through some of the gardens and take photos. Next, visit Dover Castle, England's largest and most historical castle. It was founded in the 12th century and is said to be the "Key to England" because of its defensive significance throughout England's history. Before returning to your hotel and enjoying a free evening, stop to visit the Secret Wartime Tunnels. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner at the hotel restaurant. **B/D**

OVERNIGHT: HEMPSTEAD HOUSE HOTEL, SITTINGBOURNE

Thu, May-23 HEVER CASTLE

After breakfast, drive into Edinbridge and stop to visit Hever Castle, a small moated castle famous as the 16th-century home of Anne Boleyn, the doomed wife of Henry VIII, executed for adultery. Next, visit Chartwell, the much-loved family home to Winston Churchill. Enjoy free time to explore the house where many of the rooms are still in the condition the family left them, as well as the hillside gardens that reflects Churchill’s love of nature.

After your tour, enjoy an authentic English lunch with your fellow travelers. Drive through England’s beautiful countryside and into the beautiful city of London and check into your hotel. In the evening, meet your fellow travelers for dinner at the hotel restaurant. **B/L/D**

OVERNIGHT: COPTHORNE TARA HOTEL, LONDON

Fri, May-24 CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Today, enjoy tickets to the Chelsea Flower Show, which is held in London every year and has been in existence since 1913. The Chelsea Flower Show is the largest event of its kind in Britain. Return to your hotel and enjoy some time to relax before joining your group for dinner at the hotel restaurant. (Local for one way transfers) **B/D**

OVERNIGHT: COPTHORNE TARA HOTEL, LONDON

Sat, May-25 LONDON AT LEISURE

Today is completely at leisure for independent sightseeing or shopping. Art lovers can view some of the world's finest art collections in London's galleries such as the National Gallery and Albert Museum. If shopping appeals to you, London offers a huge array of shops and designer boutiques. Try the popular stores along Oxford Street, the special boutiques of Bond and Jermyn Streets or the famous Harrods in Knightsbridge. In the evening, take advantage of London's worldwide reputation for its entertainment ranging from the theater, musicals, opera and ballet to rock concerts and nightclubs. Or choose from the many restaurants of all types scattered throughout the city. You may also use your zone 1-4 travelcard for an independent visit to Kew Garden. In the evening, meet your group for a traditional English dinner at the hotel restaurant. **B/D**

OVERNIGHT: COPTHORNE TARA HOTEL, LONDON

Sun, May-26 RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

All too soon, your vacation has come to its final day. Transfer to London Airport in good time to check in for your flight. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States.

Hotels

- Castle Hotel, WINDSOR: 1 night
- Ellenborough Park Hotel, CHELTENHAM: 2 nights
- Hempstead House Hotel, SITTINGBOURNE: 2 nights
- Copthorne Tara Hotel, LONDON: 3 nights

Highlights

Tickets to Chelsea Flower Show
Travelcard Zones 1-4

B: Breakfast

L: Lunch

D: Dinner

Visits

All visits are outlined on the above itinerary and included in the cost unless otherwise stated.

Price

Double Occupancy per person	\$4265
Single Occupancy per person	\$5334
Group Air from Green Bay	\$895*
Travel Insurance	\$366

Price Includes: \$100 donation to GBBG

*Taxes may vary

Requirements:

Must have GBBG membership

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