

Gardens of South England

6 Nights / 7 Days

Group Travel



Day 1 Discover the best of England's gardens. En-route to your hotel in Kent/Sussex we will visit Wisley Gardens. Wisley is Britain's best loved garden with 240 acres offering a fascinating blend of the beautiful with practical and innovative design and cultivation techniques. Onwards journey to your hotel and check-in for 3 nights.

Day 2 This morning we will explore Kent and first stop today will be Leeds Castle & Gardens. The gardens offer continuous colour throughout the year.

We will travel further to Chartwell House, the family home of Sir Winston Churchill from 1922 until his death in 1965. The estate consisting of 80 acres gave Winston the peace and tranquility that he loved.

Our final highlight today will be the visit to Pashley Manor Gardens, a quintessential English Garden located on the Sussex and Kent border in the heart of South East England's garden country. Pashley offers a sumptuous blend of romantic landscaping, imaginative plantings and fine old trees, fountains, springs and large ponds. Dinner and overnight in Kent/Sussex.

Day 3 Some of the most famous gardens are on the programme today.

Beautiful award-winning gardens surrounding the romantic 13th century Hever castle, once the childhood home to Anne Boleyn. Lovingly tended by a team of gardeners they bring colour and life all year round.



Sissinghurst Gardens shows a sixteenth century tower, and other buildings, with the most famous twentieth century garden in England. Sissinghurst garden is a prime example of the Arts and Crafts style. The garden was made on the site of a medieval manor and some structures survive.

Great Dixter is the family home of the late Christopher Lloyd, who had devoted his lifetime to creating one of the most experimental, exciting and constantly changing gardens of our time. Incorporating many medieval buildings, the gardens surround the house, each complementing the other. Dinner and overnight in Kent/Sussex.

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Day 4 After breakfast we will leave our hotel in Kent/Sussex and travel towards Hampshire with stops at Scottney Castle, Nymans and the sea resort Brighton with its buzzing town centre.

The Gardens at Scotney Castle surround the ruins of a 14th century moated castle. The gardens have spectacular displays of Rhododendrons, azaleas and Kalmia.

Nymans Garden is set in the Sussex Weald and is a feast of colour all year round. Nymans was created by the Messel family over three generations from 1890 and was originally planned around a 14th century Manor House that was decimated by fire in 1947.

In the afternoon Brighton will await your visit with its small lanes for shopping and the eccentric Royal Pavillion. Dinner and overnight in Hampshire area. Dinner and overnight in Kent/Sussex.

Day 5 After breakfast a full day excursion to Winchester, Mottisfont Abbey and Ampner Gardens awaits you. Visit the famous Winchester Cathedral, originally a Benedictine monastery, much of the Norman architecture remains despite its being modified repeatedly until the early 16th century. Mottisfont Abbey Gardens are set in the delightful Test Valley, where the River Test the famous trout river follows its journey to the sea. Mottisfont Abbey is famous for its Rose Gardens set within a walled garden. Hinton Ampner is a great garden set in the rolling Hampshire countryside.

The garden which covers 12 acres has some excellent topiary as well as colourful borders in pastel shades.

Overnight and dinner in Hampshire area.

Day 6 The Isle of Wight has long been noted as The Garden Isle. Located just off the main southern coastline of England, it is accessed by ferries which leave from Portsmouth, Southampton and Lymington, as well as the Hovercraft which leaves from Southsea.

For many years, the Island was the home for our country's greatest Monarch. Queen Victoria lived at Osborne House, which you will visit today. Queen Victoria's influence made it fashionable for many people to visit the Island, who came for the stunning scenery and warmer climate.

Much of the Island's most imposing buildings and architecture, bears the stamp of The Victorian era. The island tour will also include a visit to the venter Botanic Gardens.

Overnight and dinner in Hampshire area.

Day 7 We will leave Hampshire in the morning and travel towards Heathrow Airport.

We assume a late afternoon flight to allow time for a morning visit to Savill Gardens in Windsor. The Savill Garden is a garden for all seasons covering 35 acres and giving colour through all the seasons.

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