

Pacific Horticulture and Sterling Tours invite you to join
Chelsea and Gardens of the Cotswolds and Cornwall

May 14-25, 2023

May 14, Sunday Depart the USA for London's Heathrow Airport

May 15, Monday London Heathrow-Cotswolds

Arrival London Heathrow Airport. A group transfer will be provided for guests on flights arriving by 1:00 pm. Our accommodations are at the Lygon Arms, located in the charming Cotswold



village of Broadway. Steeped in over 600 years of fascinating history, our honey-colored Cotswolds coaching inn has been host to royalty and notable figures throughout the centuries. There is a restaurant, cozy log fires and spa. Tonight join Linda, your guide Peter, and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Dinner

May 16, Tuesday

Cotswolds

This morning we will visit Broughton Grange, set overlooking a beautiful Oxfordshire valley. Its history dates back to 1620 initially as a small farm cottage. Leading landscape designer Tom Stuart-Smith was commissioned to transform a field into a walled garden. This impressive new garden features three individually themed terraces and has been designed in relation to the surrounding rural landscape. It is considered among Tom's best work and is widely featured in books and magazines. There is an arboretum and a tree collection including a wide range of interesting species and cultivars.



After our lunch at Broughton we will enjoy a tour of Rousham garden, designed by William Kent (1685-1748). Kent was a painter, stage designer and architect who spent time in Italy, the influence of which can clearly be seen in the gardens. He was a pioneer of the 'New English Style of Landscape.' Until then gardens had been in a more formal style. The garden today still retains a quality of Englishness and harmony between the house, garden and countryside. We will also visit the house which was built in 1635 and is still owned by the

same family. We return to the hotel with the late afternoon and evening at leisure.

Breakfast, Lunch

May 17, Wednesday Cotswolds

This morning we travel to Hertfordshire to visit Serge Hill and Tom Stuart-Smith. Tom is the winner of 8 Gold medals at the Chelsea Flower Show. He specializes in gardens that combine naturalism and modernity. Four generations of his family have lived at Serge Hill. In 1986 Tom renovated a dilapidated barn and field which he turned into his new home and garden. Next, we visit Tom's sister at The Barn. Her garden has two contrasting areas with a wide range of herbaceous perennials and shrubs tolerant of generally dry conditions. There is an area of naturalistic planting, wild-flowers and exotic meadows. Later we will drive through some of the charming villages of the Cotswolds. Places with names like Stow-on-the-Wold and Chipping Campden. We'll have time to wander down the High Streets, discover cottage gardens and duck in the shops or tearooms. **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

May 18, Thursday Cotswolds

This morning we travel to Pettifers Garden. Since 1984, owner Gina Price has transformed Pettifers into one of the most influential gardens in England. During spring, ribbons of plants flow through the borders, creating a glowing tapestry of color. We continue to Hidcote, an Arts and Crafts inspired garden, created by American horticulturist Major Lawrence Johnston. We will explore the maze of narrow paved pathways and discover intricately designed outdoor rooms and magnificent vistas. Many of the plants in the garden were collected from Johnston's many plant hunting trips to far-away places. **Breakfast**



May 19, Friday Cotswolds-Cornwall

We check out of the hotel this morning and travel south to Cornwall. En route we will stop for a visit to Durslade Farm. Piet Oudolf, the internationally-renowned landscape designer from the Netherlands, designed the landscaping including Oudolf Field, a large perennial meadow. Carefully shaped and planted, the garden echoes the tradition of classical gardens, but the variety of species and combination of plants creates a looseness, softening the formality of its appearance. Known for his use of plants with spectacular seed heads, Oudolf has created a spectacular garden. Our hotel for the next three nights is the Carlyon Bay Hotel & Spa situated on a cliff overlooking a private beach. We will enjoy sea view rooms. The hotel has a spa and indoor and outdoor pools. **Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**



May 20, Saturday Cornwall

This morning we will visit Wildside Garden which *Gardens Illustrated* called “the most exciting and innovative garden in Britain today. Designer, gardener and builder, Keith Wiley has created Wildside from the land by his own hand, carving pools and canyons to make spaces inspired by the natural landscape.” Our day continues with a visit to Port Isaac, a small picturesque fishing village, on the Atlantic coast where the Doc Martin television series is filmed. We’ll have free time for lunch and a stroll through the village. **Breakfast**

May 21, Sunday Cornwall

Today we will explore the Lost Gardens of Heligan which were rediscovered twenty-five years ago after having been hidden since World War I. Today, Heligan remains one of the most loved and romantic gardens in the UK, and Europe’s largest garden restoration project. Over 200 acres include Victorian Productive Gardens and a jungle, with bamboo tunnels, majestic tree ferns, and bananas. This afternoon we will tour Tregrehan Garden, home of the Carlyon Family since 1565. This temperate rainforest garden was created with plant material from countries as diverse as China, Chile, Tasmania, Vietnam, Japan and Mexico. In 1960 Gillian Carlyon embarked on a major camellia hybridising program using the old plants at Tregrehan and some of the more recent varieties imported from America. **Breakfast, Dinner**

May 22, Monday Cornwall-London

En route to London we will stop at The Newt in Somerset. The gardens at The Newt have been shaped over the last 200 years by successive enthusiasts, including renowned garden designer Penelope Hobhouse and Nori and Sandra Pope, known for their experiments with color. The latest incarnation has been created by Italo-French architect Patrice Taravella, who believes a garden should be both beautiful and useful by mixing both ornamental and productive elements. Upon arrival London we will check into our hotel, the Chesterfield, for three nights. This quintessentially British hotel is located in the heart of Mayfair near Bond Street, Piccadilly and the Royal Parks. **Breakfast/Lunch**

May 23, Tuesday London-Chelsea Flower Show

Today as members of the Royal Horticultural Society we will attend the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show on "Members only Day". The grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea will be transformed with stunning horticultural displays. World-renowned garden designers, plant specialists, florists and nurseries come together every year to one of London's most charming and affluent neighborhoods. Tonight we’ll gather for a festive farewell dinner.

Breakfast, Dinner

May 24, Wednesday London

Free day in London. We may wish to continue the garden theme with a visit to the Chelsea Physic Garden located on the edge of the Thames River since 1673. The Garden’s plant collection is unique in being the only botanic garden collection focused on medicinal, herbal, and useful plants. For a change of pace we could peruse one of the fine museums such as the Victoria & Albert or the British Museum. Shoppers might enjoy Bond Street and Knightsbridge or perhaps attend the Wednesday antique market in Camden Passage. **Breakfast**

May 25, Thursday London Independent departures or additional nights in London.
Breakfast

TOUR LAND COST PER GUEST BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:

\$7728 per person for members of Pacific Horticulture

\$7828 non-member price. We suggest non-members join before registering for the tour.

Single supplement \$1388

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- 10 nights First Class accommodation
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast daily, lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Deluxe transportation by private motor coach
- Arrival airport transfer (If arriving by 1:00pm)
- Membership in the Royal Horticultural Society for the first 10 guests to sign up, 1 per family. Includes the Society's monthly journal.
- All sightseeing and entrances as per the itinerary
- Guided by Peter Weiss, lecturer, artist, writer and photographer
- Escorted by Linda McKendry, Garden Designer
- Tax-deductible donation of \$350 to Pacific Horticulture

COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Airfare
- Tips to your guide and driver
- Travel insurance
- Transfer back to the airport

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