



Barrington Community School & Barrington Garden Club

present

The Chelsea Flower Show

May 14 - 21, 2015

Nowhere in the world is the passion for horticulture expressed more vividly than in Britain, where gardens have served as inspiration for painters, writers, and flower lovers for centuries. From great country estates to miniscule inner-city gardens, the British use their exceptionally long growing season to fullest advantage, and nowhere is this passion expressed more abundantly than at the Chelsea Flower Show.

This is your invitation to see some of England's most famous gardens at a time of year when color runs riot. From Vita Sackville-West's crowning achievement at Sissinghurst Castle, to the magnificent landscape garden at Stourhead, we'll explore the countryside of southern England, basking in the full glory of an English spring.

We'll also visit the jewel in the crown of the Royal Horticultural Society, the 240-acre flagship garden at Wisley, Christopher Lloyd's gardens at Great Dixter, which offer up innovative ideas set against a backdrop of topiary, mixed borders, and natural ponds, and many other major gardens around the south of England.

This spring, join Discover Europe's Gavin Miller and Barrington Community School Director, and past president of the Barrington Garden Club, Sandi Tinyk as they lead other garden lovers on a stroll through glorious gardens and the Chelsea Flower Show. At a relaxed pace, with wonderful meals, a stay in a first-class historic property, and a panorama of magnificent blooms unfolding before us, it's a quintessential celebration of springtime.



Stourhead



Great Dixter's Long Border

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy is:

Boston departure:	\$4390
Land only (no airfare included):	\$3380
Single supplement:	\$860

Airfares are available from many other U.S. departure cities.

The following services are included:

- Airfare:** Round trip air on British Airways. All airport taxes and customs charges included.
- Hotels:** 7 nights accommodation in a first-class hotel. All hotel taxes and service charges included.
- Coaching:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.
- Meals:** Full breakfast daily, 3 dinners.
- Guides:** Discover Europe's Gavin Miller and BCS director, Sandi Tinyk throughout. Local guides at Great Dixter & Wisley.
- Expenses:** Portage of one large suitcase per person.
- Tickets:** Entrance to the Chelsea Flower Show.
- Entrances:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary.
- Insurance:** Complete travel insurance inc. cancellation coverage.

**For further information & registration please contact:
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Thursday, May 14th

Overnight: Dorking

Early morning departure from Barrington aboard our private bus to Logan for the morning British Airways' flight to London. Arrival at London Heathrow this evening and transfer to our nearby hotel, where we'll check in and have a late supper. **(B, D)**

Friday, May 15th

Overnight: Dorking

This morning we visit the 240-acre flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society at Wisley, a living encyclopedia for all gardeners. Wisley has demonstrated the very best in horticulture and gardening practices for the last 100 years; we'll have a guided tour of the garden's highlights and then free time for lunch, to peruse the many treasures of the Wisley store, and to explore the gardens at our leisure. From our mid-afternoon return to the hotel, the rest of the day is free. **(B)**

Saturday, May 16th

Overnight: Dorking

An excursion today into the counties of Kent and Sussex – The Garden of England. We'll visit Sissinghurst Castle, the home and garden of Harold Nicholson and his wife Vita Sackville-West; after lunch, we'll have a guided tour of Christopher Lloyd's Great Dixter. We return to our hotel for dinner. **(B, D)**

Sunday, May 17th

Overnight: Dorking

Leaving Surrey, we travel west, across Salisbury Plain to the village of Stourton. Here we'll walk around the magnificent Stourhead Gardens, which surround a series of peaceful lakes in the middle of a 2,650-acre estate nestled among rolling hills. After time for lunch in the village, we'll head back towards London. On the way we'll make a stop at The Vyne, a country house with magnificent gardens. We'll return to our hotel for a free evening. **(B)**



Sissinghurst

Monday, May 18th

Overnight: Dorking

A free day in Dorking. Local attractions include Denbies Wine Estate, the largest vineyard in England, and the nearby country house of Polesden Lacey. If it's a nice day, you may consider a pleasant stroll along the North Down's Way, the range of chalk hills that runs along from Dorking down to the sea at Dover, or, if it isn't, you can always take the train into London for the day. **(B)**

Tuesday, May 19th

Overnight: Dorking

An excursion to local points of interest today takes us first to Emmet's Garden. Beautifully situated on one of the highest spots in Kent, the garden commands outstanding views over the surrounding countryside. We'll then continue to Knole House, the childhood home of Vita Sackville-West, where we'll break for lunch. This afternoon we visit Hever Castle, a moated Tudor Manor that was once the home of Anne Boleyn. The evening is free to sample a local pub - or two. **(B)**

Wednesday, May 20th

Overnight: Dorking

Today we spend a full day at Britain's most famous spring garden event, the Chelsea Flower Show. The show gardens, each an exquisite jewel of design and execution, are designed by the finest international horticulturalists; these, in turn, circle a



Wisley - the Water Garden

large pavilion where flower and nursery exhibits are displayed. The event is truly beyond compare--lively, stimulating, and above all, inspirational! We'll return to our hotel with time to freshen up and begin packing before we gather for a farewell dinner. **(B, D)**

Thursday, May 21st

Overnight: Home

Transport to Heathrow Airport for our returning British Airways flight to Boston, where we will be met by our private bus for the transfer back to Barrington. **(B)**



A Quiet Corner at Chelsea