



GARDENS OF EAST ANGLIA



COTON MANOR

INCLUDING THE RHS CHATSWORTH FLOWER SHOW WITH MARIAN ST. CLAIR MAY 29TH - JUNE 8TH 2018

Windmills and waterfowl, tiny stone churches and rambling country mansions, and vast gentle fens that stretch to the sky. East Anglia is an area of England often overlooked by visitors — which means that it remains blissfully free of tourist buses. And it is truly worth discovering.

Marian St. Clair and Discover Europe have once again joined forces to create another unique itinerary that highlights the gardens, the museums, and the landscape of this region in full bloom. The pace is never frantic, yet the days are pleasantly full and there are bound to be some unexpected diversions and adventures along the way.

We'll visit an inspiring array of different styles, from small, private gardens, to the grand landscapes of the 18th century, all from the comfort of wonderful country house hotels. But a highlight for many will be the Royal Horticultural Flower Show at Chatsworth. Your tour includes membership in the RHS, so we will be attending on member's day, when the crowds will be a little more manageable.

We'll end in the royal town of Windsor. While the object of our stay here is primarily practical, due to the town's proximity to the airport, we find it makes a wonderful place to end a tour of Britain without having to suffer the crowds, the traffic and expense of traveling into central London.

This spring, join Marian and other fellow garden lovers on an unforgettable journey through unspoiled English countryside that is bursting with the color and the joy of the season.

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):	\$3690
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 920

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 9 nights accommodation in first-class hotels
All hotel taxes and service charges included
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 4 dinners
- GUIDES:** Fully qualified Discover Europe tour guide throughout
- EXPENSES:** Porterage of one large suitcase per person
- TICKETS:** Membership in the Royal Horticultural Society and entrance to the Chatsworth Flower Show
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.



TUESDAY, MAY 29TH - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30TH - Please time your flight arrival at Heathrow Airport for as close to 11.00 am as possible. At approximately 12.00 pm, we will gather the group together and set off in our touring coach for East Anglia. It will take us around 45 minutes to reach our first destination - Hatfield House. Hatfield is an incredible Jacobean mansion set in 42 acres of parks and gardens, largely the work of John Tradescant the elder. We'll first stop for a quick bite in the Coach House restaurant and then stretch our legs with a stroll around parts of the garden. On arrival at our hotel, there will be time to unpack and rest up from the overnight flight before we gather for a reception and dinner at the hotel. **(D) OVERNIGHT: LAVENHAM**

THURSDAY, MAY 31ST - A leisurely excursion today takes us to two spectacular gardens in the area. Our first stop this morning is to visit the garden of award-winning plantswoman, Beth Chatto, OBE. Here she has created an inspirational, informal garden from what was originally an overgrown wasteland of brambles, parched gravel and boggy ditches. From here we will drive into the center of nearby Ipswich where you will be able to find many options for lunch and you'll also have time, if you wish, to visit the Wolsey Art gallery, located in the stunning Tudor, Christchurch Mansion. After lunch, we continue the short distance to Helmingham Hall. First started in 1480, this moated Manor House has a mainly Elizabethan look and feel. Retaining some features of the original gardens, the parterre was redesigned in 1987 by renowned garden designer Xa Tollemache, a member of the same family that has owned Helmingham since its origin. We'll return to our hotel for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LAVENHAM**

FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST - We begin the day with a private visit to the Fullers Mill Garden in West Stow. Fullers Mill Garden is an enchanting and tranquil waterside and woodland garden, situated on the banks of the River Lark. It combines a beautiful mix of light dappled woodland with a fabulous collection of rare and unusual shrubs, perennials, lilies and marginal plants, collected over the course of 50 years by the creator of the garden Bernard Tickner. Then we drive the short distance to Wyken Hall Gardens and vineyard. We'll have time for lunch in the restaurant or cafe, with a chance to sample some of the local product, before we visit the beautiful formal gardens crammed with topiary, herbs, roses, box, fruit trees and meandering peacocks. The evening is free in Lavenham. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LAVENHAM**



SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND - The morning starts with a private visit to the cottage garden at the Crown House, the Tudor home of garden blogger Liz Wells. Preferring an intricate tapestry rather than broad sweeps, Liz has created a plantsman's garden with as many plants as can be shoehorned into her acre plot, including a wealth of roses and many rare and unusual species. We'll



stop in the city of Norwich with free time for lunch and a visit to the cathedral on our way to the Old Vicarage at East Ruston. We'll have a private tour of the garden with Alan Gray, the owner and designer. It's a short drive from here to our country house hotel where we will have dinner this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SHERINGHAM**

SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD - Our first visit of the day is to nearby Houghton Hall, where we'll enjoy a private tour of the house before it is open to the general public. Built in the 1720s for Great Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole, Houghton Hall remains one of England's finest Palladian houses. After our tour of the house, we will be free to explore the gardens, including the 5-acre walled garden, winner of the coveted Christies and HHA Garden of the Year Award. This afternoon we visit Sandringham, built in 1870 for the Prince and Princess of Wales. Described as "the most comfortable of houses," it is where the Royal Family traditionally spends Christmas. We will visit the museum, tour the state apartments, and wander the gardens before returning to our hotel for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: SHERINGHAM**

MONDAY, JUNE 4TH - We'll spend the morning at nearby Sheringham Park. This landscape park and woodland garden was originally designed by Humphry Repton, one of the leading landscape garden designers of the Late Georgian and early Regency periods. It is now administered by the National Trust and has miles of stunning coastal walks and views. At this time each year it hosts a Rhododendron Festival with literally hundreds of different varieties blooming in spectacular riots of color - and it's right next door to our hotel! This afternoon, we will drive to Cromer, just along the coast, where we board the Poppy Line private steam train for a ride through the gently undulating North Norfolk countryside to the charming Georgian town of Holt. There will be time to explore the town's antique shops, book stores, and art galleries. The evening is free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: SHERINGHAM**



TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH - Today, we leave East Anglia and drive west into Northamptonshire. Our first stop will be Coton Manor Gardens. Originally laid out in the 1920's by the grandparents of the present owner, the garden has been developed and extended by successive generations capitalising on its natural setting, attractive views and abundant water. The 17th-century manor house acts as a central focus for the garden, its walls supporting many roses and shrubs, while the surrounding terraces are populated by numerous colorful pots and containers. This afternoon, we continue on to Cottesbrooke Hall, a wonderful Queen Anne house, dating from 1702, and surrounded by award-winning gardens. We'll have a private tour of the house and time to explore the gardens, renowned for their 18th-century landscaping, before we continue north to our hotel, where dinner will be awaiting us. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: CASTLE DONINGTON**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6TH - A short drive this morning through the glorious Peak District National Park, brings us to Chatsworth House, "The Palace of the Peaks." Today is the first, members-only, day of the Royal Horticultural Society's recently-inaugurated, annual Chatsworth Flower

Show. We'll have all day here to explore the show, the gardens and to visit the house. The House contains a boundless collection ranging from Old Master paintings to the geological specimens bought by the last Duke. We return to our hotel for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: CASTLE DONINGTON**

THURSDAY, JUNE 7TH - A leisurely start to the day as we wend our way south to the town of Royal Windsor. After checking in to our hotel on the banks of the River Thames, we'll head into the town, where you will be free to have lunch, visit the Castle or catch up on some souvenir shopping. We will gather at the hotel this evening for a farewell dinner and a chance to recount tales and memories from our recent adventures. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR**

FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH - Morning transfers to Heathrow Airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B)**



WYKEN HALL GARDENS

REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

1. Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your "Known As" or preferred name.
2. Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
3. Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
4. Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
5. Health Information. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if you have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour package, Discover Europe will be very happy to book these for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please tick the appropriate boxes.

1. If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
2. A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.



PASSENGER DETAILS: GARDENS OF EAST ANGLIA (0529/GSN)

Passport Name:

1. _____
 Title First Middle Last

2. _____
 Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport 1#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Passport 2#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

Secondary Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Health Information: _____

Other Comments or Notes: _____

Trip Details

Itinerary Name: _____

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

Departure Airport or City: _____

I would like to extend my trip to: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:
 DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
 95 Adams Street, Keene, NH 03431

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
3. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., and Marian St. Clair, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities, host or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
6. Conduct During the Tour: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of our services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior

- to trip departure.
2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size between 15 and 20 participants. Should we end up with less than this, Discover Europe will work with Marian St. Clair to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

REFUND POLICY

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty per person.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
 - 90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person
 - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person
 - Fewer than 30 days prior to departure: no refund
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Trip cancellation insurance is not included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you upon registration.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on this tour is not transferrable.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

1. All inclusions on *Gardens of East Anglia* are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): transatlantic airfare, travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION
(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights : Yes No

Flight details (if self-arranged): _____

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

(Please check one)

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: _____

We would like a double twin-bedded room

PERMISSIONS

Discover Europe may use any photographs taken during the tour in promotional materials. Yes No

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. Yes No

SIGNATURES

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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