



WEST COUNTRY GARDENS



MAPPERTON HOUSE

JUNE 13TH - JUNE 23RD 2017

Visit masterpieces of garden design on a tour that highlights both the scope of influence and the depth of history in the gardens of England's West Country. We begin with the intimate and quintessentially English garden of Riddleys Cheer and end with the 376 acres of Grade I listed formal gardens and woodlands at Cliveden. Throughout, we see the evolution of garden design and how it complements the great Manors, Abbeys, Castles, and Houses of the West Country.



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Tour the full spectrum of English garden design from the grandiose to the "off the beaten track" at a relaxed pace and from the comfort of first-class English hotels. Join a small group of like-minded individuals this spring for an adventure in the *West Country Gardens*.

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

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):	\$3980
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 890

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 9 nights accommodation in first-class hotels including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Full breakfast daily, 3 dinners, 1 tea
- EXPENSES:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe guide throughout

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

TOUR HOTELS

JUNE 14 - 18:
THE CASTLE HOTEL, TAUNTON
www.the-castle-hotel.com

JUNE 18 - 22:
STRADEY PARK HOTEL, LLANELLI
www.stradeparkhotel.com

JUNE 22 - 23:
THE OAKLEY COURT HOTEL, WINDSOR
www.oakleycourt.co.uk

These hotels are subject to final confirmation.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH - Morning or evening departure from Boston Logan Airport. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE OR HEATHROW AIRPORT * (SEE OVERLEAF)**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH - This morning the group will gather at Heathrow and be met by your Discover Europe representative. We'll break the journey to our first hotel with a stop at the quintessentially English garden of Ridleys Cheer, just outside Bath. The owner, Anthony Young will show us around. June sees the climax of the 130 old-fashioned roses, species roses and ramblers, some cascading from the tops of trees. Upon arrival at our hotel, there will be time to unpack and rest up before we gather for a cocktail reception and dinner. (D) **OVERNIGHT: TAUNTON**

THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH - Heading west to the border of the county of Devon, we visit the fabulous medieval house of Cothay Manor. Twelve acres of magical gardens surround the manor. Many garden rooms, each a garden in itself, are set off a 200 yard yew walk. In addition there are fine trees, a cottage garden, courtyards, and a river walk; a plantsman's paradise. The gardens have achieved the highest accolade of two stars in the Good Garden Guide and in June 2012 featured in the Daily Telegraph's "20 Best Gardens in Britain." We will also have a guided tour of the house, one of the finest small medieval manor houses in the country, dating from the 14th century. This afternoon we pay a visit to Mapperton House, home of the Earl and Countess of Sandwich. The valley gardens at Mapperton reflect at least three periods of history. On the top level is the croquet lawn, where in dry weather the remains of a parterre, possibly 17th century, can be made out. On the next level is the Italianate garden laid out by Mrs Ethel Labouchere in her husband's memory in the 1920s, complete with grottoes, stone ornamental birds, animals and fountains. An orangery was added by Victor Montagu in the late 1960s, the current Earl of Sandwich's father. Below the wall and summer house are fish ponds which lead to the wild garden with its wonderful specimen shrubs and trees. Free evening in Yeovil. (B) **OVERNIGHT: TAUNTON**

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH - Our first visit today we will visit Forde Abbey Gardens. Originally a Cistercian Monastery, today Forde Abbey is a private home with over 30 acres of award-winning gardens. We'll have a tour of the house and gardens. This afternoon, by way of contrast, we will be visiting the garden writer Margery Fish's archetypal cottage garden at East Lambrook. Margery Fish was the undisputed "Leading Lady of Gardening" from the 1950s and it was Margery's natural gift in bringing old-fashioned and contemporary plants together that has so dramatically influenced the way we garden today. We return to our hotel for free time to explore and find a local restaurant or pub for dinner. (B) **OVERNIGHT: TAUNTON**



NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS OF WALES

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH - A leisurely start this morning will take us first to nearby Montacute House. We'll have time to explore the formal gardens, visit the Orangery and wander down the Lime Avenue, before we turn



our attention to the inside of the house. This beautiful Elizabethan country home was featured recently in the BBC production of Wolf Hall and also houses a part of the collection of the National Portrait Gallery. Heading north, we'll stop for lunch in Glastonbury, a town forever associated with the legend of King Arthur. We'll pay a visit to the Abbey before continuing on to Milton Lodge Gardens for a private guided tour and tea. The evening is free. (B, T) **OVERNIGHT: TAUNTON**

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH - Leaving Taunton, we head north and cross the Severn Bridge into the Principality of Wales. En route we'll stop in England's smallest city, Wells, for a visit to the Bishops Palace in time to attend The English Country Garden Festival at the plantsman's paradise, covering 14-acres of stunning gardens (subject to date confirmation for 2017). In addition to full access to the gardens, the festival includes hands-on demonstrations, live talks, and booths. Arriving in Wales our first stop will be for a visit to Veddw House Garden, the brainchild of garden writer Anne Wareham. We will have time to tour her garden before we continue on to our hotel in Llanelli, where dinner awaits. (B, D) **OVERNIGHT: LLANELLI**



CLIVENDEN

MONDAY, JUNE 19TH - We'll begin the day with a visit to Aberglasney House and Gardens. Spectacularly set in the beautiful Tywi valley of Carmarthenshire, Aberglasney House features one of the finest gardens in Wales. Aberglasney Gardens have been an inspiration to poets since 1477. The story of Aberglasney spans many centuries, but the house's origins are still shrouded in obscurity. Our afternoon visit today is to the National Botanic Gardens of Wales, opened in May 2000 and now the most visited garden in Wales. We'll return to Llanelli for a free evening. (B) **OVERNIGHT: LLANELLI**

TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH - We begin today with an excursion around St. David's Peninsula. Our first stop will be Picton castle, whose present gardens can be traced to the late 1800s. We'll visit the gardens and take a tour of the castle (providing that it is not being used for a private event). Continuing on around the peninsula we'll visit the cathedral of St. David, the patron saint of Wales and stop in Britain's smallest city for lunch. This afternoon we'll visit Dyffryn Fernant garden. Staring with a complete wilderness in 1996, Christina Shand has created a modern Welsh garden and will delight in taking us on a tour of her masterpiece. There may be time to stop at the Neolithic site of Pentre Ifan on the way back to Llanelli this evening. (B) **OVERNIGHT: LLANELLI**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST - Driving north through Pembrokeshire this morning we head for Caer Hir, a "Dutch garden in the heart of Wales." And you'll have to join our tour to solve that riddle! On the return journey to Llanelli, we'll stop at Laugharne and pay our respects

to a Welsh national treasure, the poet Dylan Thomas. It was in the boathouse at Laugharne that he wrote many of his most famous works.



From Laugharne we head into the city of Swansea, where we'll visit Dylan Thomas' house and have free time for shopping. Free evening in Llanelli. (B) **OVERNIGHT: LLANELLI**

THURSDAY, JUNE 22ND - We leave south Wales today and head back along the motorway and across the River Severn back into England. Our destination is the Royal town of Windsor, but on the way, we'll stop for a guided tour of the gardens of Cliveden, the fabulous home of William Waldorf Astor. We'll end the day with a sumptuous farewell dinner at our hotel in Windsor. (B, D) **OVERNIGHT: BURNHAM**

FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD - Morning transfers to Heathrow Airport for returning flights to the U.S. (B) **OVERNIGHT: HOME**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, D - dinner, T - afternoon tea



REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- i). Please type or print.
- ii). Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
- iii). Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
- iv). Complete both sides of this form.
- v). Detach the bottom section and mail it to Beacon Hill Village with your deposit of \$500 per person by September 10th, 2016. Keep the terms & conditions for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:

1. PASSENGER DETAILS

- i). Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport.
- ii). Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
- iii). 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.
- iv). Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
- v). Health Information. A fair amount of walking is involved in this trip and includes stairways. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

2. EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

3. INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS.

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. If this information is not yet available, please send in the form now and supply the flight information later.

4. ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please check the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.

- i). 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.
- ii). 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 FOR WEST COUNTRY GARDENS (0613/OWG)

Name(s): 1. _____

2. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____

Work Telephone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Date(s) of Birth: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport #1 _____ Exp.Date: _____

Passport #2 _____ Exp.Date: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Other Comments or Notes: _____

TRIP DETAILS

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

Departure Airport or City: _____

To reserve your space, please return this form, together with your check for \$500 per person (made out to Discover Europe Ltd) to:

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Please call Discover Europe at 866-563-7077 with any questions

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions to aid you can be found on overleaf.
3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
4. 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.
5. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., 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.
6. 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.

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. Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along any unforeseen increased costs due to large fluctuations (greater than 10%) in currency exchange rates.
2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 5 - 15 participants.

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 \$500 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw less than 90 days and more than 60 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$2000 cancellation penalty.
3. Participants who withdraw less than 60 days prior to the day of tour departure will not receive a refund unless they have purchased travel insurance.
4. 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. Discover Europe will be happy to provide information describing the services of a recommended insurance company, which will fully detail the coverages, provisions, limitations, and exclusions of the insurance offered.
5. All cancellation requests must be received in writing (either by mail or e-mail).
6. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

1. All inclusions on *West Country Gardens* 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(s): 1. _____

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 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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