



BRITAIN IN BLOOM

FEATURING THE HAMPTON COURT FLOWER SHOW

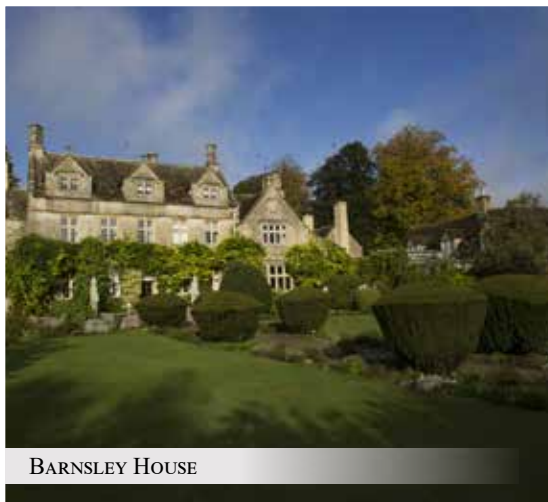
JULY 3RD - 12TH 2018

Nowhere in the world is the passion for horticulture expressed more wholeheartedly than in Britain. For centuries, English gardens have been an inspiration for painters, writers, and flower lovers. From great country estates to the postage-stamp sized gardens of inner-city terraces, the British use their exceptionally long growing season to glorious advantage.



In addition to spending the day at the Royal Horticultural Society's premier summer show at Hampton Court, this is your invitation to see some of England's most famous gardens. Here, in the peak of the summer season, we'll visit the RHS showcase gardens at Wisley and tour HRH Prince Charles' private gardens at his estate at Highgrove. A private tour of the gardens at Barnsley House is also part of our program.

Naturally, there are a host of other gorgeously blooming favorites along the way – the 20th-century beauty of Hidcote Manor, the Savill Garden in Windsor, and Kiftsgate's profusion of shrub roses, to name a few. All at a relaxed pace with wonderful meals, first-class hotels, and the company of fellow gardening enthusiasts. Why not join us in the garden this summer?



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

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):	\$4290
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 880

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

HOTELS:	8 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, 1 lunch, 5 dinners
GUIDES:	Discover Europe tour guide throughout, local guides at Barnsley House, Savill Garden, Wisley and Highgrove
EXPENSES:	Porterage of one large suitcase per person at all hotels
ENTRANCES:	Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
TICKETS:	Full day entrance to the Hampton Court Flower Show

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



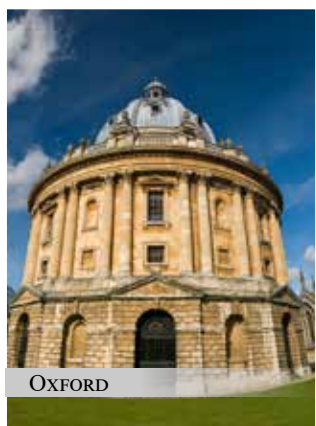
TUESDAY, JULY 3RD - Evening departure from U.S. for your overnight flight to London.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH - Upon arrival at either of London's airports, you will be met and transported to our hotel in Royal Windsor. After time to unpack and relax, the rest of the day is free to unwind and recover from the overnight flight. In the afternoon your guide will conduct an orientation meeting and lead a short optional tour to points of local interest. This evening we gather for a welcome dinner at our hotel. **(D) OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR**

THURSDAY, JULY 5TH - This morning we begin our horticultural adventures with a guided tour of Savill Garden. Created in 1930 by Sir Eric Savill, the Savill Garden is one of Britain's greatest ornamental gardens. We then visit the 240-acre flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society at Wisley. This jewel in the crown of the RHS has been a living encyclopedia for gardeners for the past 100 years. We'll have free time for lunch on arrival and then tour the garden's highlights, with plenty of time to browse the Wisley store. The evening is free to sample a local restaurant in Windsor. **(B) OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR**

FRIDAY, JULY 6TH - This morning we leave our hotel by private coach for Hampton Court Palace, Henry VIII's magnificent Tudor home. We'll have a full day to spend at the Hampton Court Flower Show and an opportunity to explore the state apartments and the kitchens, with free time for lunch. Later in the afternoon, we'll depart for Salisbury, with time to unpack and relax before we meet in the evening for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SALISBURY**

SATURDAY, JULY 7TH - Today begins with a visit to Stonehenge. This World Heritage Site has been attracting visitors for nearly 5,000 years now and remains one of the most enigmatic monuments in the world. Heading back into



OXFORD

Salisbury, we'll stop at Heale Gardens for a visit. Surrounding a Grade I listed Carolean manor house, a wonderfully varied collection of shrub, musk and other roses grow in a formal setting of clipped hedges and mellow stonework. A short drive returns us to Salisbury where the rest of the afternoon and evening are free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: SALISBURY**



SUNDAY, JULY 8TH - Leaving Salisbury, we wind our way to the historic city of Bath. Stopping at Bath Abbey, the last of the great English pre-Reformation churches, we cross the piazza to the Roman Baths, some of the most extensive and best-preserved Roman remains in the country.

There will be time for lunch, perhaps in the more modern Pump Room, the scene of Bath society in Jane Austen's time. From Bath, we continue on through the Cotswolds, where picturesque villages nestle among rolling hills. It's a short ride through the picture-book countryside to our hotel, where dinner awaits us this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: COTSWOLDS**

MONDAY, JULY 9TH - It's a beautiful drive today through the Cotswolds' quintessentially English landscape of honey-colored villages and green meadows. In the afternoon, we'll



HIDCOTE MANOR

visit the Hidcote Manor garden, England's foremost 20th-century garden, where a series of horticultural "rooms" have been created, each different in color, character, and intention. Next, we'll visit the beautiful Kiftsgate Court gardens, home of Heather Muir, a pioneer in the rediscovery of

shrub roses (including the celebrated rambling *Rosa filipes* "Kiftsgate"). The evening is free to sample a local restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: COTSWOLDS**

TUESDAY, JULY 10TH - This morning, we visit Barnsley House and the masterpiece garden created by Rosemary Verey, one of the most influential gardeners of the 20th century. We'll have a tour with one of the head gardeners, giving us an opportunity to see how the ideas and designs from her many books and articles are reflected everywhere in this glorious space, before we gather for lunch at the Village Pub. This afternoon we drive to nearby Tetbury, where we'll have a tour of Highgrove, the private estate of Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales (subject to confirmation). We return to our hotel with time to relax and freshen up before dinner at our hotel. **(B, L, D) OVERNIGHT: COTSWOLDS**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11TH - Leaving the Cotswolds, we'll stop in Oxford, the city of dreaming spires, for a tour of the city center. From here, we return to Windsor, where we gather for our farewell dinner at the hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR**

THURSDAY, JULY 12TH - Morning transport to either of London's airports for return flights to the U.S. **(B)**

Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **L** - lunch, **D** - dinner