



7 DAY/5 NIGHT GARDEN LOVERS TOUR
Featuring the Chelsea Flower Show
Departs USA May 19th Returns May 25th
\$2995 Per Person Double Occupancy

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Day 1 – Saturday May 19

Depart USA for London – We will be happy to assist you with your international flight arrangements as well as your Travel insurance needs. **Meals: on flight**

Day 2 – Sunday May 20 Transfer Airport to London Hotel – 4*Millennium Bailey (or similar) – conveniently located in Earls Court – Check in – afternoon free – Note: Floriade Clients would arrive at Gatwick transfer to Hotel upon arrival.



PM: Bateaux London – Elite River Dinner Cruise

Bateaux London runs scheduled dining cruises on the Thames all year round, offering fresh food, live entertainment and spectacular London city sights. As the capital's leading restaurant cruises, Bateaux London takes you on a journey through the heart of the city, showcasing the major sights from a different angle, aboard your ship on the Thames. All food is prepared and cooked freshly on board, overseen by an executive chef and reflects seasonal British produce. We have engaged for you their finest package the “Elite dinner cruise” with all the classic elements along with added extras to make your dinner cruise experience amazing. Champagne on arrival with seating in the Elite section at the front of the boat or at a guaranteed window table, 5 course menu, wines from the Elite Wine List and an after dinner liqueur. Offering the freshest food, breathtaking river views, live entertainment and professional service, a Thames dinner cruise with Bateaux London provides the perfect indulgence; your dinner cruise will be unforgettable.



Dinner Cruise Dress

Code: Both ladies and gentlemen are asked to dress in a manner appropriate to a smart formal occasion. Gentlemen are encouraged to wear a shirt and tie with a jacket or suit. Please note that blue jeans, denim of any other color or style, trainers and leisurewear are not permitted on board.



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Day 3 - Monday May 21

After breakfast we will be transported to Kew Botanic Gardens and meet our private guide. There we will travel via tram and on foot as we explore the Palace, glasshouses, treetops, delve into rainforest landscapes and experience 250 years of history at the world's most famous garden, with more than 30,000 different kinds of living plants. Kew Gardens originated in the exotic garden at Kew Park formed by Lord Capel John of Tewkesbury. It was enlarged and extended by Augusta, Dowager Princess of Wales, the widow of Frederick, Prince of Wales, for whom Sir William Chambers built several garden structures. One of these, the lofty Chinese pagoda still remains. George III enriched the gardens, aided by William Aiton and Sir Joseph Banks. The old Kew Park (by then renamed the White House), was demolished in 1802. The "Dutch House" adjoining was purchased by George III in 1781 as a nursery for the royal children. It is a plain brick structure now known as Kew Palace.

Some of the early plants came from the walled garden established by William Coys. The collections grew somewhat haphazardly until the appointment of the first collector, Francis Masson, in 1771. In 1840 the gardens were adopted as a national botanical garden. Under Kew's director, William Hooker, the gardens were increased to 30 hectares (75 acres) and the pleasure grounds, or arboretum, extended to 109 hectares (270 acres), and later to its present size of 120 hectares (300 acres). The first curator was John Smith.

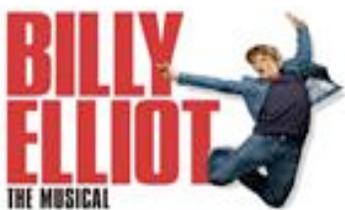
The Palm House was built by architect Decimus Burton and iron-maker Richard Turner between 1844 and 1848, and was the first large-scale structural use of wrought iron. The structure's panes of glass are all hand-blown. The Temperate house, which is twice as large as the Palm House, followed later in the 19th century. It is now the largest Victorian glasshouse in existence.

Kew was the location of the successful effort in the 19th century to propagate rubber trees for cultivation outside South America..

In July 2003, the gardens were put on the list of World Heritage Sites by UNESCO.

We will enjoy our lunch here in this scenic area then head back to our hotel for some free time.

PM London Theater/Dinner package – Monday schedule; Dinner at 5:30 – Theater at 7:30 the Show lasts about 2 ½ hours. Your group will assist in choosing one of the following plays – rate their choice as 1-2 or 3 and we will try to book the favorite. Dinner will be at a convenient restaurant near by: Sing in the Rain – Billy Elliot or Mama Mia



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Day 4 – Tuesday May 22

Following our full English breakfast we depart for Wisley Gardens, have a private tour, later tea and snacks with a Chelsea Flower Show review & Q/A.

Wisley was founded by Victorian businessman and RHS member George Ferguson Wilson, who purchased a 60 acre site in 1878. He established the "Oakwood Experimental Garden" on part of the site, where he attempted to "make difficult plants grow successfully". Wilson died in 1902 and Oakwood was purchased by Sir Thomas Hanbury, the creator of the celebrated garden La Mortola on the Italian Riviera. He gifted both sites to the RHS the following year. Since then Wisley has developed steadily and it is now a large and diverse garden covering 240 acres. In addition to numerous formal and informal decorative gardens, several glasshouses and an extensive arboretum, it includes small scale "model gardens" which are intended to show visitors what they can achieve in their own gardens, and a trials field where new cultivars are assessed. The Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley, is one of four public gardens run by the Society. Wisley is the second most visited paid entry garden in the United Kingdom after the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.



PM Shopping Harrods closes at 8 PM and Dinner nearby at Mr. Chows

Harrods is an upscale department store located in Brompton Road in the Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. The store occupies a 5-acre site and has over one million square feet of selling space in over 330 departments. The Harrods motto is Omnia Omnibus Ubique—All Things for All People, Everywhere. Several of its departments, including the seasonal Christmas department and the Food Hall, are world famous. Throughout its history, the store has had a total of five owners. On 8 May 2010, Mohamed Al-Fayed sold the store to Qatar Holdings for £1.5 billion

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Day 5 – Wednesday May 23 Day 9 – May 23rd LONDON / CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

At 7:30 AM this morning we will depart for; Chelsea Flower Show an extraordinary event famous all around the world. Eight hundred garden designs are displayed on the 11-acre site in Chelsea's Royal Hospital Gardens. Most of London society, including the Queen, regards the Chelsea Flower Show as a highpoint of the London summer season. So if you get bored with the blooms you can have a great time celeb-spotting. This beautiful and inspiring show is a real treat, even for non-gardeners. New this year will be the fresh gardens and trade stands where you will have an opportunity to learn the latest in garden technology. The show is open from 8 to 8.

Highlights of the Chelsea Flower Show include the avant-garde show gardens designed by leading names with Floral Marquee at the centerpiece. The Show also features smaller gardens such as the Artisan and Urban Gardens.

New plants are often launched at the show and the popularity of older varieties revived under the focus of the horticultural world. It is the garden design equivalent of an international fashion show.



The show is extensively covered on [television](#) by the [BBC](#). Several members of the [British Royal Family](#) attend a preview of the show, as part of the royal [patronage](#) of the RHS. The show has become an important venue for watching trends. In addition to 11 special awards there are 5 main awards categories:

Flora Gardens and floral exhibits

Hogg Exhibits of trees

Knighatian Exhibits of vegetables, including herbs

Lindley Exhibits of special educational or scientific interest

Grenfell Exhibits of pictures, photographs, [floral arrangements](#) and [floristry](#)



Don't forget you will enjoy all of this on members only day, because you will be the proud holder of a 1 year membership to the prestigious Royal Horticultural Society, so useful for all your gardening questions which can all be answered by contacting the RHS via email or phone. The Chelsea Flower Show is attended by 157,000 visitors each year and all tickets must be purchased in advance. We request that you make your deposit so that this can be done no later than April 1st so that you will not be disappointed.



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Day 6 – Thursday May 24



Today we leave London behind and head west to the rolling chalk hills of Wiltshire, here on windswept Salisbury Plain the great, mysterious Neolithic circle of Stonehenge stands high on the horizon. Our first stop of the day will give you a chance to learn more about this monument, of its builders and those that worshipped there. There are many unanswered questions and many more theories and ideas that are open to debate, your guide will explain what is known and what may never be known and then allow you to explore and ponder its awe inspiring presence.



Onwards to Isle of Avalon, through back roads of villages built of flint and thatch, from chalk down land into rolling limestone hills to Glastonbury where legend tells us Arthur was brought after being mortally wounded in battle. We climb to the top to visit the ruined church of St Michael and admire the view of England's West Country laid out like a carpet below. In the ruins of the once great Glastonbury Abbey we find the gravesite of Arthur and learn of older legends like that of Joseph of Aramathea, the Holy Grail



and the Crown of Thorns. After exploring the unique shops in the town we head over to the Chalice Well Gardens, drink from the spring and learn of the fate of the holy chalice from the Last Supper.

Silbury Hill is a prehistoric artificial chalk mound in the English county of Wiltshire and is one of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. At 40 meters it is the tallest prehistoric human-made mound in Europe and one of the largest in the world; it is similar in size to some of the smaller Egyptian pyramids of the Giza Necropolis Its original purpose however, is still highly debated. Several other important Neolithic monuments in Wiltshire in the care of English Heritage, includes the large Henges at Marden and Stonehenge, which may be culturally or functionally related to Avebury and Silbury. We end the day at the stone circle complex at Avebury, a collection of standing stones much larger than that of Stonehenge. Our guide will also reveal many other Neolithic sites in the area such as; the Devil's chair and the Barber-Surgeon stone.



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Day 7 – Friday May 25 Return flight LHR to USA in morning: includes transport from Hotel to LHR

Meals: B Hotel – Transport: London Taxis or mini bus (or take one of our extensions)

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