

Gardens of London and the 2025 Chelsea Flower Show

Join Dr. Mark Bridgen, Professor of Horticulture at Cornell University, for a week of guided tours of some the world's most beautiful gardens!



Travel Itinerary

May 18 – 24, 2025

**Sunday
May 18**

New York City – London, England.

Arrive at JFK International Airport at least three hours prior to departure to check-in for your flight to London. You will need your air ticket and passport.

American Airlines flight 106 departs at 7:20PM for London. Flight duration is 7 hours 20 minutes.

Dinner will be served on the overseas flight.

**Monday
May 19**

London!

A light breakfast will be served before landing at London Heathrow Airport at 7:40AM local time. Clear British immigration procedures, and we are met by our local guide, then go outside to board our waiting motor coach.

We begin with an **introductory tour of this world class city**. London, the capital of England and the United Kingdom, is a 21st-century city with history stretching back to Roman times. At its center stand the imposing Houses of Parliament, the iconic 'Big Ben' clock tower and Westminster Abbey, site of British monarch coronations. Across the Thames River, the London Eye observation wheel provides panoramic views of the South Bank cultural complex, and the entire city.



Lunch is at your leisure, on your own, in the Covent Garden, then we continue to the hotel and check-in for a 5-night stay.

All attendees will enjoy a welcome dinner together this evening at a local restaurant.

Overnight at:

Courthouse Hotel Soho (5*)
19-21 Great Marlborough St
London W1F 7HL

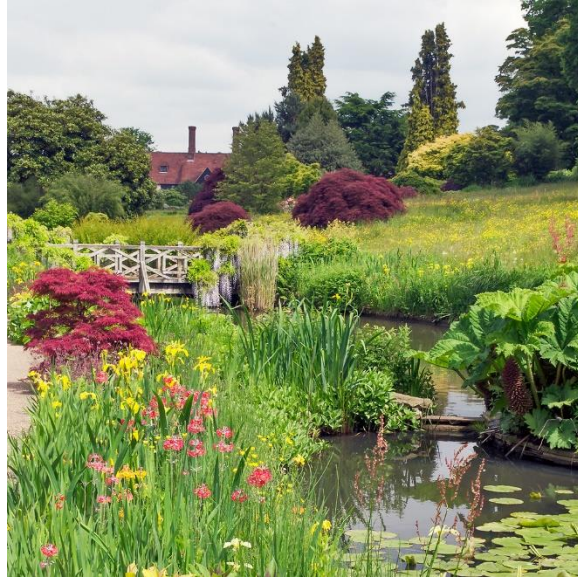
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**Tuesday
May 20**

RHS Garden Wisley Surrey.

Breakfast at the hotel, then we depart by private motor coach.



Today we will visit **RHS Garden Wisley**, the flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society and home to some of the largest plant collections anywhere in the world. Our visit begins with a 90-minute private guided tour of the Gardens, then you have some time to explore on your own.

Planting schemes are continuously evolving, with something to inspire visitors on every visit. Key highlights throughout the seasons include the Rock Garden, Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden, Mixed Borders, Seven Acres, and the tropical-inspired Exotic Garden. In June 2021, RHS Hilltop - The Home of Gardening Science opened at RHS Garden Wisley. Head here to explore an impressive exhibition space and three beautiful gardens.

Entrance includes self-guided access to all areas of the gardens. As an added bonus all group visitors receive a £5 retail voucher to redeem in the gift shop on purchases over £25.

Return to the hotel for overnight. Dinner on own.

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**Wednesday
May 21**

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Breakfast at the hotel, then we depart by private motor coach.

This day is dedicated to the **Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew**. This 300-acre garden is one of the world's greatest collections of plants with over 50,000 living plants and is featured as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

We begin with a 90-minute guided tour of the gardens and then have the remainder of the day to explore the gardens on your own. *The group will be split into parties of approximately 15 people per guide. The tours last 90 minutes and include the history and significance of Kew Gardens as well as reflecting on the seasonal flora. Entrance to Kew Palace is also included.*



Return to the hotel for overnight.

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**Thursday
May 22**

Chelsea Flower Show!

Breakfast at the hotel, then we depart by private motor coach.

We spend a full day at the prestigious **RHS Chelsea Flower Show**, where you will see the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea transformed with stunning horticultural displays.



Enjoy the floral equivalent to London Fashion Week, at this famous event which attracts more than 150,000 visitors each year, including members of the Royal Family.

Every year, world-renowned garden designers, plant specialists, florists and nurseries come together in one of London's most charming and affluent neighborhoods to show off cutting-edge garden designs and inspirational floral exhibits.

Stroll through show-stopping gardens designed by famous designers, learn about rare flowers and plants, or revel in creative floral artworks throughout the week.

You can also spot emerging gardening trends as you browse the horticultural products on sale, from gardening gadgets to sculptures and plants.

In the late afternoon, we return to our hotel.

Overnight at:
Courthouse Hotel Soho (5*)



**Friday
May 23**

Hampton Court Palace & Gardens.

Breakfast at the hotel, then we depart by private motor coach.

Today we visit the **Hampton Court Palace & Gardens** which include 60 acres of spectacular formal gardens and 750 acres of parkland, all set within a loop of the River Thames. We begin with a 90 minute guided tour with a walk through the Formal Gardens including the Great Fountain Garden, the Privy Garden and the Great Vine.

The remainder of the day is on your own to visit the yew tree maze, formal gardens, and other unique garden destinations.

Admission to Hampton Court Palace includes entrance to all open public areas of the palace, the gardens, courtyards, the Maze and the Magic Garden.

Return to the hotel.

All attendees will dine together for dinner with their new friends at a local restaurant to celebrate the end of a successful week.

Overnight at:
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Saturday May 24	London – New York City. Breakfast at the hotel, and you have the morning free to walk around London or relax before it's time to leave for the airport. Please note that hotel check-out time is 11AM. Your luggage will be stored by the hotel until we depart at 1PM by private coach for London Heathrow International Airport. American Airlines flight 107 departs at 5:00PM, arriving at JFK International Airport at 7:50PM local time. Flight duration is 7h 50m. Thanks for traveling with Agrotours, and welcome home!
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NOTES:

Breakfast includes coffee or tea; for other meals beverages are ordered and paid separately.

The passenger is responsible for the validity of passports, visas, or other entry documents required for international travel.

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TOUR FEE IS \$3,599 per person in a double or twin room and \$4,599 per person in a single room. A deposit of \$500 per person is due by February 14, 2025, to secure your place on the tour. Balance payments are due March 28, 2025.

These rates are based on 40 participants and will be adjusted slightly if minimum capacity is not met. The trip is subject to change and may be cancelled if minimum capacity is not met. Travel insurance is recommended, but is not included in these prices. Travel insurance can be purchased through Agrotours.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Round-trip air ticket from JFK–LHR, including all taxes & fees, one checked bag and one carry-on
- Private motorcoach transportation as detailed, including all tolls, parking and taxes
- An experienced horticulture professional to guide you through the entire week, to answer questions, and to highlight items of interest
- Local tour guide on arrival day (meet-and-greet and city tour)
- 5 nights of hotel accommodation as detailed in itinerary
- Hotel portorage
- Meals as detailed (5 breakfasts, 2 dinners)
- All entrances fees and tours as detailed in itinerary
- Gratuities for guide, drivers, and the two dinners

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- ETA for the UK (£10, must be applied for in advance)
- Beverages with the included meals
- Expenditures of a personal nature, such as mini-bars or phone calls
- Travel insurance (recommended)