

The Garden Museum of London
Invites you to a tour of the
Private Gardens of The Cotswolds

Monday 9th – Friday 13th June 2025



Itinerary

Sunday 8th June	
TBC	Welcome dinner at a private home in Regent's Park
	Accommodation and transfers are not included on the 8th June
Day 1 – Monday 9th June	
9.30am	Meet at The Connaught (<i>country casual attire</i>)
10am	Depart by coach for Oxfordshire
12.30pm	Arrive at the Daylesford Farm , near Kingham
1pm	Lunch at The Glasshouse , Daylesford Farm
2.30pm	Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the farm and spa, with the option of a Pilates class or a tour of the Market Garden at accompanied by the Head Gardener
4pm	Check into the Daylesford Cottages, on the farm and in the village
7.15pm	Leave by coach for Kingham
7.30pm	Dinner at the Wild Rabbit
	Return to Daylesford village and farm by coach
Day 2 – Tuesday 10th June	
8.15am	Depart for Tetbury (<i>smart country casual clothing with footwear which will endure a lot of walking</i>)
9.30am	Visit Highgrove Gardens (subject to confirmation of HM The King's diary)
	Lunch at Highgrove in The Orchard Cafe (subject to confirmation)
3pm	Afternoon visit to Catherine Fitzgerald's garden, The Old Brewery House
4.30pm	Leave for Euridge
5pm	Tour of the gardens at Euridge accompanied by the designers Julian and Isabel Bannerman
	Drinks and dinner in The Orangery
9.30pm	Return to Daylesford by coach

Day 3 – Wednesday 11th June	
9.30am	Leave for Moreton-in-Marsh (<i>country casual attire</i>)
10am	Visit Sezincote for a tour of the garden by and Camilla Peake, followed by coffee in the orangery
11.30am	Return to Daylesford by coach
12.30pm	Lunch at The Glasshouse , Daylesford Farm
2pm	Continue to visit Lady Bamford's private garden (subject to confirmation)
4pm	Tea at the private home of a celebrated interior designer on the Daylesford Estate
	Return to the cottages
6pm	Leave by coach for Lower Swell (<i>smart attire with a change of shoes to walk through the garden</i>)
6.30pm	Visit Rockcliffe House for a tour of the garden and dinner, by kind arrangement with Emma Keswick
	Return to Daylesford by coach
Day 4 – Thursday 12th June	
9.15am	Leave by coach for Rousham (<i>country casual attire</i>)
10am	Visit Rousham Garden
11.30am	Leave for Asthall Manor
12.15pm	Private tour of Asthall Manor Garden with the Head Gardener and a descendant of Diana Mitford
1.30pm	Leave for nearby Burford
2pm	Lunch at The Bull Pub , Burford
3.30pm	Return to Daylesford for some time at leisure
6.30pm	Visit Ham Court gardens hosted by Matthew Rice, followed by drinks and dinner
	Return to Daylesford by coach

Day 5 – Friday 13th June	
9am	Depart Daylesford by coach for Oxford
10am	Visit New College Oxford , by kind invitation by Robin Lane-Fox
11.15am	Leave for Wormsley
12 noon	Arrive Wormsley for a tour of the Walled Garden
1.30pm	Lunch privately in the Island Pavilion
	Visit the Getty Library and the Amethyst Grotto by Damien Hirst
4pm	Continue to London, to The Connaught Hotel (1 hours and 15 minutes drive)
	Farewell drinks reception at the Marchioness of Normamby's home in Chelsea
	Accommodation on the night of Friday 13th June and transfers that evening are not included

CHANGES TO THE ITINERARY

Please note, that certain elements of this itinerary, and/or the order of events, may be subject to alteration due to circumstances beyond our control.

The Gardens

Sunday 8th and Monday 9th June

We kick off our week with dinner at Lady Ritblat's beautiful home in Regent's Park where we will gather a selection of our most interesting trustees, friends, and supporters for a convivial evening of food, conversation, and anticipation.

Please note that accommodation is not included on Sunday 8th June.

On Monday 9th June we will travel from The Connaught London to Oxfordshire to Daylesford Organic Farm near the village of Kingham. We will spend four nights in traditional Cotswolds cottages on the Daylesford farm and in village. In keeping with the Daylesford ethos and aesthetic, the cottages have been curated to reflect local craftsmanship and celebrate the best of British countryside and produce. The cottage and rooms are sensitively restored with beautiful furnishings and Bamford amenities.

Day 1 - Tuesday, 10th June

Highgrove



Our tour starts (subject to HM the King's diary) at Highgrove, the family home of The King and Queen Camilla. A late eighteenth-century house in the Georgian style, with more recent neo-Classical additions, the estate comprises gardens designed by some of the finest names in Garden Design of recent decades: Miriam Rothschild, Sir Roy Strong, Rosemary Verey, Lady Salisbury and Isabel and Julian Bannerman. Gardened along organic principles since the 1980s, it is a haven for wildlife, has been the subject of several books, and even inspired an operetta.

The Old Brewery House



The home of garden designer Catherine Fitzgerald and her husband, actor Dominic West, The Old Brewery is grown in Catherine's classically bohemian, English meadow-style. Nestled in a valley near Bath, with a natural swimming pond, burgeoning orchard and even a pig pen, The Old Brewery looks well-established but was, in fact, a lockdown project.

Euridge Manor



An extraordinary manor house near Bath, Euridge contains more architectural styles than most houses we will visit, some of them original, some revival. And the garden is a delightful jumble of styles, too, with an ornate lake and formal borders alongside frothing peonies and crumbly walls. Designed by Julian and Isabel Bannerman for fashion magnate John Robinson in the 1990s, we will enjoy a walk around Euridge followed by dinner in the secret orangery.



Day 2 - Wednesday, 11th June

Sezincote House



This unique 18th century house situated at the heart of a traditional, family-run estate of rolling Cotswold countryside appears as a 200-year-old Mogul Indian palace, set in a romantic landscape of temples, grottoes, waterfalls and canals reminiscent of the Taj Mahal. It is the home of Edward and Camilla Peake, the latter of whom will lead a tour of the house and gardens before hosting the group for morning coffee in the famed semi-circular orangerie.

Daylesford House Garden

The original 18th century landscape including the Gothic orangerie, parkland, and oval shaped walled garden, have all been restored by Sir Anthony and Lady Bamford to their former glory. Recent additions give the garden a modern edge, include new lakes and water features, a secret blue and white garden, and a scented woodland walk. The formal walled garden designed by Mary Keen, includes an orchid and peach house and topiary elephants. The gardens of Daylesford House offer a magical experience, all managed with organic principles and in June the rose-trellis terrace will be in full bloom.

Rockcliffe House



We will then visit Rockcliffe House garden, Lower Swell by kind arrangement with Emma Keswick, to take a tour of the garden followed by dinner. This large traditional English structural garden of eight acres includes a pink, white and blue garden, deep herbaceous borders, a rose terrace and extensive walled kitchen garden.



Day 3 -Thursday, 12th June

Rousham House



Named as one of the best secret gardens in England, Rousham is totally uncommercial – no shop, no tea room, no big groups. This allows visitors to enjoy the unparalleled beauty and elegance of the William Kent gardens, and their exquisitely romantic setting, without distraction. Featuring rills, follies and the world's most beautiful dovecote, Rousham is a sensation.



Asthall Manor



The Mitford sisters grew up in this charming Jacobean manor house, which is now the home of Rosie Pearson. Julian and Isabel Bannerman designed the gardens, which come right up to beneath the mullioned windows, and provide a striking contrast to the displays of contemporary sculpture on display. We will take a tour of the garden with the Head Gardener and a descendant of Diana Mitford.

Ham Court



The gatehouse to a Norman castle, Ham Court is the home of artist, writer, illustrator and horticulturalist Matthew Rice. The gardens include the old castle moat, formal vegetable areas and woodland as well as a modern watch-tower and romantic water meadows. We will enjoy a tour of the garden followed by dinner.

Day 4 – Friday 13th June

New College, Oxford



Perhaps the loveliest of all the Oxford colleges' gardens, New College is – despite its name – one of the oldest colleges at the University. Part of the garden runs alongside the medieval city wall, and it comprises some four hectares in the centre of the city. Ancient historian Robin Lane Fox, Fellow Emeritus of the College as well as Garden Master and Extraordinary Lecturer – an official title – will show us around, followed by champagne on the quad.

Wormsley



Our journey back to London will be broken up with a visit to Wormsley, the home of the Getty family, where we will see the two-acre walled garden, designed by Penelope Hobhouse, and have lunch followed by a tour of the famed library. This contains, among many other treasures, a Shakespeare First Folio and Anne Boleyn's psalter.

Tour cost:

NB: As the viability of the tour requires a minimum number of participants, we would suggest that you do not commit to non-refundable travel arrangements, such as international flights, until we give you definite confirmation that the tour will go ahead.

The price per person is \$9,260

The cost includes:

- Accommodation as indicated in the program including VAT (4 nights in 1 to 3 bedroom Cottages on Daylesford farm and in Daylesford village)
- Transportation in a private comfortable coach with chauffeur as per the itinerary
- All visits and admissions as per the itinerary
- Daily breakfast
- 5 lunches and 5 dinners including wine, water and coffee (including dinner in a private home in London on 8 June 2025 before the tour begins)
- 2 private drinks receptions at Euridge and in Chelsea
- Porterage at Daylesford
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, porters and in restaurants

The cost does not include:

- Personal extras
- Accommodation in London on 8 June and 13 June 2025 (Specialtours are happy to help arrange any extra accommodation required; please contact them to discuss)
- Housekeeping tips
- Insurance
- International flights to and from London

Attire/Footwear

Please bring a range of attire from robust shoes for exploring historic parklands to formal wear for dining at the private houses.

Mobility

This is a trip where reasonable mobility is essential. Access to the houses and around the gardens is on foot. The tour is only feasible for those who have no problem walking up or down slopes and steps unaided.

Booking

To book a place, please complete the attached booking form and return to Verity Smith at Specialtours at verity@specialtours.co.uk

The Cottages

The 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom cottages all have rooms with private bathrooms, where possible ensuite. On arrival the cottages will be stocked with breakfast provisions and breakfast will also be available at The Trough, the restaurant at Daylesford Farm (breakfast is included in the tour price). The cottages are all within a 5-minutes' walk for Daylesford Farm. There will be daily housekeeping during your stay.

The Bamford Wellness Spa

The Bamford Wellness Spa is situated in the heart of Daylesford Organic Farm, home to a selection of carefully curated treatments, mind and movement classes, and state-of-the-art facilities.

In the afternoon on 9th June 2025, there will be time to have a spa treatment (subject to availability and at a supplementary cost). If you are interested in booking a treatment www.bamford.com/cotswolds-daylesford-farm please contact Verity Smith at Specialtours, with your preferred treatment. As soon as reservations for the Spa open for June 2025, Verity will be in touch to confirm your spa reservation.

Accommodation in London on 8 June and 13 June 2025

Accommodation in London on 8 June and 13 June 2025 is excluded from tour arrangements. Verity at Specialtours is happy to help arrange any extra accommodation required or airport transfers; please contact directly to discuss.